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Wilkins remembered for sweetness, impact on people

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR



Photo courtesy of Heather Madsen

Bringing the band

Mr. Craig Wilkins escorts the band down Avenue G in formation at a Fort Madison parade. Wilkins was an integral part of music education at three different local high schools for more than four decades. He died on Wednesday.

Patricia R. Bell on August 20, 1967 at the Sharon Church in rural Farmington. He was the band director at Aquinas High School from 1968 to 1976 and band director at Iowa

Falls High School from 1977 to 1978. He then worked at Fort Madison Bank & Trust as a loan originator. He was the band and choir director at Central Lee High

School from 1989 to 1995 and lastly band director at Fort Madison High School from 1996 to 2007. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday March

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It was a sweet little gift toward the end of my classroom career that Craig came into my life.”

-Allen Chapman,
Friend and peer

25, at the Union Presbyterian Church in Fort Madison. The funeral service will immediately follow at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Union Presbyterian Church. Following the funeral, a dinner will be held at the church and all are invited. A private family burial will be held at Sharon Cemetery in rural Farmington. A memorial has been established in Craig's memory, dedicated to music education.

Local educators remem-

bered Wilkins as a man of humor and passion for students and music.

Former local music teacher Allen Chapman worked side by side with Wilkins for more than a decade and said there was “never” a project that was too big for him.

“It was a just a delight to work with Craig first of all,” Chapman said. “It was a sweet little gift toward the end of my classroom career that Craig came into my life.”

“We both we had a lot of the same instincts and we could finish each others' sentences. He had a good sense of community obligation and doing projects. It was just so fun personally to have someone like that to do our big musical projects. We shared our students really well, so that everybody could do everything.

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WILKINS

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison community lost an icon in music education on Wednesday, but local peers and friends look back on his life with a nod to the accomplishments and joy he brought to the city and its schools.

Former Central Lee, Fort Madison, and Fort Madison Aquinas music teacher Craig Wilkins died Wednesday evening at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

According to his obituary from King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory, Wilkins was born on April 9, 1946 in Fort Madison to Don & Dorothy Slee Wilkins. He married

Fareway ahead of schedule

BY CHUCK
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PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - With a lack of any real tough winter weather this season and mild temperatures, Fareway Grocery is slightly ahead of its schedule to open in Fort Madison.

Corporate Outreach and Communications Director, Emily Toribio said Thursday the building plans are slightly ahead of schedule because of the mild weather and the

company is now looking at a late August or early September opening. In December, Toribio said the company was hoping to open in the fall.

She said the company is very familiar with the Tri-State Rodeo which occurs the week after Labor Day.

“We actually did a sponsorship with the rodeo last year,” she said. “It's a great event. We provided a lot of meat products as well as items for the chili supper, but nothing's been discussed for this year yet.”

With the number of people in town for the rodeo, she said it would be good if they were opened by then, but, again, it all depends on the construction schedule.

“Right now crews are getting all the roofing done and up next will be the plumbing and electrical work and when that's done they will begin pouring the floors,” Tribio said.

The building is planned to be 19,000 square feet located at 1820 Avenue H.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Up and away

A construction worker with Lynch Roofing helps guide a load of roofing materials from a truck to the roof of the future Fareway building on Monday afternoon.

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From the Front/Local News

Friends, peers look back on Wilkins' career

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He just had a great manner. I am really pushy and he would sort of talk me down from my tree and let me not be so pushy. “

“He just had the best manner around students ever. He was able to get them to do great things and always keep this really sweet, caring manner and I so admired that. I am a choral and vocalist through and through... he was a great instrumentalist and a great singer and he could do it all. He filled in a lot of gaps for me. I think for those 11 or 12 years we were together any youngster in the music department - vocal or instrumental - they experienced some really good teaching and fine, fine performance opportunities.”

One of the first major performance opportunities for Wilkins was taking the Aquinas High School marching band to the 1972 Olympics in Germany.

“His first job was at Aquinas High School. He built that program from nothing to a fine band and fine marching band. They performed at the ‘72 Olympics. For them to perform there and be a part of that... in the ‘70s for an individual school to take a performing group, that was a trailblazing thing to do. That’s just the way he was. He was always willing to take on a big project. His bands, his show choirs, did traveling to Disney World, New York City, Washington D.C. He just gave some tremendous experiences to southeast Iowa students.

Chapman said Wilkins’ legacy will live on in the people who are now part of the booster programs at Central Lee High School, Fort Madison High School, Holy Trinity High School, and those respective communities.

“I guess his legacy is that there are two generations of students in southeast Iowa who were part of ensembles that he would have directed in one of the high schools. And those are the people I see as the boosters for those music programs. His legacy is love of music and education. It will live on,” Chapman said.

Current FMHS principal Greg Smith remembered Wilkins’ soft approach with staff and students alike.

“Craig was an intelligent, creative professional,” Smith said. “He nearly always had a smile on his face even when the work load was tremendous. He was loved and respected by his students and their parents and brought out the best in both. In the midst of the chaos that high school vocal music can become, I will always remember the twinkle in his eye and the ornery smirk while he’d say, ‘we can make this work.’”

Fort Madison Middle School band instructor Lisa Knipe spent many years with

Wilkins as a peer, and more importantly, a friend.

“In 1995, I had survived teaching band at Ft. Madison Middle School for five years, had been married to Jeff Knipe for three years and we were expecting our first child. I thought those were big events, but God does have a sense of humor. He placed Craig Wilkins into my life,” Knipe said.

“I had been watching Craig and his bands at Central Lee and was impressed with their performances. Ft. Madison just happened to have an opening for a high school band director. I put my plan in place to snag him away from Central Lee. As my students know, I’m used to getting my way.”

She said Wilkins gave the FMHS band program a



Looking back

Above, is Mr. Wilkins with the FMHS Class of 2003 band. At right, Wilkins’ early years at Fort Madison Aquinas working with a student on the trombone.

Photos courtesy of Heather Madsen



boost and helped bring competitive marching and jazz to the school.

“We were all excited to host the first Ft. Madison Marching Band Classic in Richmond Stadium. But that wasn’t enough. Craig brought a new event to our little river town with the Big Band Dance night. Craig and I got a kick out of watching our middle school and high school students attempt dancing with a partner.”

Heather Madsen, who teaches music in Fort Madison’s elementary system, but went to school at Central Lee, thinks of Wilkins as another father.

“I first met Craig in 1989 when he first started teaching choir at Central Lee. The high school choir program had deteriorated to almost nothing,” Madsen said. “I believe there were 11 students enrolled in choir and I was not one of them. Craig found out that I played the piano and he hunted me

down in typing class and asked/told me to get my schedule changed because he needed an accompanist. I did exactly that and had the privilege of watching him turn the choir program completely around. Craig was the reason I made it to school every morning. He was an amazing teacher and mentor.

“I continued accompanying for a few years after high school and when I was 21 I started dating his son. We were together for 15 years and had one son together. We did later divorce but my friendship with Craig continued. So I not only got the experience of having him as a teacher, but also as a father-in-law. He was an awesome dad to me over the years and an amazing Grandpa to my son. I decided when I was about 30

to go back to school and pursue my music education degree. Craig’s and Patty’s continued support and unconditional love made it possible for me to finish my degree. It meant a lot for me to follow in his footsteps and it wouldn’t have been possible without him.”

Wilkins is survived by his wife Patty Wilkins of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Ann (Mike) Thomas of Donnellson, IA; 2-sons: Robb (Carrie Sunden) Wilkins of Fort Madison, IA & Scott (Tiffany) Wilkins of Fort Madison, IA; 3-grandchildren: Ethan Wilkins, Leo Thomas, Lily Thomas and 1-brother: Dennis (Kathy) Wilkins of West Point, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1-infant brother, Gene.



A little practice

A young Craig ‘honkin’ in the yard.

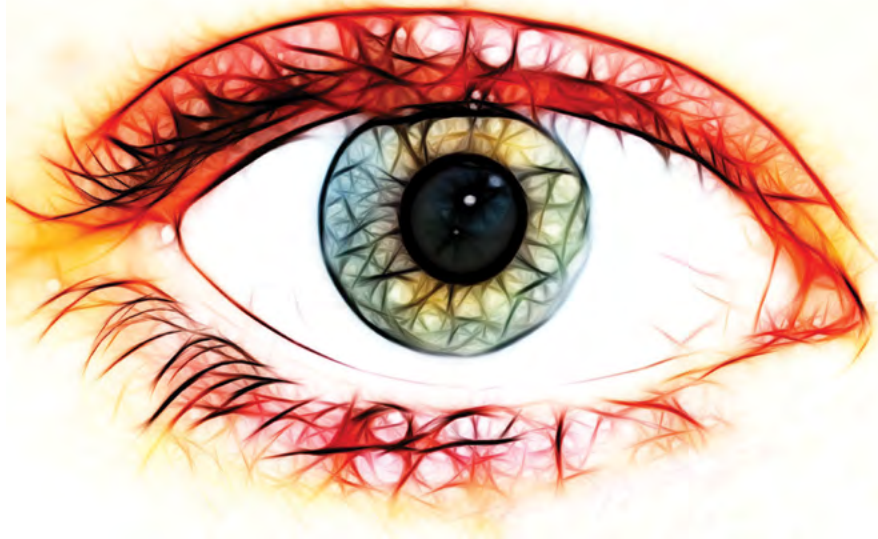


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Wage vote set for Tuesday

Supervisors host forums in FM, Keokuk

**BY CHUCK
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PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Board of Supervisors will be holding two public discussions on Tuesday before casting the final vote on increasing the minimum wage in Lee County to \$8.20.

The current wage of \$7.25 has been under assault by the Raise the Wage Committee for

more than six months. The group put an ordinance in front of the board three weeks ago. Board Chair Rick Larkin pulled a vote on the county ordinance on March 7 saying he hadn't heard a report from the committee and wasn't going to put it up for a vote without discussion.

On March 14 and 21 the board voted 4-1 to advance the ordinance, which needs three approvals on three readings.

On Tuesday, the board will have meetings at the Newberry Center Senior Center at 9 a.m. in Fort Madison and at 1 p.m.

Heritage Senior Center in Keokuk. The board will be holding public hearings to renew the lease agreements with both senior groups before holding discussions on the minimum wage. The final reading of



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Keokuk.

Supervisor Ron Fedler has cast the only dissenting vote on the

the ordinance will be held after discussions at the Heritage Senior Center in

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**Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, March 28,
2017
Convening Time:
9:00 a.m.
Location:
Newberry Center,
728 Avenue G,
Fort Madison, IA
52627**

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Hearing for Purpose of Renewing Lease Agreement with Newberry Senior Group Consider Approval of Renewing Lease Agreement with Newberry Senior Group
Approve Tuesday, March 21, 2017 Board Minutes
Consider Approval of Claims
Public Input
Discussion of Minimum Wage Ordinance
Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Sale of 1028 Main Street Keokuk Consider Approval of Class C Beer Permit for Wever Junction, Wever
Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Green Bay Bar and Grill, Wever
Consider Approval of Family Farm Credits
Personnel Actions:
A. Classification
Transfer-Secondary Roads
B. Step Increase-Sheriffs Office
Commission or Committee Reports
Recess
**1:00 p.m. Public Hearing
Heritage Center 508 Main
Street, Keokuk IA**
Public Hearing for Pur-

pose of Renewing Lease Agreement with Heritage Senior Group
Consider Approval of Renewing Lease Agreement with Heritage Senior Group
Consider Approval of Third Reading of County Minimum Wage Ordinance
Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON CITY
COUNCIL
March 21, 2017**

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided. Council Members Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Lair and Cangas were present. Council Members Andrews and Seidel were absent.
On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 3/7/2017, as written; Mayor's appointment of Larry Wright to the Board of Adjustment, term expiring 9/11/2018; and Payment of Claims.
On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance vacating 15th

Place and 16th, 17th and 19th Streets south of Avenue P. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Chapters 7 and 14. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-16, setting public hearing for 4/4/2017 at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property known as 15th Place and 16th, 17th and 19th Streets south of Avenue P to Hall Towing, Inc. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-17, setting public hearing for 4/4/2017 at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property known as 3034 Avenue K to Habitat for Humanity. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-18, appointing Larry Driscoll as the City's Title VI Coordinator and approving the Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances and Agreement.
On motion, Council approved the purchase of a cold planer from Sinclair Tractor in the amount of \$12,000 for the Public Works Department.

At 6:25 P.M., on motion, Council adjourned until Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

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

EXPENDITURES
General..... \$ 48,339.12
Sp. Rev.
Funds..... 10,024.40
Road Use..... 24,138.66
Debt..... .00
Capital..... 40,711.19
Water..... 36,526.97
Sewer..... 1,545,062.57
Solid Waste 17,651.83
SW Utility 5,495.58
..... \$1,727,950.32

**REVENUES
3/1-3/15/2017**
General..... \$31,024.53
Special
Rev. 131,544.11
Road Use..... 2,615.00
Debt..... 9,463.30
Water 167.30
Sewer..... 4,640.15
Solid Waste 271.76
Storm Water
Util. 84.10
..... \$179,810.25
PAYROLL 3/17/2017
General..... \$ 174,577.71
Special
Revenues 9,381.72
Road Use..... 20,687.59
Water 26,495.98
Sewer..... 35,052.03
Solid Waste 14,633.09
Storm Water 2,691.81
..... \$283,519.93

CLAIMS - 3/21/2017
AIRGAS USA, LLC ACETYLENE 106.59
ALAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT JANITORIAL SUPPLIES..... 197.30
ALLIANT ENERGY ELECTRIC 1,403.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES UNIFORMS..... 797.37
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B&B PROPANE PROPANE 331.37
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HELLING, JEFF REGISTRATION & TRAVEL REIMB 229.06
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC TREE REMOVAL 650.00
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE BRIDGE RODEO PARK 31,409.62
HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE TIRE REPAIR..... 244.80
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ICMA DUES 795.39
IDEAL READY MIX FLOWABLE MORTAR 12,013.75
IDEXX LABORATORIES VESSELS..... 150.91
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IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY OVERPAYMENT 599.05
IOWA ONE CALL LOCATES 42.40
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES SIGNS..... 1,131.63
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O'REILLY AUTO PARTS PARTS.....	698.36	TRUCK REPAIR INC. TAILGATE.....	664.53
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC MONTHLY	1,370.00	UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY PVC	6,656.08
PDC LABORATORIES, INC PROF FEES	5,848.70	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED DRUM PUMP	5,073.16
PETERMAN MASONRY REPAIR BRICK	500.00	WILKENS-ANDERSON LAB SUPPLIES.....	386.59
POEPPING STONE & BACH PORT TRAIL - PROF FEES	2,378.08	WILL CO INC COMPLETE REPAIR KIT	778.00
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SUPPLIES.....	69.00	RIALS	65.25
WINDSTREAM PHONE; INTERNET & LONG DIST	227.86	PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDINENG BIRD SUPPLIES	6.43
WOODROFFE SAWMILL INC, GL OAK LUMBER	830.00	QUILL CORPORATION USB DRIVES	241.50
.....	1,718,923.05	RECORDED BOOKS LLC LIBRARY MATERIALS....	199.77
GENERAL.....	42,776.18	SERVICE MASTER JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	905.10
SPECIAL REVENUES	6,560.07	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE POSTAGE METER RE-FILL	1,500.00
ROAD USE.....	24,138.66	TOTAL.....	9,027.27
CAPITAL PROJ	40,711.19	GENERAL.....	5,562.94
WATER.....	36,526.97	SPECIAL REVENUES	3,464.33
WASTEWATER	1,545,062.57	TOTAL.....	9,027.27
SOLID WASTE	17,651.83		
STORM WATER	5,495.58		
TOTAL.....	1,718,923.05		

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at 5:30 PM on April 4, 2017, at which time and place hearing will be conducted concerning the sale of City-owned property known as 15th Place and 16th, 17th and 19th Streets south of Avenue P, legally described as follows:

19th Street (formerly known as Walker Street): From the South right-of-way line of Avenue "P" (formerly known as Potowonok St.) to the South line of said South West Addition; being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Block 35 in said subdivision; then Easterly 86 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 34 in said Subdivision; thence Southerly to the Southwest corner of Block 34; thence Southwesterly 66.9 feet to the Southeast corner of Block 35; thence Northerly to the point of beginning.

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Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block Seventeen (17), Fairgrounds Addition to the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, Lee County, Iowa.

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on April 4, 2017 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

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16th Street (formerly known as Hale Street): From the South right-of-way line of Avenue "P" (formerly known as Potowonok St.) to the South line of said South West Addition; being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Block 32 in said subdivision; then Easterly 66 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 31 in said Subdivision; thence Southerly to the Southwest corner of Block 31; thence Southwesterly 72.5 feet to the Southeast corner of Block 32; thence Northerly to the point of beginning.

15th Place (formerly known as Knapp Street): From the South right-of-way line of Avenue "P" (formerly known as Potowonok St.) to the South line of said South West Addition; being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 31 in said subdivision; then Easterly 66 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 30 in said Subdivision; thence Southerly to the Southwest corner of Block 30; thence Southwesterly 72.5 feet to the Southeast corner of Block 31; thence Northerly to the point of beginning.

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The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, the world's largest marketer of branded consumer lawn and garden products, is seeking a **Maintenance Electrician** for the Fort Madison, Iowa location.

The Maintenance Electrician will perform detailed mechanical, instrumentation, and electrical troubleshooting, repair, and preventative maintenance on plant process, utility, and packaging equipment. This position will perform multi-discipline maintenance and electrical work and maintain appropriate documentation.

This position requires a High School Diploma/GED, PLC Technician and Electrical Educational Courses. Candidates should be able to demonstrate the technical skills required to install/service a variety of systems in addition to program, repair, and maintain programmable logic controller systems (PLC) used in a high speed industrial packaging facility. Individual must be committed to maintaining a safe and clean work environment and complying with regulations and policies. This position must be available to work any shift and overtime as needed.

Minimum five years' experience in an electrical maintenance field in a manufacturing environment. For expanded job details and to apply visit <http://www.scottsmiraclegro.com/careers> and search for Req 2221.

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HELP WANTED

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, the world's largest marketer of branded consumer lawn and garden products, is seeking an **Inventory Coordinator** for the Fort Madison, Iowa location.

The Inventory Coordinator (Warehouse Stager) is responsible for the inventory management of multiple production components. This includes physical counts and inventory reconciliation before, after and during production campaigns.

This position requires a High School Diploma/GED, strong math skills, and the ability to follow directions provided in verbal or non-verbal format. Candidates should be able to demonstrate a willingness to learn multiple job assignments, able to utilize Microsoft Office and Google Chrome, safely operate a fork truck in a manufacturing environment, excellent prioritization skills and the ability to perform multiple simultaneous tasks, with interruptions. This position must be available to work any shift and overtime as needed.

Minimum one year experience in a manufacturing or warehouse environment and past SAP experience. For expanded job details and to apply visit <http://www.scottsmiraclegro.com/careers> and search for Req 2124.

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Area News



Great River Regional Waste Authority would like to remind you to properly dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste, Construction Waste and Electronic Waste. Call GRRWA's Household Hazardous Waste Regional Collection to schedule your appointment Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm

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State Republicans still trying to nix county's ability to move wage

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issue saying the wage should be set by the federal or state government and not locally because it's not enforceable across the county. Proponents of the measure say there's hypocrisy in that mentality because the state setting a wage different than the federal wage is no different than allowing counties to set a different wage than the state.

If the measure is passed Tuesday it will not be effective until May 1, 33 days from now. A current bill, House File 295, is moving its way to a full Senate debate and, if approved, would negate any county minimum wage increases and reset the wage to \$7.25. The bill was passed out of the State Government Committee of the Senate on Wednesday before noon.



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