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Carnival returns



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Sprinkles pumps up a balloon during the Lincoln/Richardson Elementary Carnival Saturday at Fort Madison High School. Parents and students piled into the high school and hallways for games and prizes.

WEST BURLINGTON

SCC, Great River Health enter \$10M nursing deal

WEST BURLINGTON – On Wednesday, Great River Health announced a new partnership to expand Southeastern Community College's nursing program to help meet the critical need for nurses. It will be funded by a grant of up to \$10 million from the Great River Health Foundation.

The nursing partnership will create a stronger future for nursing and high-

er education in southeast Iowa and enhance the health care workforce. The money will be distributed over five years to help SCC expand faculty and related student support positions plus provide tuition assistance to students entering the nursing program.

"This gift will allow us to allocate considerable resources toward the nursing program to position us for

growth that we otherwise wouldn't be able to make," said SCC President Dr. Michael Ash. "We are grateful to the Great River Health Foundation."

The donation is the single largest gift in SCC history. It comes in addition to Great River Health's \$1 million gift that funded the construction of the College's Health Professions Center, which

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FMAAA to showcase local high school artists in April

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE
Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON – The FMAAA Art Center is ramping up activities for the spring. We have been hosting Central Lee after schoolers K-3rd grade twice a month for

some creative time and will continue to hold sessions in April and May. We have some adult classes this month including a mosaic pot class, a photography technique class called Light Painting along with an Intro level Photography class. Our monthly exhibition in the Main Gal-

lery will be of area High School Artists. This exhibition always features fabulous talent and we expect this month to be no different! We thank the Arts Instructors for all that they do to support the creative growth of

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Sen. bill has to come with accountability

The House of Representatives has a big chore coming up.

Those legislators are facing some pressure from the governor to pass Senate File 2369. The bill was sent to the House on a 31-18 vote from the Senate on Wednesday. It provides for 10,000 private school scholarships funded out of the state's per-pupil Supplemental State Aid formula.

The senate bill went right down party lines with one Republican senator joining the Democrats in their belief the bill will harm public schools.

It will.

The bill takes 70% of per pupil student aid and the other 30% goes to shared administrative costs, a move that seems aimed at consolidation of smaller rural schools in the state.

If families utilize all 10,000, which they will, that will cost that state's public schools close to \$74 million, \$55 million in direct taxpayer dollars to private schools.

Let's be very clear, public schools can do better but they are up against a mountain due to other Republican legislation, including taking away bargaining rights. Public school teachers can no longer bargain for anything except wages. That move pushed good teachers out of our borders.

Now we're going to take more money from the system, put it into private schools, oh...and tell public schools to have more transparency when it comes to curriculum and libraries. It seems juxtaposed to require more transparency of public systems, and then take their money and provide it to institutions that don't have the same mandates.

It just seems this party that believes in less government, only believes in that when it comes to business and contributions. And it's really getting more and more apparent.

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MON 04 Apr.....Rain, 53° F/ 44° F
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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

ELLIOTT W. YOUNG

Elliott Wayne Young, 68, of Colusa, Illinois, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022 at his home.



YOUNG

vives.

Elliott was a 1971 graduate of Dallas City High School. Following high school he received his Associates Degree from Southeastern Community College in Burlington, Iowa. He worked in various departments for Sheaffer Pen Co. in Fort Madison for many years. In Elliott's words "I'm a jack of all trades, master of none, cobbler at best, but I get the job done."

He enjoyed playing sports in his youth and had a lifelong passion for playing guitar and bass.

Survivors include his wife: Cynthia; his mother:

Elliott was born June 14, 1953 BC in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Doren and Norma Lee (Seigfried) Young. On June 9, 1974 he married Frances Peek in Gladstone, Illinois. They later divorced. On January 18, 2004 he married Cynthia Herbert in Nauvoo, Illinois. She sur-

Norma Lee Young of Pontoosuc; eight children: Toni (Steve) Cloke of Marengo, Illinois, Rebecca (fiancé Damon) Young of Danville, Iowa, Karrie (Jason) Young-McCleary of Burlington, Heidi Young of Mediapolis, Iowa, Crystal Young of Oregon, Daniel (Billie) Young of Indiana, Matthew Young of Colusa, Aaron (Fantazia) Young of Colusa and Audrey Young of Colusa; two step-children: Brandy (Darren) Higgins and Danielle (Eric) Willette and one sister: Leona Young of Pontoosuc. Also surviving are 26 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; father: Doren; one brother: Roy Young and one grandchild: Kairyn Young.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2022 at Myers Cemetery, rural Niota, Illinois. Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Dallas City is assisting the family.

A memorial fund has been established in his memory. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Elliott's obituary at banksandbeals.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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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

03/31/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jesse James Donaldson, 44, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Westwood Drive, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/31/22 - 1:22 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Holly Ann Mueller, 46, of West Point, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/31/22 - 8:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3300 block of Avenue L.

03/31/22 - 8:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Austin James Corwin, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/31/22 - 9:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kaila Fay Boock, 32, of Burlington, no location given, on charges of driving while barred and possession of a controlled substance.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/31/22 - 12:13 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single vehicle accident at mile marker 24 on US Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Sherri Lynn Turner, 31, of Fort Madison, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 61 when it lost control and rolled onto the median coming to rest on its side due to weather conditions. No injuries were reported and the vehicle sustained approximately \$1500 in damage, but was able to be driven from

the scene. No citations were reported.

03/31/22 - 12:31 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ronald Deen Kibbe, 31, of Danville, in the 2600 block of Hwy. 2, Fort Madison, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.

03/31/22 - 4:44 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrew Micheal Schiedel, 33, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 35th Street and Avenue Q, Fort Madison, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognition.

03/31/22 - 1:21 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Matthew Wayne Sly, 28, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of 3rd degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/31/22 - 2:42 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Morgan Paige Burns, 34, of Carthage, in the 1500 block of Morgan Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/31/22 - 7:59 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Phillip Ryan Beavers, 32, of Keokuk, at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Kilbourne Place, Keokuk, on a charge of driving while barred, 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance, and a charge of failure to use child restraints. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of charges and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Obituaries/From the Front

FMAAA has full April schedule

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young people in this region, and for all of the behind the scenes efforts they put into helping these young people prepare their work for exhibition. The Art Center has several events planned in conjunction with this exhibit including the Opening Reception, Lunch ala Art luncheon and artists talk, and FINALE. Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming Expressions Art Auction to be held Friday, May 13th starting at 6:30pm at McAleer Hall. After cancelling what is our major fundraiser two years in a row we are hopeful for a successful event.

Artist to Artist Forum: The Art Center of Burlington and FMAAA's Art Center have partnered up to provide resources for our working artist members with monthly sessions occurring on the first Wednesday of every month at alternating locations. This month's meet-up will be Wednesday, April 6th from 6pm-8pm at the Art Center of Burlington. It is a forum for artists to discuss issues that concern working artists, plus providing an opportunity for group critique of any work you bring along. This was a very well attended event last month at the FMAAA Art Center and the conversations were very productive. Hope you can join us!

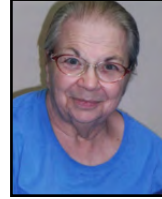
April Exhibition: Annual High School Art Competition The opening reception is set for Friday, April 8th from 5pm-7pm. We are very excited to once again be hosting this event and are looking forward to seeing the excellent artwork these students consistently produce to share with our community. Artwork categories are: Photography 2D Black & White 2D Color 3D Ceramics Mixed Media Painting. From those categories First, Second, Third, Honorable Mention – plus the overall BEST of Show Award winner – are juried and selected. This month's High School Artists Exhibition is generously sponsored by Lee County Bank.

OBITUARIES

SARA L. HESTON

Sara L. Heston, 83, of Keokuk, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at The Madison in Fort Madison.

Sara was born on April 2, 1938, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Edward L. and Kathryn A. (Ricker) Chambers. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1956, where her dad was on the school board and handed her the diploma. In 1961 she was united in marriage to Robert Heston. They were later divorced. Sara was employed as a bookkeeper at John W. Sammons Construction Company, Inc. for twenty years, retiring in 2000. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk, where she sang in the choir for many years. Sara was very intelligent and well-read. She was an avid reader and loved crossword puzzles, the harder the better. All the reading she did paid off, because she rarely lost at her favorite game, Scrabble. She had a knack for making words rhyme, and wrote a collection of poems. She would use those poems on her homemade Christmas cards, which her children would draw. Two of her favorite things were car



HESTON

rides and music, but her top priority was her family.

Sara is survived by her son Donald G. Heston of Keokuk; her daughter Cheryl A. Heston of Keokuk; her sister Anita Terpening of La Mesa, California; two grandchildren: Donovan Heston of Keokuk and Jonathan Heston of Fort Madison; and one great-granddaughter on the way.

Sara is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Donald, Norris and Gene Chambers and her sister Eileen Fader.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10 am to noon, directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Episcopal Church, the Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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

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Sports

Lady Hawks shutout Columbus; start year 2-0

BY PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON – Makayla Morrison and Aubree Boyd each had two goals as Central Lee moved to 2-0 on the year with a 7-0 shutout of Columbus on a spongy pitch Friday evening.

Morrison scored at 3:38 and again at 3:03 in the first half to give Central Lee a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

However, the two teams were deadlocked until the 7:39 mark when Aubree Boyd scored on her second penalty kick of the first half to open the scoring at 1-0.

Columbus would only get into the Central Lee side of the field about a half-dozen times in the first half, two of those were on resets after Lady Hawk goals. Morrison came in from the left side for her first goal at 3:38 with a shot across the front of the net into the right corner.

Central Lee would then steal the reset just over the half court line and lift a ball over the top to Morrison, who was just moved into a striker spot this game. Morrison was able to get past her defender on the way and punch another shot into the right side of the net for a 3-0 lead.

The Hawks would run away with match in the second half with Addy

Brumble, Macy Watkins, and Kylie Davidson all scoring in the second half.

“The girls really stepped up tonight,” head coach Antonio Estrada said. “Chy Davidson said it best, “we played hard all the way to the end.”

Estrada said he was pleased with the ease of the transition from Morrison.

“Makayla played really well tonight. I moved her up to striker from midfield and she didn’t disappoint. She’s really aggressive and not afraid to go to the ball and win it.”

He said Boyd did a nice job controlling the field in the middle along with Macy Watkins and the other girls were able to feed off that energy.

The Lady Hawks defense of Josie Newton, Grace Hulsebus, Sophie Turner, and Davidson kept Columbus out of the scoring position most of the night.

The Columbus girls managed just two shots on goal during the match.



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Central Lee takes a shot on goal in the first half of Friday’s 7-0 win over Columbus Friday at Central Lee High School.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday,
April 6, 2022 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington City Hall
122 Broadway Street

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 March 16, 2022
 2. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for January 2022

3. Approve payment to Dorsey & Whitney LLP - \$11,500
 4. Approve payment to GPM Environmental Solutions, LLC - \$7,474
 5. Approve Liquor License renewal for Uncle Ronnies, 1201 Derek Lincoln Dr.
 6. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the April 6, 2022 Expense Approval Report for \$182,107.44

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

• ADMINISTRATOR:
 • PUBLIC WORKS:
 • POLICE DEPARTMENT:
 • FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
 • CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
 • OTHER STAFF REPORTS:

• COUNCIL REPORTS:
 • COMMUNITY REPORTS: Presentation from Convention & Visitors Bureau

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into an amended Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000
 2. Resolution committing FY22-23 funding for a Housing Study Project
 3. Consider a Resolution adding MacIntyre Walters to the Fire Department

4. Consider disposing of Police Department duty rifles

5. Consider a Resolution amending wages for swimming pool employees

6. Consider authorizing the use of the Square Processing System

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

PUBLIC NOTICE
West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:
 None
ALSO PRESENT:
 Police Chief Jesse Logan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance

CALL TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA
 Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

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CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 No inquiries.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Presentation and Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Mayor Teater opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. City Administrator Mandsager and Finance Manager Moore presented the proposed budget, which reflected a levy rate of \$10.00. Council thanked the staff for their work in preparing the budget. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the City's annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with a levy rate of \$10.00. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees,

and Young

Consider payment to Boomerang Corporation for work completed on the Mt. Pleasant Water Tower Project - \$151,108.06

Snyder & Associates has recommended the payment of \$151,108.06 to Boomerang Corporation based on work completed on the Mt. Pleasant Street Water Tower Project.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve Pay Request #12 for \$151,108.06 to Boomerang Corporation for work completed on the Mt. Pleasant Water Tower Project. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider Change Order #2 from Fye Excavating for the Luers Park Water Restoration Project

Snyder & Associates recommended approval of Change Order #2 from Fye Excavating for the Luers Park Water

Restoration Project in the amount of \$5,480.00. Change Order #2 brings the total project cost up to \$255,405.12.

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to approve Change Order #2 from Fye Excavating for the Luers Park Water Restoration Project. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$525,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same

City Administrator Mandsager recommended Council approve a Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$525,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022. The funding

will be used to complete Phase II of the Mt. Pleasant Street Resurfacing project from the Hwy 34 Interchange to Sunset Ln.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve a Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$525,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider proposal from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for Auditing Services

City Administrator Mandsager asked Council to consider a proposal from Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP (B&F) to provide auditing services through June 30, 2024. B&F has a long history (30+ years) of providing auditing services to governmental agencies. This is their focus and their expertise. The partners are on-site

for the audit along with the audit team and they are always available for questions during the process and throughout the year. Their fee would be \$20,000 in year one and increase \$1,000 per year. This past year we spent \$20,140 for auditing services.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to enter into an agreement with Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP to provide auditing services as recommended. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider entering into a contract with Civic Plus for Website Hosting

City Administrator Mandsager presented a proposal from CivicPlus to host the City's website. The current web hosting service cost \$7,400 versus \$4,400 for the new subscription model CivicPlus is now offering for cities 10,000 and under in

population. Additionally, we would plan to switch to the CiviPlus agenda platform for \$3400, which will allow for an integrated platform. The overall savings to switch will be \$3,100.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to enter into an agreement with CivicPlus to host the City website and meeting agenda platform for \$7,800. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 Premium

IT Administrator Newberry asked Council to approve licensing for Office 365 Premium for the City and Police Dept. The cost is \$21.12 per month per user or \$253.44 per year for each user. This comes to \$696.96 per month or \$8,363.52 per year. The savings for this product will be realized after about four (4) years

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when the servers would have needed to be replaced again. This will also save us from having to buy azure active directory for integration into Tyler Technologies and Energov. We have chosen Microsoft 365 for business instead of Office 365 E3 that we discussed because it is more suited to our needs and is a little cheaper. The total cost is \$8,363.52 per year.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 Premium with an annual licensing cost of \$8,363.52 per year. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the first reading of an Ordinance limiting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Avenue

Council discussed restricting parking along Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear. The only place people park along

Division is in front of Borghi. With adequate off-street parking, Council felt there wasn't a need for employees of Borghi to park in the street. Crowner asked if Borghi was informed of the proposed parking change. Staff will reach out to them to let them know a change is being considered.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance limiting parking on Division Street from Broadway to S. Gear Ave. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

OLD BUSINESS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
April 4, 2022
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10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Amended 28E Agreement with Southeast Iowa Link Mental Health Region
Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Reimbursement from Southeast Iowa Link Mental Health Region for County Employees, Occupancy And Equipment

Consider Approval to Replace Part-time Court Security Officer

Consider Approval of Resolution Removing Mobile Home from Tax System

Consider Approval of Updated Pandemic Policy

Consider Approval of Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Personnel Actions:
A. New Hire- EMS (Replacement)

B. New Hire - Attorney (Replacement)

Reports:
A. Manure Management Annual Update for C

& M Hogs in Charleston Township
Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
March 7, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rich Harlow and Rick Larkin.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve the agenda with one addition-approval to replace a Legal Secretary in the County Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Public Input-David and Eileen Pranger, West Point, had some questions for the Board regarding ownership of a piece of property adjacent to their property.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to replace a Legal Secretary position in the County Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of Maintenance Director Kirk Nafziger, it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to award the bid for the North Courthouse Tuck Point Project to T and T Tuckpointing, Stockton, with the Water Repellent Seal, in the amount of \$184,010.00. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to set Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:01 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison as the date,

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time and location for a public hearing to approve the FY23 County Budget. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-nay, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a correction to the Secondary Roads Supplemental Policy. The correction was found in the Overtime Section and states "For the purposes of computing overtime, vacation hours will be counted, but all other hours not actually worked by the employee, including, but not limited to, sick leave, compensatory time, shall not be counted." Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an agreement with Klinger and Associates, for a Phase I Assessment

of the property proposed for the new Health Department/EMS Building, at a cost of \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park, for the period March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Class B Beer Permit for Wever Junction, for the period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House, for the period May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, sec-

onded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2022-57. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-57

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Juston Kitzman 1419 Primrose Road Donnellson IA 52625

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of March, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member and /s/

Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Monday, February 28, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried with Larkin abstaining.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a new hire of a Township Trustee, Raymond Vandenberg, Cedar Township, \$10.00/hr., effective 1/1/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2022, the Treasurer's Report

of Fees Collected for the month of February 2022, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February 2022 and the Sheriff's Monthly Report for November 2021, December 2021 and January 2022.

Committee Reports: Harlow reported on a Children First Board meeting and reported that he filled in for Larkin at a Workforce Development Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. Seyb will also be giving weekly updates on revenue coming in for the Ambulance Service.

Larkin reported on a Workforce Development Operations Committee meeting.

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At 10:55 a.m. a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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Vouchers could work with level field

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This has nothing to do with choice. Nothing.

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Let’s break it down a bit. A legislature that said the state couldn’t afford anything more than 2.5% growth, now is going to take \$74 million out of the formula and divert it to private programming. Seems odd.

And State Sen. Jeff Reichman pointed to the fact that it will help Iowa’s poorest and minorities as he also pointed to the exodus of 775 students who dropped out of public schools in Des Moines.

But this bill provides a limited number of scholarships for those whose family’s income is under 400% of the federal poverty line. For a family of four, that’s \$106,000 a year. I think a lot of area families fit that demographic.

No one is going to convince us that our public schools don’t have work to do and don’t have challenges. And in the same breath, no one can convince me that the staff at Holy Trinity Catho-

lic isn’t on par with public school educators. We see the results of that.

So say what you want about choice and quality of education, and you can say a lot about both, but our biggest gripe is accountability.

If the private system had the same accountability, we’d know now what happened with Michael Sheerin. Why one of the most beloved men in local education abruptly walked away. We made several inquiries about the leave, but no one, including Sheerin would comment on the situation. If he left in lieu of termination, according to Iowa code, his record would become public and we’d know what happened.

There are things the public can do to gain access to information in the public school systems in an effort to hold everyone accountable. Public schools have to post salaries, private schools do not. Public schools have to educate everyone, private schools do not. Public schools have to open board meetings to the public, private schools do not. And as some do, they are not required to do so.

Any type of voucher system could have merit. Some families just can’t afford to

take their child out of the public system. This may give them that chance. Competition is inherently good. It makes one be better than the other, which gives people choices. It’s no different than picking one restaurant over the other because it’s quicker, or cleaner, or friendlier.

But until the playing field is level, as Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier pointed out, you’re being disingenuous to the public system and hitting them in the wallet at the same time. It seems clearly to be an effort to further an agenda propped up on the philosophy that the market forces improvement.

Putting our educational system into “the market” could ultimately entrench our education system on someone’s profit margin. And then what?...automation? enhanced digital curricula?, reduced square footage? – maybe no square footage for educational purposes, but for athletic purposes...dual revenue streams and all. We could convert the schools into community centers with athletic facilities and just charge admission.

If social media has shown us anything, isolation is soooo good for our kids.

If we keep going down this road, students will learn at home in front of a computer

because a 40,000 square foot facility where collaboration and socialization are an integral part of our learning system, doesn’t fit the business model.

This isn’t about minorities, or the working poor, it’s about politics and the sell.

You want to level the playing field – that’s great and it builds that competitive nature, but then everyone has to accept special education students and students with disabilities. School board meetings must be open to the public, agendas and minutes must be posted, expenditures posted, salaries posted.

If the taxpayers have a bigger role in the funding structure, they should have a bigger responsibility in how it all works.

I’m headed to New York City for a few days to reconnect with our oldest daughter. I’m sure there will be some sight-seeing involved and some tall buildings, but by God there will a street hot dog We spent four days out there a couple years ago and I got a slice, but didn’t get a dog. That’s gonna happen, but that’s Beside the Point.

Partnership will build nursing force

NURSING - Continued from Page 1

opened in 2016.“

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Great River Health Foundation Executive Director Jason Hutcheson said: “SCC has been a key partner in providing well-educated nurses for decades. This partnership strengthens both institutions. More students can enter the nursing program and complete their studies, and the health system will have an enhanced pool of skilled caregivers with roots in southeast Iowa.”

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Friday, April 8
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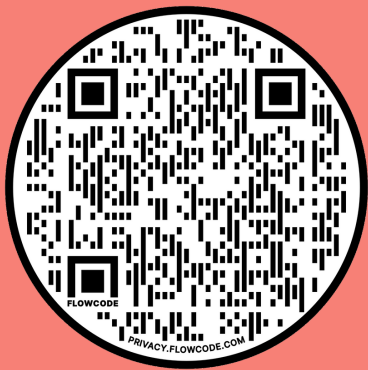


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United Way of the Great River Region



Friday, May 6, 2022 • Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park • Fort Madison, Iowa

Team Registration—\$400 Deadline for Team Registration is **Monday, April 25, 2022**
Includes carts, lunch, free soda & water, snacks, 2 mulligans per golfer &
5 drink tickets per golfer (drink tickets not good for mixed drinks)

Packet pick-up will begin at 10:00 am.

Waiver & release must be signed before play begins.

Lunch at 11:00 am.

Shotgun start at 12:00 Noon.

Sponsor Name: _____

Team Name (if different from above): _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Golfers (if known): _____

****Please note, all golfers will sign a waiver and release before play begins.****

**FUN extras available on site include: BIG Raffle \$10/ea. • Hole Games •
Silent Auction Items • 50/50 Tickets (cash only) \$2/ea, 6/\$10 or yd/\$20**

**Have a great time while supporting 21 community agencies and other
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Golf Outing Sponsorship Opportunities

There are many sponsorship opportunities available. Feel free to mix and match. Have questions?
Contact Karen at United Way of the Great River Region at 319-524-4504.

- Corporate Sponsor—\$1000** Maximize your sponsorship with the first deadline of **Monday, March 21, 2022**. Some advertising will already be done before the second deadline of **Monday, April 11, 2022**. Includes name & logo on advertising, banner hung at the golf course, hole sponsor sign, opportunity to be at the golf course to market to players, can have a four person golf team but not required. Please provide a jpeg file of your logo to the United Way. Use team registration page if entering a team in.
- Hospitality Sponsor—\$300** Deadline **Friday, April 29, 2022**. Includes name & logo on beverage carts, at the buffet line and throughout the golf course. Please provide a jpeg file of your logo to the United Way.
- Hole Sponsor—\$100** Deadline **Monday, April 25, 2022**. Includes sign by green and opportunity to be at your green to market to players. Please provide a jpeg file of you logo to the United Way.
- Team Sponsor—\$400** **See team registration page.** Deadline **Monday, April 25, 2022**. Includes: cart, lunch, free soda & water, snacks, 2 mulligans/golfer & 5 drink tickets/golfer (drink tickets not good for mixed drinks)

If you wish to be invoiced, please contact Karen Siefken at the United Way office at 319-524-4504.

Be sure to check the box by the sponsorship you are interested in.
If you are sponsoring a team, please use the team registration page.

For Corporate, Hospitality or Hole Sponsorship please email a jpeg file of your logo to director@unitedwaygrr.org on or before the appropriate deadline.

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____