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# BODY FOUND NEAR DM RIVER

**PEZLEY:** 57-year-old found near railroad bridge after apparent fall



BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

ARGYLE - The body of an Argyle man was recovered by a search team at 9:20 a.m. Saturday morning in southern Lee County.

57 year-old Jacob Pezley was discovered deceased by members of the search

party. Preliminary information indicates Pezley had fallen from a 50-foot wall near a bridge, but the official cause of death has not been determined



as of this publishing Lee County Sheriff Sta-

cy Weber called for a canvass of the area surrounding the railroad tracks just off the Des Moines River near Belfast Road Saturday at 9 a.m.

About 80 people joined in the search



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber talks with volunteers of a search team Saturday morning near the Des Moines River at Belfast Road. Volunteers discoved the body of 57-year-old Jacob Pezley near a railroad bridge 20 mintues after the search began. Above left, reserve deputies Scott Edwards, left, and Bryor McMillen, along with a volunteer on an ATV, run the tracks just west of the Belfast railroad crossing.

on foot and ATV/UTVs, while deputies manned the railroad tracks to relay information from the search teams.

"Mr. Pezley was located near a Railroad Bridge, nearby the area the vehicle

was located this week, and it appears he died from a fall, of which, the height was approximately 45-50 feet," Weber said.

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The 2020 Graduation Cruise to honor 2020 seniors from FMHS and Holy Trinity rolled past Hy-Vee Saturday afternoon. The grocery store put out signs for each of their employees who were part of the graduating classes. At right, HTC's senior Wyatt Hellman puts a banner on his care with the help of HTC's Michael Sheerin.



#### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

# New event to light up area June 19th

FORT MADISON - The Relay For Life of North Lee County announces a new event, 'Light Up the Fight' to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. People are encouraged to purchase luminarias in honor, memory or in support of a loved one and then display them on their porch, deck, neighborhood, or business on Friday June 19, between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m. This will provide community members an opportunity to cruise North Lee County and enjoy the beauty of support displayed with these luminarias.

Luminaria bags are available for purchase by visiting the Relay For Life of North Lee County's Facebook page or by contacting a committee or team member. Both decorated and plain luminaria bags are available and all bags purchased come with a glow stick to light them up. Discounts will be given based on quantity purchased.

"With COVID-19 we, like so many other organizations, were challenged to think outside of the normal Relay For Life event. We felt this was a great way to get the entire community involved with a visual support of the American Cancer Society. We would love to have our teams, neighborhoods and businesses compete for the biggest, brightest display of lights," expressed Angie Budnik, Chairperson of the Relay For Life of North Lee County.

"We have a very creative and dedicated committee who have all been personally touched by cancer. They really wanted to keep our event alive in some way, because you can't quarantine cancer."

Luminaria bags will be available for purchase through Monday, June 15, 2020 with a personalized label. Plain bags will be available for purchase through Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Bags and glow sticks can be picked up on Wednesday, June 17 from 3-6 p.m. at Central Park or you can have them delivered to your residence or business for a \$5.00 delivery fee.

More information is available on the Relay For Life of North Lee County Facebook page or by calling 319-376-2249. Even when we are apart we are together in our fight against cancer.

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#### **Opinion**

### WP man's He Shed turned into makeshift art studio

Leave it to an artist. Artists usually have many talents, not just one art form. Creative minds are not limited to a single genre.

Such is the case with 61-year old Steve Helling of West Point, Iowa. He has a degree in art from Iowa Wesleyan College (now University), and has painted some pretty fantastic paintings—some of which adorn the walls of our house.

However, paintings, especially large paintings, in particular paintings where the artist slings paint at a canvas, can be pretty messy.

Steve works at WIN Propane in Wever. (Artists must support themselves, you know.) Propane bottles arrive on wooden pallets, so there are a lot of pallets lying around, plus sheeting. Steve has made some classy furniture out of pallet wood. He had been noticing sheds made from pallet wood on the internet. The idea came to him, "Why not build a shed out of pallet wood, and use it for a studio? That way, I can keep the paint mess out of the house."

Voila! The "Pallet Shed He Shed" was born. He

#### **EMPTY NEST**

By Curt Swarm

hauled home a pick-up load of pallets and went to work. I should point out that Steve is single, so he doesn't have a wife objecting to a pile of pallets in the backyard.

He started banging pallets together using a circular saw, drill and level. (There are some good examples of pallet buildings on the internet.) He found that for walls, all he had to do was stand a few



pallets up, screw them together, and they formed a nice sturdy wall. For the floor, he disassembled the pallets and used the wood for flooring. Pallet wood is ideal for outdoor construction—they're made out of hard wood and are already seasoned—plus, there was no or very little expense involved. The doors and windows were given to him. He did the wiring himself, running an underground wire from his garage. Steve is a pretty handy artist. He's even insulating the walls.

BTW: A 40-mph wind came up while the "He Shed" was under construction, and it held up remarkably well.

Steve also made the shake siding from pallet wood. Presto-change-o. Steve now has a fairly respectable outdoor "studio" he can sling paint in to his heart's content. If he wants, he can add a hot plate, dormitory refrigerator, coffee pot, window air conditioner, what have you. He already has a stereo for creative-inspirational music.

The classy touch came when he made the shake siding. He simply cut shake siding from, yep, you guessed it—pallet boards, and nailed them to the side of his 10' x 12' x 8' "He Shed," giving it that rustic look.

Steve is 61 years old. He wants to retire at 62, but knows he will need a supplemental income. He already does landscaping

work on the side, sells artwork, and is considering building these "He Sheds" for other people. But wait. My wife, Ginnie, wants a "She Shed" for garden tools and potting soil, or just a place to get away (from me). Steve is also thinking about making garages out of pallet wood. The possibilities are palatable.

Steve likes "repurposed" art. He gets it from his dad, a farmer, the consummate repurposer. Steve's phone number is 319-470-7371, his email address is stevehelling59@gmail.com. He's taking orders.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@ <u>yahoo.com</u> or visit his website at www.empty*nest-words-photos-and*frames.com.

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#### Scene Around Town/Health News

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A family walks through Oakland Cemetery Saturday as flags fly over Soldier's Circle in honor of Memorial Day. The flags adorn the Circle each year over the holiday weekend.

## WB gets Test Iowa testing site

WEST BURLINGTON

– In partnership with the
State of Iowa, Great River
Health will provide the
only Test Iowa drive-thru
coronavirus test site in the
southeast region of the
state. It will open Wednesday, May 27.

The Test Iowa Initiative began April 21 in an effort to expand testing capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa.

"Having a Test Iowa location in West Burlington will help save lives," said Matt Wenzel, president and CEO, Great River Health. "Protecting the health of our region is in the forefront of everything we do as a health system, which makes our partnership with the state so beneficial. We're both demonstrating our passion and dedication to the lives and livelihood of people in our region."

People who have appointments will be tested for COVID-19 – coronavirus – while remaining in their cars. The test site is at the Des Moines county Fairgrounds on the campus of Southeastern Community College. The entrance to the drive-thru testing area is on Gear Avenue.

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Thursday that anyone who wants a test can now get one. To do so, Iowans must take the online health assessment at TestIowa.com. Developed in coordination with the Iowa Department of Public Health, assessment questions include symptoms, exposure to COVID-19, occupation and travel.

Following the assessment, people who are interested in a test will be directed to make an appointment. They will receive a confirmation email from Test Iowa with instructions. Appointments for the Great River Health drive-thru testing site will be made by telephone.

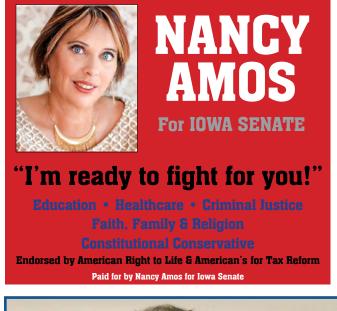
Testing, which includes

taking a nasal swab, takes a couple of minutes. Swabs are sent to the State Hygienic Laboratory. Results usually are available in 48 to 72 hours.

After providing the swab, people should go home and self-quarantine until results are received by email from Test Iowa. Continued quarantine will be required for those with positive results. Those who have severe symptoms at the test site may be advised to go to Great River Medical Center's Emergency Department, which is across the street from the fairgrounds.

For more information, visit <u>TestIowa.com</u>, <u>coronavirus.iowa.gov</u> or <u>GreatRiverHealth.org</u>











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Paid for by Ron Fedler for Supervisor

Thank You, Ron Fedler



#### From the Front



# More than 70 show up to look for Pezley Saturday

**SEARCH** - Continued from Page 1

Pezley had been missing for about six days after family reported to the sheriff's department they hadn't seen Pezley since Monday.

According to sheriff's reports, the former owner of One-Eye'd Jake's tavern in Argyle, had parked a white 2003 Pontiac Vibe in a gravel parking area just off Belfast Road at a railroad crossing about seven miles southwest of Argyle.

Weber said it appears Pezley parked the car, locked it and then started out on foot sometime between Monday and Wednesday, when deputies received a call of a suspicious vehicle.

Upon investigation, authorities were able to link the car to Pezley and made contact with his family. Weber said Pezley had a history of being gone for a couple days on occasion, but the family said this was something beyond normal.



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Since Wednesday, the sheriff's department had deployed K9 units, a thermal scanning drone and conducted foot searches. When Pezley still hadn't shown up Friday, Weber called for the canvass and asked for volunteers to help in the search.

The Sheriff's office was assisted by the following agencies: Lee County Emergency Management, Lee County Ambulance Service, Iowa State Patrol, Farmington Fire and Rescue, Des Moines Township Fire and Rescue, Donnellson and West Point Police Departments, Iowa Department of Transportation, BNSF Police Department and the Lee County Reserve Unit.

Pezley's death and subsequent investigation will be conducted by the Lee County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division with the assistance of the Lee County Medical Investigator.

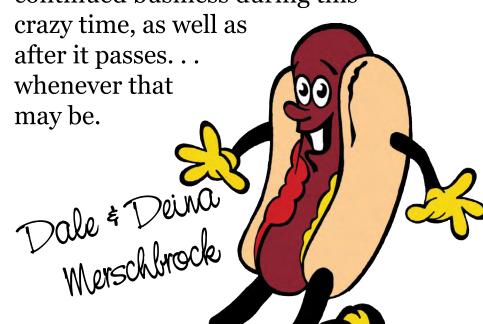
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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Approval of
Tuesday, May 19 and
Wednesday, May 20,
2020 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Review Recommendation from Shoemaker and Haaland for Boiler Replacement at South Courthouse and Consider Approval to Award Bid

Consider Approval of Amended Request for Historical Trail Signs

Consider Approval of Resolution Installing Temporary Stop Signs on 168th Street/Avenue C in West Point for Construction Detour

Discussion of Bridge Replacement on Lee-Henry County Line

Discussion and Possible Action on Soft Opening of County Buildings Consider Approval to

Replace Part-time Correctional Officer
Consider Approval of

Third Reading and Publication of Amended ATV Ordinance
Consider Approval

of Contract for Human Resource Services with Lynch Dallas, P.C.

Personnel Actions
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Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 5/5/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Rink, Lair, Andrews, Miller and Morawitz present. Council Member Cangas was absent. Council Member Morawitz joined the meeting at 5:41 P.M.

This meeting was held electronically (pursuant to lowa Code Section 21.8) because a meeting in person was impossible or impractical for the health and safety of City Council, staff and the public presented by COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 5/5/2020; Payroll of 5/8/2020; Claims dated 5/14/2020, April Financial Update and the City Manager's Financial Update; Liquor License Renewal: Hill Side Inn, 1135 Avenue E, effective 6/1/2020; and New Five-Day Liquor License: Fort Madison Partners, effective 6/11/2020, for the Downtown Summer Market.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing Concerning the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Amendments at 6:06 P.M.. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2020-28, approving Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Amendments.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 3, Speed, and replacing Title 9, Chapter 4, Traffic Regulations, Chapter 5, Turning Regulations and Other Violations, and Chapter 6, Equipment. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 25,

Floodplain Management. On motion, Council tabled the third and final reading of an ordinance rezoning of property located 2324 and 2332 Avenue J, from R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to B-4, Highway Business District.

On motion, Council

approved the Mayor's reappointment of Tom Pollpeter, Kathy Burkhardt and Anne Heitz to the Library Board. terms expiring 6/30/2026; and Susan Peiper to the Parks Board, term expiring 3/31/2023; and the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Gregory to the Historic Preservation Commission, filling an unexpired term, term expiring 12/31/2020. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Stanley Consultants, Inc., of Muscatine, for design and construction engineering services for the Relocation of the Henry Layden Drive Sanitary Force Main along Highway 61. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green of Cedar Rapids, for design and construction engineering services for the SRF Parking Lot Reconstruction and Stormwater Improvements at Avenue H and 8th Street, and the front City Hall Parking Lot. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Change Order #1, increasing P.I.P. 2018-04, Avenue H 2nd to 6th Street Reconstruction Project, to \$2,415,821.29.

At 6:45 P.M., the meeting adjourned until June 2, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES	5/15/2020	EXPENDITURES	
General	\$356,522.67	General	\$26,704.61
Special Revenue	796,575.75	Special Revenue	102,472.10
Road Use	55.00	Road Use	7,342.57
Debt	98,496.26	Debt	296,706.17
Water	600.08	Capital	382,237.94
Sewer	3,397.29	Water	120,707.91
Solid Waste/IWC	275.97	Sewer	11,001.42
SW Utility	53.29	Solid Waste/IWC	17,294.17
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NSI SOLUTIONS INC., LAB SUPPLIES .... 528.00

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Applications are available at the Lee County Sheriff's office or on the Lee County website at <a href="https://www.lee-">https://www.lee-</a> county.org/announcements.

Application to test must be returned to the Lee County Sheriff's office by Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

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TOTAL ......967,667.14 GENERAL ......26,704.61 **SPECIAL REVENUES** .....398,717.47 ROAD USE......7,342.57 **CAPITAL PROJECTS** .....382,237.94 WATER .....120,707.91 WASTEWATER .....11,001.42 SOLID WASTE .....17,294.17 AIRPORT.....460.80 STORM WATER .....3,200.25 TOTAL .....967,667.14

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FM Mayor Matt Mohrfeld gives Raven Hariott a gift card for her decoration efforts at Saturday's Class of 2020 Graduation Cruise.



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FMHS' Eva Dalstra cruises past the circle at Fort Madison High School Saturday. Dalstra's entry won a \$500 scholarship from Mayor Matt Mohrfeld.

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