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\$9M bond on council agenda

ROAD WORK: City to hold hearing on June 6 for comments on borrowing to complete highway work

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The City of Fort Madison is looking to borrow \$9 million to finish the Hwy. 61 rehabilitation work.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, the council is scheduled to vote on setting a public hearing for June 6, where action can be taken to issue general obligation bonds to generate revenue to pay for the work.

According to the proposed resolution, the council plans to issue the bonds to provide funds to pay the costs of improving the highways and related work.

The city is also looking at building a new public works building and a new fire station which were projected to cost just over \$20 million according to Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren. City officials had discussed using

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Nursing home Week

Holden Grandstaff, Administrator at The Madison in Fort Madison, welcomes dignitaries Monday afternoon. The health center celebrated National Nursing Home week this past week. Owner Mark Holktamp and other staff were also in attendance.

OPINION



Chewing on a 'crunchy' Fort Madison

I just don't get it.

If someone would have asked me a month ago if I thought Fort Madison could pull off being "crunchy", I would have thought they were talking about its age or maybe some sections of pavement.

But the term came up at one of Mayor Matt Mohrfeld's pillar talk roundtables when he was looking at what it would take to help reach a goal of 1,000 new Fort Madison residents in the next four years.

We've been talking family recruitment and how to market the community to people who may be looking to get back to Iowa-friendly.

It was made clear early on that, although a reporter was in the room, people should feel free to speak their minds without fear of being put in front of 10,000 plus readers.

Then someone said something that just can't be left to the walls of the Fort Madison Chamber meeting room. It was suggested that maybe we investigate "crunchy" neighborhoods.

I'm a man of transparency, almost to a fault. Many times I should keep my mouth shut, but most times I choose to speak my mind, and usually regret it. So when someone suggested crunchy as a way of life I let it go for just a few seconds. And then I let up on the brakes.

"Whaaat?...Crunchy!?"

"You've never heard of crunchy?"

The Mayor jumped in. "Wait, you're the wordsmith in the room and you've never heard "crunchy"?"

Well yeah, if you're talking a pickle

See **SWARM**, page 7

See **CRUNCHY**, page 8

The Rosses love their Love Bugs - Empty Nest by Curt Swarm

Linda and Kevin Ross live on the Skunk River near Augusta on the Lee County Side. They already have three older Airstream Travel Trailers—you know, the ones that look like silver beetles going down the road—so when they saw the used Love Bug, they always had a camper for sale on Facebook, they just had to have it.

Kevin was the first one to call the owner, and he's glad he was. There was a flurry of interest in the 13' fiberglass RV. The owner said, "First one here with \$200 gets it."

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



The man was a "junker." The Love Bug was in a field beside 34 Raceway west of Burlington. It was after dark when Kevin and Linda arrived. Raccoons had been living in the RV shell and it was 2' deep in raccoon excre-

ment. Kevin and Linda had to dig it out by flashlight, and pull it onto a trailer. When they got the Love Bug home, Kevin began power washing it. It took him two days to get down to the original color.

Kevin is quite handy when it comes to restoration projects. Retired, he worked in industrial maintenance for fifty years. He's been a welder, tool-and-die maker, carpenter, plumber and electrician. This will be a "frame-off"

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WEATHER

MON 16 May.....Scattered Clouds, 73° F/49° F
TUE 17 May.....Light Rain, 74° F/55° F
WED 18 May.....Rain, 76° F/62° F

OpenWeatherMap

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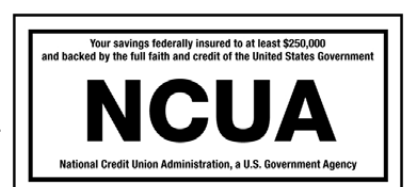


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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

EARLENE L. WEISS

Earlene Lanell Weiss, 69, of Burlington, passed at 1:30 PM Friday, May 6, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City.

Born November 9, 1952, in Keokuk, she was the daughter of Earl Roscoe Davis and Darlene Stark and Step-Father, Kenny Hayden. On August 1, 1981, she married Brian David Weiss at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Burlington, IA.

She graduated from Keokuk High School and then attended and graduated from the Burlington Beauty Academy.

Earlene was a hairstylist for over 48 years working for many salons over the years. She worked at The Hairdressers for many years and most recently Chic's & Guys. She loved her work and loved each of her customers as family.

She enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and finding bargains at thrift stores. She loved all animals and liked to feed the raccoons at her house.

Survivors include her husband, Brian David Weiss of Burlington, IA; sisters, Darla (Rick) Fader of Anamosa, IA, and Aletha (Roger) Vradenburg of Keokuk, IA; step-brother, Monte Hayden of TX; mother-in-law, Dana Weiss of Burlington; brothers-in-law, Brad (Juli) Weiss of Burlington, and Mark Weiss of Burlington; sister-in-law, Laura Weiss of Burlington; and 13 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father, sister, Delta Vradenburg, niece Doris Burk and father-in-law, James Weiss.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until noon Thursday, May 12, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The Memorial Service for Mrs. Weiss will be noon Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home with Very Rev. Father Marty Goetz officiating. A celebration of life will be held at the Eagles Club following the service.

Memorials have been established for Des Moines County Humane Society and PAW Animal Shelter. In memory of Earlene, adopt a furry friend.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Earlene's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.



WEISS

OBITUARIES

JANET J. BENNER

Janet Joy Benner, 83 of Keokuk, IA died Friday, May 6, 2022 at her home. She was born September 26, 1938 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Wayne Harris and Beth "Dorothy" Edna Parker Stringfellow. Janet graduated from Keokuk

High School with the class of 1957 and later from LaSalle Extension University of Chicago where she received her Associates Degree.

On October 6, 1957 Janet was united in marriage to George Patrick "Pat" Benner at First Christian Church in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on November 7, 2016.

She had been employed as a business manager for Benner Farms for 60 years and had also worked as an office manager at River Hills for 10 years before her retirement in 2002.

Janet was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eastern Star. Janet and her husband Pat loved to travel. They toured all but four states in the US and also toured Canada on their motorcycle. They vacationed in Ireland, Wales and England and also took an Alaskan cruise. Janet enjoyed all types of sports and especially enjoyed motorcycles and NASCAR. Family get-togethers were one of Janet's favorite traditions. Janet had a favorite quote "Make your words soft and sweet, you may have to eat them" that will be remembered by her family.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan Christine Clancy of Keokuk, one son, Douglas Patrick Benner (Cindy) of Keokuk, four grandchildren, William "Bill" Hieatt (Lesley), Daniel Benner (Erin), Julia Benner and Makayla Clancy (Curtis McKune), eight great-grandchildren, Samantha Hieatt, Haley Hieatt, Jack Benner, George Benner, Winifred Benner, Raven McKune, Ivy McKune and Azurite McKune and one great-great-grandchild, Elijah Haupt. She is also survived by one brother, Jerry Stringfellow of Lafayette, IN, one brother-in-law, Stephen Benner (Dolores), one sister-in-law, Clarissa Benner, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins,

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, one brother-in-law, John Benner, one niece, Melissa Benner, one sister-in-law, Marilyn Benner and three close friends, Mary Winkelman, Judy Loring and Marcy Huffman and several aunts, uncles and cousins. There will be no services.

The Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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



BENNER

OBITUARIES

CAROL R. WATSON

Carol Ruth Watson, 67, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at her home. She was born on October 3, 1954 in Marceline, MO to Phillip & Ruth Wiseman Buckingham. She married Scott Keith Watson in August of 2014 in Fort Madison, IA. She worked at Sheaffer Pen and later at Fast Break in Fort Madison. She enjoyed going on drives and attending her grandchildren's events. She was a member of NARVRE.



WATSON

Carol is survived by: her husband: Scott Watson of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Jason Pope of Fort Madison, IA & Brian Pope of Mt. Pleasant, IA; 1-daughter: Ashlea Adams of Montrose, IA; 7-grandchildren and 1-brother: Phillip (Marie) Buckingham of Crown Point, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents & 1-sister, Bonnie.

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



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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

05/03/22 - 9:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue I.

05/03/22 - 1:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue H.

05/04/22 - 4:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kelly Marie Calvin, 35, Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/04/22 - 8:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jason Lee Johnson, 28, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of city: no pet tags.

05/04/22 - 11:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jordan Dale McCormick, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue C, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/05/22 - 9:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

05/05/22 - 10:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue Q.

05/05/22 - 10:32 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue A.

05/05/22 - 11:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kody Kim Turner, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 37th Street, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/05/22 - 11:57 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Justin Russell Raszler, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 37th Street, on charges of 3rd degree burglary, and 2 warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/05/22 - 2:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 500 block of 2nd Street.

05/05/22 - 3:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

05/05/22 - 4:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue E.

05/05/22 - 5:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3100 block of Avenue K.

05/05/22 - 11:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Troy William James, 52, of Fort Madison,

in the 3100 block of Avenue K, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/22 - 10:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kody Kim Turner, 29, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's department, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/22 - 1:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of 10th Street.

05/06/22 - 8:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Terrie Marie Lindsay, 59, of Fort Madison, no location given, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/22 - 9:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5800 block of Avenue O.

05/07/22 - 1:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Sheymouhr Quin't Donald-Redd, 21, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue L, on charges of possession of a controlled substance, ineligible to carry a weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/07/22 - 3:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Eric Eugene Fortune, Sr., 55, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/07/22 - 7:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

05/07/22 - 4:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

05/07/22 - 8:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brandon Lee Carey, 34, of Fairfield, at the Santa Fe Bridge, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/07/22 - 10:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jessica Kay Allen, 41, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a charge of driving while barred.

05/07/22 - 10:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.

05/07/22 - 10:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 35th Street and Avenue Q.

05/07/22 - 10:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft at the police department.

05/08/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Cody James Scott, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/08/22 - 12:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested David Shawn Wiseman, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/08/22 - 1:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5800 block of Avenue O.

05/08/22 - 5:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue E.

05/08/22 - 8:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue H.

05/08/22 - 11:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Makenzy Lynn Gilpin, 22, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue D, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/08/22 - 11:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michele Gilpin, 51, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue D, on a warrant for substance abuse violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/09/22 - 8:14 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Michael Joseph Farrow, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/09/22 - 10:49 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

05/09/22 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue J.

05/09/22 - 5:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Donald O'Rien Bell, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 30th Street, on 2 warrants for probation violation and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/10/22 - 12:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Thurgood Dennis Morris III, 31, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue F, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/10/22 - 8:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of Avenue I.

05/10/22 - 9:44 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue L.

05/11/22 - 5:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of 31st Street.

05/11/22 - 9:58 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Avenue G.

05/11/22 - 2:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue O.

05/11/22 - 2:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3800 block of Avenue L.

05/11/22 - 3:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

05/11/22 - 3:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.

05/12/22 - 2:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

05/12/22 - 2:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Dustin Michael Damico, 39, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 30th Street and Avenue J, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/12/22 - 3:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Amber Renee Rea, 39, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 8th Street and Avenue E, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$500 and driving under suspension.

05/12/22 - 6:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

05/12/22 - 11:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Michael Anthony Weldon, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred.

05/13/22 - 7:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 34th Street and Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff Report

05/03/22 - 9:54 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Carbide Lane. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Lucas James Meyers, 21, of Keokuk, was traveling west on Carbide Lane, eluding police with speeds in excess of 100mph, when it lost control and entered the north ditch, coming to rest facing east. Meyers was taken into custody. No injuries were reported.

05/03/22 - 10:28 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Lucas James Meyers, 21, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Messenger Road, Keokuk, on charges of eluding and failure to obey stop sign/yield row. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/22 - 12:15 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Lonnette Ann Sutterfield, 44, Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/22 - 2:50 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 255th Street and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dan Keith Riddle, 68, of Montrose, was in the median yielding to southbound traffic, when a vehicle driven by Andrew Michael Simpson, 49, of Burlington, was attempting to pass through the median and struck the rear bumper of Riddle's vehicle. Both vehicles sustained minor damage, but were driven from the scene. No injuries were reported. Simpson was cited for failure to yield.

05/03/22 - 11:28 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, Fort Madison, on charges of driving while barred and failure to obey stop/yield sign. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/04/22 - 9:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Roy James Cochenour, 72, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for contempt - failure to pay fine/cost. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

05/04/22 - 11:47 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christine Kaye Martin, 64, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/05/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Tina L. Rice, 49, of Beardstown, Ill., at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

05/07/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Trista Marie Roberts, 37, listed as homeless living in Burlington, in the 1600 block of Green Bay Rd., Weaver, on warrants for violation of parole and 2nd offense sex offender registration. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/07/22 - 1:41 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sasha Joe Lamb, 30, of Burlington, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, Fort Madison, on warrants for lottery - forged/ theft of ticket, forgery - felony, and

4th degree theft greater than \$300 but less than \$750. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

05/08/22 - 5:26 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident in the 1800 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, deputies arrived on the scene to find a vehicle driven by Adam James Shelman, 37, of Hillsboro, Ia., in a creek beneath the overpass. No injuries were reported. The vehicle sustained approximately \$1500 in damage. Shelman was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

05/08/22 - 6:45 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Adam James Shelman, 37, of Hillsboro, Ia., at the intersection of Hwys. 103 and 218, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

05/09/22 - 6:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Levi Garret Krome, 28, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for violation of probation and a warrant for assault w/bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/09/22 - 3:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mariel Louise Christopher, 32, of Ottumwa, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/09/22 - 4:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Richard Lee Coop, Jr., 36, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/10/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

05/11/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

05/12/22 - 8:10 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 N. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ella Diane Sattler, 21, of Burlington, was stopped on Hwy. 218 N. while attempting to turn left onto 300th Street, when it was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Lee Michael Landon Rudd, 16, of Keokuk. Sattler's vehicle came to rest on the northbound shoulder of the roadway; Rudd's vehicle went into the northbound ditch. Sattler suffered significant injuries and was transported by ambulance and then by Air EMS to U of I Hospital. No other injuries were reported. Rudd was cited for following too closely. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

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



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Rolls
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
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Agenda
DATE: Monday,
May 16, 2022
MEETING
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10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
(CDT)
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 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Met Life Dental Rates
 Consider Approval of Statement of Work and Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement with Information Technology Team

Consider Approval to Purchase Tandem Axle Belly Dump Semi-Trailer

Consider Approval to Appoint Bob Conlee to Civil Service Commission

Consider Approval to Re-Appoint Todd Shields and Lonnie Glasscock to VA Commission

Consider Approval of Monday, May 9, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:

A. New Hire for Conservation-Temporary Beach Concessionaire

B. Step Increases (2) Health Department Reports:

A. Sheriff's Monthly Report
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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May 16, 2022
6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- I. Call Public Hearing to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Approve the agenda
- III. Ft. Madison PK-6 and 7-12 Additions and Renovations
- IV. Receive written comments regarding Ft. Madison PK-6 & 7-12 Additions & Renovations
- V. Receive oral comments regarding Ft. Madison Ft. Madison PK-6 & 7-12 Additions & Renovations
- VI. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING
May 16, 2022
6:10 P.M.

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AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Approve the agenda
- IV. Consider approval of Amendment for Certified Budget for FY2021-2022
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Announcements
 - June 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Work Session Boardroom, Central Office
 - June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Boardroom, Central Office
 - July 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Work Session

Boardroom, Central Office
 VII. Adjourn

PUBLIC NOTICE
FORT MADISON
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2022
6:15 P.M.

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AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communications
 - A. Student Rep Report
 - B. Instructional Coaches Corner: Computer Science
 - C. "Did You Know?":
 - D. Superintendent Goal Report - SIAC presentation
 - E. District Presentations:
 - Creative Learning Center (CLC) Report
 - Kindergarten Round Up
 - High School and Middle School Renovations and Additions Project Update
 - V. Approve the agenda
 - VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 1. April 18, 2022, Special Meeting
 2. April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting
 3. May 2, 2022 Work Session/Special Meeting
 - B. Financial reports
 1. April Balance Sheet Report
 2. Revenue Summary Report
 3. Expenditure Report
 4. Student Activity Report
 - C. Accounts payable
 1. April General Account Board Bills for Approval
 2. May General Account Board Bills for Approval
 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
 4. Nutrition Fund Board Bills for Approval
 5. American Express Board Bills for Approval
 - D. Consider personnel

resignations
 1. Brad Benghe, Special Ed Teacher, HS
 2. Todd Dirth, Elementary Principal, RE
 3. Jami Featheringill, Building Tech Contact
 4. Sarah Norvell, Special Ed Teacher, RE
 5. Josh Traxler, Math Teacher, HS
 6. Julie Yurko, TLS Coach
 E. Consider employment of personnel

1. Jodi Burch, Sp. Ed. Assoc., MS
2. Eric Gaylord, Food Service, MS
3. Kendra Higbee, Bus Associate
4. Heather Lightfoot, Assistant Principal, FMMS
5. Tyler Moore, 7/8 Math Teacher
6. Kay Saavedra, Sp. Ed. Assoc., MS
7. Sydney Simons, Behavior Interventionist, LE(HTC)
8. Kimberly Smith, 7/8

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 9. Madeline Stewart, Bus Associate
 10. Juliene Spiker, Behavior Interventionist, RE
 11. Devin Wilson, Custodian, RE
 12. Jillian Wiseman, Behavior Interventionist, RE

- F. Consider contract modifications
 - G. Consider leave of absence
 - H. Consider open enrollment requests
 - I. Other reports
 1. Donations
 2. High School and Middle School Renovations and Additions Project Summary
- Director (blank) moved and director (blank) seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as

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submitted.
 VII. Action Items
 A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

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PUBLIC NOTICES

B. Board Secretary/
Business Manager— Sandy Elmore

1. Approval of Tentative Agreement with FMEA
2. Approval of Master Contract with FMEA
3. Approval of Master Bargaining Agreement Teamsters Unit #1
4. Approval of Master Bargaining Agreement Teamster Unit #2
5. Approval of Master Bargaining Agreement AFSCME
6. Approval of Amendment to the Certified Budget for FY2021-2022
7. Set Public Hearing Date for related to the Middle School (PK-May

31, 2022 6) and High School (7-12) Additions and Renovations project

- C. Superintendent - Erin Slater
1. Consider approval of 28E Agreement for District SRO for 2022-2023
 1. Consider approval of travel for FMHS Carpentry Team to Atlanta, GA June 20-24, 2022
 2. Revised Retention Payment List
 3. Consider approval of nurse stipends
 4. Consider approval of SPED teacher stipends
 5. Consider approval of Shared Social Worker Contract with AEA for FY2022-2023

6. Consider approval of FMEA 2022-2023 salary list

7. Consider approval of Teamsters Unit 1 2022-2023 salary list
8. Consider approval of Teamsters Unit 2 2022-2023 salary list
9. Consider approval of ASFCME 2022-2023 salary list
10. Consider approval of Hourly Support Staff 2022-2023 salary list
11. Consider approval of Salaried Support Staff 2022-2023 salary list
12. Consider approval of Administrator 2022-2023 salary list
13. Consider approval

of Coaches 2022-2023 salary list

14. Consider approval of Supplemental Schedule 2022-2023 salary list
15. Consider approval of Food Service 2022-2023 salary list
16. Policy changes:
 - a. 605.1 Instructional Materials Selection - **minor changes**
 - b. 605.1-R-1 Instructional Materials Selection - **minor changes**
 - c. 605.2 Instructional Materials Inspection - **minor changes**
 - d. 605.3 Objection to Instructional Materials - **minor changes**
 - e. 605.3-E-3 Sam-

ple Letter to Individual Challenging Instructional Materials - **minor changes**

- f. 605.3-R-1 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials Regulation - **minor changes**
- g. 605.4 Technology and Instructional Materials - **minor changes**
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
 1. Winter Assessment Data
 2. Building Instructional Tour - May 23, 2022 12:00 - 1:00 PM at FMHS
 - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
 1. Policies

POLICIES - REVIEW

- a. 605.5 School Library - **minor changes**
- b. 605.7 Use of Information Resources - **minor changes**
- c. 605.7-R-1 Use of Information Resources Regulation - **minor changes**
- POLICIES - DISCUSSION
 - a. 605.6 OLD - Acceptable Use/Internet Safety Policy for Technology - **DELETE**
 - b. 605.6 NEW - Internet - Appropriate Use - **ADOPT**
 - c. 605.6-E-1 OLD - Internet Access Consent Form - **DELETE**

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"Betty" serves as new digs for traveling retirees

SWARM Continued from Page 1

restoration, meaning they will remove the fiberglass shell from its frame, completely strip the insides, and start over from scratch. The inside will be coated with a cork based paint for insulation, and Kevin will build the cabinets, dinette, bed and install the kitchen appliances and a portable toilet. Linda will make the curtains and do the upholstery.

Linda, a very well-known artist at Chestnut Hill Pottery, will pull the Love Bug to art shows with her Subaru. That way she won't have to stay in motels. She has been throwing pottery since she was 16, and digging out kilns that were given to her.

The Rosses have always camped, starting out with tents and a slide-in box camper. They progressed to Airstreams. One of them was owned by Willy Nelson's sister, Bobbie Lee, who was Willy's piano player. They have camped in most of Iowa's State Parks, and really like Missouri and Wisconsin. Later this summer they plan to pull to Oregon, Idaho and California.

Traveling seems to be in their blood, especially Kevin. Although their lush 33 acres on the Skunk River is a paradise, with two ponds (one for swimming, one for fishing), makes you wonder why they would want to leave. (They have to take a

vacation from all of their projects.)

As a service technician, Kevin traveled all over the Eastern United States, Canada, and Mexico, as well as India and Saudi Arabia. India is the poorest country Kevin has ever been in, with people sleeping on rocks to keep them away from poisonous insects on the ground. Saudi Arabia is the friendliest country, with people clamoring to talk to Americans about economics and politics. On Fridays he witnessed public executions where people were beheaded for murder. Thieves would have a hand chopped off. Different offenses had different penalties: an ear, nose, etc. Foreigners, like Kevin, were moved to the front so that they could see what happened to people who committed a crime in Saudi Arabia. But Saudi Arabia is a beautiful country, and Kevin wants to go back.

For now, however, it's travel and vacation in the United States in either their Airstreams or the Love Bug. Linda thinks she will call it "Betty." Its model name is "Love Bug USA" and it was manufactured in Tripoli, Iowa and originally sold by a dealer in Ft. Madison. They are giving it new life. For Kevin and Linda Ross, "Everything is an adventure."

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Budget amendments add \$5 million to city expenses for 2022

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funding earmarked for the highway work to help offset some of the costs of building the new structures, and then borrowing money to finish the road work.

The bonds are being proposed under the category of "essential corporate purposes" which include additional options for the use of the revenues.

During the February budget planning this year, City Manager David Varley presented a proposed budget document that including bonding for \$7.5 million to

complete the 10th to 18th Street work and an asphalt overlay for 20th to 30th Streets.

Varley said at that time if the bonding is done for the projects, the city's debt service portion of the property tax levy would increase starting in July of 2023.

The budget worksheet on the bonds showed \$6.5 million in construction and contract work and close to \$1 million in engineering and other professional services.

In other action, the council is scheduled to:

- consider budget amendments totaling close to \$5 million that will reduce the city's ending fund balance

on June 30 from \$12.5 million to \$7.6 million.

- approve the mayor's signature on a \$400,000 Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant for the Fort Madison Marina revitalization.

- consider two amendments to contract fees with HR Green, the city's engineer on the Hwy. 61 projects. The amendments will increase fees paid to HR Green by approximately \$24,600. One amendment was for redesign of storm sewers that would save time and costs on the project. The other was for revisions of tree plantings and retaining wall repairs on the 6th to 10th street work.

PUBLIC NOTICES

d. 605.6-E-1 NEW - Internet Access Permission Letter to Parents - ADOPT
e. 605.6-E-2 NEW - Internet Appropriate Use

Violation Notice - ADOPT
f. 605.6-R-1 NEW - Internet - Appropriate Use Regulation - ADOPT
C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager - San-

dy Elmore
D. Board Member Attendance
E. Staff Attendance
IX. Comments from the audience

X. Legislative update
XI. Announcements
A. May 18, 2022, 5:30 p.m. Board Retirement Celebration, Media Center, FMHS

B. May 23, 2022, 12:00 p.m. Building Instructional Tour, FMHS
C. June 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Work Session, Boardroom, Central Office

D. June 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, Boardroom, Central Office
XII. Adjourn

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From the Front

Interesting talk coming from Mayor's pillar groups

CRUNCHY - Continued from Page 1

or peanut butter. (Don't get me started on that age-old argument. If your peanut butter isn't crunchy, you're not allowed Ritz, bread...or chili.)

Immediately I Googled "Crunchy-slang".

Hippie – or you just came out of the woods in sandals with a handful of granola, hence the crunchy.

Someone took a pathway from the type of person who would eat granola in the woods into an entire way of life. Crunchy.

Where the heck have I been that I didn't know that was a thing. When you do a search for 'crunchy neighborhoods', the first thing that pops up is the "Best Hippie Town in Every State in America".

Shut the front door. Crunchy is the new term for hippie or counter-culture nature lover culled from the concept of granola.

I'm now thinking of Darla's Downtown Summer Festival, except she's all hippied out and the throngs of people moving up and down Avenue G are wearing bell bottoms and head bands and really big sunglasses with patchouli filling the air. I've since learned that is the smell of wet dirt.

In my search, I had to scroll quickly down to see which town in Iowa is labeled as the Hippiest Town in Iowa.

Decorah wins. Decorah apparently is also the beekeeping capital of the

state, a dynamic that came about to combat the high pollen count of the area. You'll obviously also find a lot of honey there. And there's the liberal arts Luther College in town.

Should we be looking for an infusion of crunchy in our town? I would imagine some people would say yes, and some people are like me and still have a crinkled up nose and squinty eyes trying to visualize a crunchy town.

It just makes me hungry.

But...why not. We've got some creative thinkers at River Rocks with Dave Taylor and the crew. We've got fresh smoothies at Riverside Nutrition and more creativity at Swed & Co Coffee. We just need a head shop and gelato front and we're in.

It also ties into the natural assets of the area. We've got an ever-growing PORT trail, timber trails, kayaking and canoeing on the Mississippi River, state parks within 20 minutes of town, county parks all over the place.

So crunchy just might work. The liberal overtones might rankle some, but the concept could be just one of the pieces to the puzzle.

It's interesting to hear about the conversations that are ongoing about boosting the town's population as a new marina takes form, store fronts fill up, roads get repaired, and sewers get upgraded.

Chew on this while you're thinking "crunchy". Is Fort Madison quietly becoming a community that people are taking notice of? I grew up in the Burlington/West Burlington area and many of those people are talking about the energy of Fort Madison and Lee County.

People at the state level are looking our direction for what's happening with the Southeast Iowa Regional & Economic Port Authority, the Career Advantage Center, housing improvement projects. With improvements that are coming to our school facilities and the beautification efforts that are taking place around the community, maybe a four-year plan isn't too aggressive.

But either way, thinking of a crunchy Fort Madison makes me want to get out the Brownberry and JIF, maybe a banana, or Miracle Whip. I've said it before. Crunchy peanut butter and miracle whip is a delicacy in my mind. And you can't post anything on that until you try it – But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at Charles.V@pencitycurrent.com.



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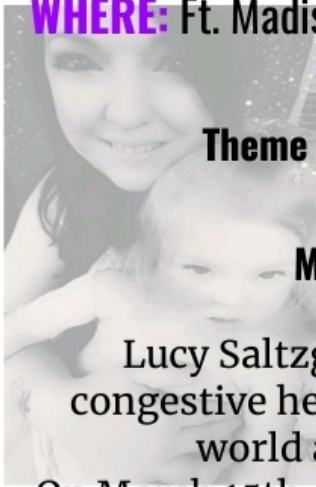
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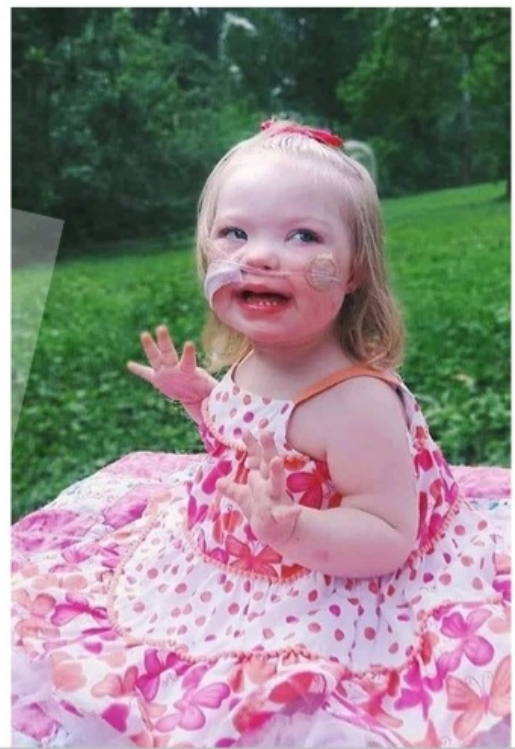
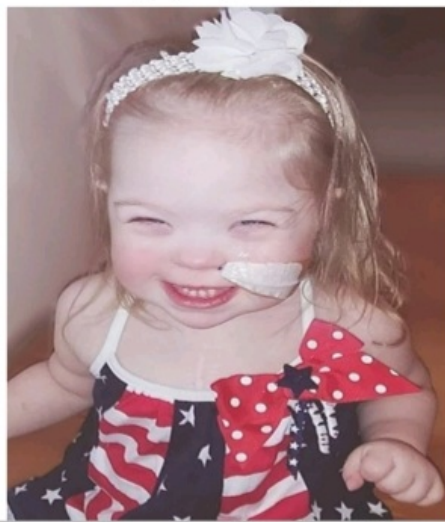
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Live Auction 4 p.m.
Pork Meal in Shelter House 5 p.m.
Live Music in Shelter House 5:30 p.m.
 by Lonesome Fugitive

SUNDAY

Breakfast at Church 7:30 a.m.
Church in Shelter House 10 a.m.
Ham Ball Dinner at Church 11 a.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.

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