



# Pen City Current

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## City votes to bump sewer rates 13% before 2021

*Industries rolled into volume rate increases as well*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City Councilman Bob Morawitz thinks a 21% hike in the city's basic sewer rate and volume charges is too much for some city residents to handle.

But at Tuesday night's regular Fort Madison City Council meeting that's what city officials approved by a 4-2 vote, after voting the same increase down two weeks ago.

The rate increase was an altered version of a pro-



MORAWITZ

posed increase introduced two weeks ago that would have bumped the basic service charge from \$21 a month to \$25.50 for two years for all users – residential, small business and industrial, an increase of 21.4%. The increase will also move the charge per 1,000 gallons from the current rate of \$5.55 to \$5.75 this year and \$5.90 in 2020.

Effective July 1 of year beginning in 2021, the basic service charge will get a 2% bump from the prior year with a rate review every two years.

The original proposal bumped the service charge only for monitored, or industrial customers, but had increases in basic and volume charges for residential

and small businesses. The proposal approved will now include industrial rates as well.

The proposed increase ordinance was put back on the agenda for Tuesday to be reconsidered. Councilman Mark Lair made a motion to reconsider the ordinance and got a second from Chris Greenwald. Then Greenwald and Mohrfeld moved to approved the ordinance and Morawitz immediately voted to amend the ordinance to include a more gradual 6% increase in the basic and volume charges for the first two years, 2019 and 2020, and then a 3% overall indefinite annual increase.

He said by the year 2026, the city would still have generated the same dollar rate as Driscoll was propos-

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## Shutterbugs take over FMAAAA in June

**BY BRIAN RIGGS**  
FMAAAA Director

FORT MADISON – June always offers a view from different lenses with the Annual Photography Exhibition. See from the eyes of Amy Clark of Mt. Pleasant, Jay Scott of Keokuk, and Jean Baxter Neuweg and PJ Hogan of Ft. Madison.

A reception for the photographers will take place Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the FMAAAA gallery at 825 Avenue G. Viewing is available all month Tuesdays and Thursdays 12-7 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10-5 p.m.

Amy Clark from Mt. Pleasant is the photographer behind Hopeful Hearts Photography. She has always had an appreciation of the natural world. At times in her life when she was going through a hard phase, and couldn't see a lot of hope in her life, she could



still see a glimmer of it when she looked outside. A flower poking up through the concrete was just enough hope to keep her going until the next day. The sun streaming through the clouds lifted her heart. It wasn't a lot, but it was enough. Now, she is a photographer, a writer, and is on the path to becoming a therapist.

A Peaceful Stream, by Amy Clark, is just one of the many stunning photography pieces that

are part of the June Fort Madison Area Arts Association exhibit. Image courtesy of FMAAAA

Hopeful Hearts Photography is the link between her love of photography, nature, and her passion for supporting positive mental health. Her goal is to help people see signs of hope and feel beauty in their souls, when they need it most. A beautiful sunset does not take away all your troubles, but it might just lighten your

pain for a moment. You might be in a cold, dark winter in your life, but remembering that spring is coming might just give you the strength you need to keep on keeping on. Amy lives in Mount Pleasant with her husband and three children. Her website and blog can be found at [www.hopeful-heartsandcoffeecups.com](http://www.hopeful-heartsandcoffeecups.com).

Jean Baxter Neuweg from Ft. Madison is a nature/landscape photographer. Her passion is

June's exhibit at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association will feature area photographers Amy Clark, whose piece 'A Peaceful Stream', is just one of the many stunning images that will be part of the exhibit.

observing life through my camera. She enjoys sharing her love of nature and the beauty of somewhat ordinary things and places, whether it's the hope, peace, and colors of a new day or season, or providing a place to sit down and stay awhile, reminiscing and relaxing in a local park. She uses a Nikon D3400 DSLR Camera and a Sony Cybershot Compact Camera. Her pictures have been published in

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## Council gets details on American cruises

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The idea that excursion boats will soon again decorate the Mississippi River shorelines at Fort Madison, got another boost Tuesday night.

During a discussion period, the Fort Madison City Council gave an informal thumbs up to City Manager David Varley to continue negotiating with American Cruise Lines to make Fort Madison a possible port-of-call with stops beginning as soon as this year.

The city has also been courting Viking Cruise Lines who plans on starting domestic cruises in 2021. However, Viking has yet to sign contracts

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# OFP reveals fun summer lineup

Submitted article



FORT MADISON – Old Fort Players is gearing up for some summer fun! In the interest of adding some variety to their schedule, the community theater is opening its doors to local talent. Join them on Saturday, June 22 for a day of Midwestern Folk music. Gypsy, Hippie, HillBilly Dude's Roadside Revival will perform twice. GH-HDRR is beatnik/singer songwriter Jonas Woodstock, a traveling one-man band based in Ft. Madison, who plays his unique style of Altered Appalachian green dirt folk rock n soul.

First, bring the kids from 2:00 – 4:00 pm for the Family Matinee. Tickets for this fun, youth-oriented show are \$ 6.00 for Adults (Kids 8 and under free with accompanying adult.) Youth aged 9-17 can attend for \$4.00. GH-HDRR will perform again from 8:00 – 10:00 PM for the grownups. All tickets for the main evening show are \$ 8.00. Merchandise will be available for sale before and after the events.

"It's just one of the many new ideas we've been working on at the theater," OFP Secretary Angela Sanford said. "We skipped a Spring Show this season

so we would have time to regroup and plan for next season, but we also wanted to test the waters to see what else our fans want."

OFP is also looking for volunteers to perform in and staff their regular season events as well as step into several open Board of Director offices and committee chairs. The public is invited to attend the annual meeting. Take advantage of this chance to vote, volunteer, plan next season and to get an update on the success of last season. OFP Board members and friends will gather at La Casa Salsa in Fort Madison at 5:00 pm on June 30.

Sunday, July 7 at 6pm the theater once again presents the 'Joe Sanford Jam' – an evening of Blues music from Joe and his friends. Admission is a free will offering to support Old Fort Players. Refreshments and Joe's CD's will be available for sale.

"This Jam Session has become a regular thing with us now. Joe and his

friends are so generous with their time and talent. We get 100% of the door and concessions so it's gives us a great opportunity to raise money without the cost of putting on a play," President Ty Clute said.

July 13 at 7:00 pm, the theater will host "Destination Tribal" a local belly dance troupe. Tickets will cost \$8 and will be available soon on the OFP website. The troupe holds an annual event at the Capitol Theater in Burlington every year (June 15) and they were excited to hold a second one for their fans in Fort Madison. "It's a win-win for us all," Board member Robbie Phillips told us. Destination Tribal is a local belly dance troupe that specializes in Tribal Fusion dance. They perform at birthdays, weddings, and special events.

Old Fort Players has been entertaining the community since 1981 and is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook or visit [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) to keep up with everything that's going on at the theater.



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## OBITUARIES

### HUNTER ANTHONY VORWALDT

Hunter Anthony Vorwaldt, 11, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 11:31 a.m. Monday, June 3, 2019, at his home in Donnellson.



VORWALDT

He was born June 21, 2007, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Devin Joseph and Stephanie Marie (Ferris) Vorwaldt.

Survivors include his parents: Devin and Stephanie; one sister: Jordan Vorwaldt; one brother: Jayden Vorwaldt; grandparents: Jay and Dawn Ferris, Sheila Vorwaldt, Howard and Diana Vorwaldt; great grandparents: Bill & Mary Brown, Eileen Vorwaldt and Mary Starr; aunts and uncles: Danny and Cara Ferris, Ashley Ferris, Brianna Ferris, Shelby and Johnny Johnson and Jegger Vorwaldt. Also surviving are several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Junior Vorwaldt, Joseph Starr and Jim and Mary Ferris.

Hunter had completed sixth grade at the Central Lee School System. He enjoyed all sports including football, basketball, riding his bike, making ramps and dirt track racing. He was an avid fan of the Golden State Warriors basketball team and the Carolina Panther football team. He also enjoyed his puppies Izzy and Mer-Bear.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Friday, June 7, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson where the family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Heather Fuger officiating.

Burial will be at the Zion Mennonite Cemetery rural Donnellson, Iowa.

### ROBERT W. GREEN

Robert W. Green, 55 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Monday, June 3, 2019 at Blessing Hospital, Quincy, Illinois. He was born August 30, 1963 in Burlington, Iowa, a son of Gene Sr. and Johnnie (Land) Green.

He is survived by his daughter, Nikita Phillips of Burlington, Iowa; two brothers, Gene Green Jr. and Daniel Green, both of Fort Madison; one sister, Ruby Green of Burlington; two granddaughters, Nakiya and Kaniya; one aunt, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Teresa Burtlow, and one grandson, Michael Phillips Jr.

His body has been cremated. No formal services are planned. Online condolences to the Green Family may be made at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com). Barr Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

The 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.

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## For the Record/Lottery Numbers

# FM would fit into upper Mississippi itinerary

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with U.S. boat builders and has yet to sign any official agreements with the city.

The American Cruise Lines, which is a U.S.-based company out of Connecticut, is already cruising the Mississippi and has far less demands from the city in getting the stops formalized.

Varley said American Cruise Lines is asking for some rehabilitation of the current pier that would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. He said Hall Towing has already submitted a bid for the improvements. Viking on the other hand has boats that require a deeper pool of water. According to a feasibility study, the city would have to extend the current pier 80-feet and then purchase a barge to be used for the ships to moor parallel to the shore.

The cost of that construction is \$1.7 million and Viking has agreed to pay up to \$500,000 for the improvements or about 30%. Viking has also indicated that any additional improvements to the riverfront they would be willing to pay 30% as well.

Both American and Viking have agreed to pay the city \$1/passenger as a docking fee. The city would provide electric, water and possibly sewer to the boats, but the cruise lines would be metered and charged as customers for the utilities.

Logistically, the American Cruise Lines would moor to the pier from the front of their boats with a walkway, or plank, that would drop down from the front to the pier and allow passengers to disembark.

Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph said the city still needs to investigate whether or not the Viking Cruise extended dock would interfere with the arrival and/or departure of American Cruise Lines ships.

Varley said the city is still working on an agreement with Viking Cruise lines but may try to renegotiate some of the terms more favorable to the city. He is also hoping to have a finalized agreement for American in place for the city council at its next meeting.

Varley said it would also be a good opportunity to lease out some space in the Riverview Park pavilion for a retail outlet for souvenirs and other Fort Madison memorabilia for people getting off the boats.

Fort Madison would be on American's Upper Mississippi River Cruises itinerary that goes from St. Louis to St. Paul on an 8-day, 7 night cruise. There are also extended 11- and 22-day Mississippi River cruises.

The third day of the Upper Mississippi itinerary shows an open day of cruising sandwiched between a 2nd day stop in Hannibal, Mo., and a 4th day stop in Daventryport, so it would appear Fort Madison would be a 3rd day stop on that cruise.

Randolph said the company is looking at 10 stops this year and up to 30 stops from spring to fall each year after.

The agreement would be for 20 years with two additional 10-year renewals.

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

6/03/19 - 6:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Ave. L.  
 6/03/19 - 7:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1500 block of 18th St.  
 6/03/19 - 9:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 3400 block of Ave. L.  
 6/03/19 - 12:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 4600 block of Ave. J.  
 6/03/19 - 3:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 4600 block of Ave. J.  
 06/04/19 - 4:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of Avenue E.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

6/03/19 - 5:02 p.m. - Gregory Alan Meierotto, 52, of Keokuk was arrested on a warrant for burglary in the third degree at the Hancock County Jail in Carthage.

He was held in custody.  
 6/03/19 - 7:06 p.m. - Joshua Adam Bowen, 39, was arrested on a charge for violation of no contact order in the 2000 block of 343rd Ave. in Wever. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/04/19 - 4:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of 255th Street. A wheel on a vehicle driven by Travis Wayne Plummer, 40, of Burlington came off and struck a residence doing damage to the residence. Plummer's vehicle had to be towed. No injuries or citations were reported at the scene.  
 06/04/19 - 11:48 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Wayne Kirchner, 44, of Donnellson, in the 1800 block of Hwy. 218, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 06/05/19 - 6:09 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gilbert Lee Simon, Jr., 57, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/05/19 - 6:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 20, of Hamilton, Ill., at the Lee County Jail on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was held in custody.  
 06/05/19 - 6:48 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Payton Wrage Van-Pelt-Vice, 23, of Fort Madison, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was held in custody.  
 06/05/19 - 11:48 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Maggie Noel Colyer, 31, of Donnellson, in the 1800 block of Hwy. 218, on a charge of simple assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/03/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one falsw alarm.  
 06/04/19 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to seven medical calls and one report of a gas smell.



## IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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Powerball®	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America™	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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 25 37 46 48 68  
 Mega Ball: 25  
 Megaplier: 2



**6/4 MID-DAY**  
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**6/4 EVENING**  
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## Sports/Celebrations

## CL Hawks get 10-0 mercy win

BY COLIN  
MAGNESUN

RadioKeokuk News/Sports Director

DONNELSON – Typically, when a baseball team wins a game via a walk-off, it means that it's been a thrilling affair. A game-ending RBI to break a tie or a come-from-behind home run to stun a team on the game's final pitch are the types of games one never forgets.

Central Lee baseball team's walk-off victory over the Cardinal Comets Tuesday afternoon in Donnellson was nothing of the sort. No one on the bench, in the crowd, or on the field was surprised when the two teams exited the field in the bottom of the 5th inning at Central Lee High School.

It was, after all, an odd way to end a game in the first place. Hawks senior left fielder Sam Hirner stole third base with two outs and when the throw down to third skipped wide of the foul line and into left field Hirner to score easily.

That's how it ended,

with a 10-0 Hawks victory over a Comets team that entered the game with a 4-1 record. It was the Hawks' second consecutive mercy rule victory as well as their second straight shutout after pounding West Burlington 19-0 Friday.

The lopsided victory started in the second inning when freshman 2nd baseman Alex Sandoval blasted his first career home run, a solo shot, to put the Hawks up 1-0.

The Hawks would continue the inning onslaught with an RBI single from Junior TJ Stutes before three consecutive doubles from Hirner, KJ Show, and Jadon Hawk closed out the inning with the Hawks holding a 6-0 lead.

That was more than enough run support as senior ace Waylon Weirather required only 71 pitches to shut out Cardinal through five innings to gain his second victory of the young season.

Hawks Head Coach Shane Weirather had very little to coach his team up on as he felt they played a

strong all-around game. He said his team is thriving thanks in no small part to a strong group of upperclassmen leaders that have put in the work.

"The Juniors and Seniors on this team lead. That is a big reason why we've gotten the buy-in throughout the team. We've got a facility in Montrose with two batting cages and two mounds and in February I had 12 to 14 kids each week showing up."

Weirather also feels this team, which is off to a hot 4-1 start, is composed of kids who don't view baseball as a season to pass between the spring and fall.

"This group hasn't had a lot of success in other sports like football and basketball. They're baseball kids. They think the game and if you watch, they talk the game. They want to play ball first and foremost."

Mix in a talented freshman in Sandoval that leads the team in RBI's and you've got a roster that runs about 10 deep.

"Alex is a rare kid that played JV for us as an eighth grader and he comes from a baseball family. His dad is a baseball guy that helps us out and he holds Alex to a very high standard – probably higher than other players."

The goal for Weirather this year starts with a conference championship and he knows that's a tough bar to reach, especially in the Southeast Iowa Superconference's South Division. Burlington-Notre Dame sits undefeated at 3-0 and fellow 4-1 conference foe Van Buren handed the Hawks their only loss last Thursday 7-1.

Nonetheless, a big 10-0 victory early in the season over an upstart Cardinal team should bode well for Weirather's team. And there's no denying that Central Lee feels this is their year.

Next up, the Hawks could be in for another shortened game, as they host a winless Winfield-Mount Union team Wednesday in Donnellson at 7 p.m.

## HTC JV softball gets revenge on WB/ND

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT – The Holy Trinity Catholic junior varsity softball team got a 6-5 win over West Burlington/Notre Dame 6-5 Tuesday night. The win avenges the only junior varsity loss this year for the Crusaders.

Mary Hellige was the winning pitcher going six innings with seven strikeouts. Hellige also had a single and a run scored.

Brooke Mueller had a single, double, one run scored and 3 RBI. Her game-winning double came with the bases loaded in the 5th inning scoring three runners on the hit.

Kayla Box had a single and a run scored. Hannah Torgler had two singles and Kelli Meierotto had a single.

The junior varsity squad is now 5-1 on the season. In the junior high contest, HTC lost 14-5.

Rachel Menke was the losing pitcher going five innings. Menke also had a single, walk and run scored. Mueller had a walk, triple, an RBI, and a run scored. Box had a single and a walk. Laura Mehmert had a single, walk, and two runs scored.

## Birth announcement

## SCHRADER-HAGMEIER

MONTROSE – Halle Abernathy and Deon Schrader-Hagmeier are proud to announce the birth of their son Jackson LeMoyne Schrader-Hagmeier on May 30, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Amy Calhoun of Macomb, Ill.; Josh Abernathy of Macomb, Ill.; and Michael and Samantha Hagmeier of Montrose.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.



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## Sports/Weather

# Powers gets win as Hounds split with BHS

*Hounds win opener 3-1, but only send 10 to the plate in 12-0 nightcap loss*

**BY ETHAN LILLARD**  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Burlington may have recorded the first run of Tuesday's nights softball contest between Fort Madison and the Grayhounds, but it was the Bloodhounds who would get the runs when it mattered most.

After Burlington put the first run of the game on the board in the top of the second inning, Fort Madison responded with a run in the home half of the frame to tie the game at one. One more run in the third and another in the fifth gave Fort Madison its second win of the season 3-1 over Burlington.

The second game was a completely different story for both squads, as Burlington went on to blank the Hounds for the 12-0 shutout win, splitting the double header 1-1.

"After yesterday's game we had a talk and I said, 'Don't try to be perfect, you're never going to be perfect. You're going to be on a constant roller coaster ride, like a yo-yo. If you're not perfect, you're going to be in the dumps,'" Fort Madison Head Coach Jared Rehm

explained to his team. "Live in the process and love the game."

### GAME ONE

The Fort Madison faithful loved the play of starting pitcher Cassie Powers in game one.

Coming into Tuesday's contest at Hoskins Field, Powers led Fort Madison with 33 total innings pitched on the year and was sporting an earned run average of 3.60.

That average came down after game one.

Through two innings, Powers held Burlington to just two hits, but the Grayhounds were able to capitalize on a Bloodhound error for the first run of the game.

Fort Madison answered by tying the game in the home half of the second. Ivy Geerdes started things off with a walk and Dalyn Wondra followed with a single to put two on. Vanessa Golowach walked the next at bat to load the bases for the Hounds with just one out.

Following a strikeout, Olivia Williams stepped to the plate with the bases loaded and delivered with an RBI single to tie the game at one.



Photo by Ethan Lillard/PCC

Fort Madison senior Cassie Powers let's fly with a pitch in the first game of the Hounds' doubleheader Tuesday night at Fort Madison. Powers would get the win 3-1, but FM would lose the nightcap 12-0.

Again with two outs, Fort Madison kept the inning alive and increased the lead in the bottom of the third. Maycee Featheringill was issued a walk before Geerdes came through with a single. The following at bat Featheringill came in to score from second after an error

from the Burlington right fielder, giving Fort Madison the 2-1 edge.

Powers was hit by a pitch in the bottom of the fifth inning before another Grayhound error helped deliver another Bloodhound run. Neely Rehm came in to courtesy run for Powers and was

moved over to third on an error by the Burlington shortstop during Featheringill's at bat. The move to third helped Rehm score on a past ball, as Fort Madison got some cushion with a 3-1 lead.

Powers handled the rest, facing just eight batters combined over the next two innings, giving the Bloodhounds the 3-1 win over Burlington.

"She pitched a really good game," Rehm said of Powers. "She kept them off balance and forced a lot of pop ups in the infield. The defense played well and she dealt."

Williams logged the lone RBI for Fort Madison, while also pacing the team at the dish with a 2 for 4 day. Powers collected the win, throwing 114 pitches over seven innings, giving up seven hits and no earned runs.

### GAME TWO

Burlington flipped a switch in game two, only allowing the contest to go three innings.

The Grayhounds scored just one run in the first inning, but two singles, a sacrifice bunt and a home run gave Burlington the 4-0 edge through two innings.

As if the three-run second wasn't bad enough, Burlington piled on with an eight-run top of the third inning. The inning started with a walk and a single before a fielder's choice put runners at second and third for Burlington with just one out. A dropped third strike the next at bat scored the first of eight runs, before another fielder's choice made it 6-0.

A single followed by back-to-back home runs put Burlington in firm control of the game with an 11-0 lead. The next batter was hit by a pitch, before another single helped a run come across on a fielder's choice the next at bat for the final run of the game.

The Grayhounds went on to win by the final of 12-0 through three innings.

Featheringill had the lone hit during the second game for Fort Madison. Rehm was hit with the loss after pitching 2 1/3 innings, allowing 10 earned runs on nine hits. The Bloodhounds move to 2-6 on the season and will next take on Wapello back at home tomorrow.

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 06 June

Partly Cloudy  
High – 80.3° F | Low – 66.1° F

FRI 07 June

Cloudy  
High – 80.0° F | Low – 63.4° F

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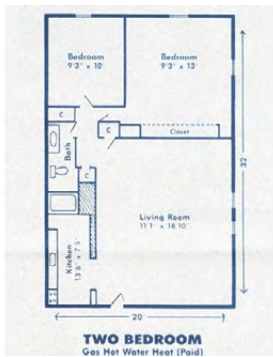
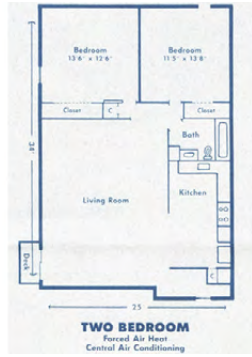
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From the Front

# City to repair street lights at FMCH intersection

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ing. Driscoll said that would get him what he needed, but it's more than he originally asked for, which launched a 30-minute discussion on the math of Morawitz' proposal. Mohrfeld recommended a 3% across the board increase for five years. "Roll it up 3% and after six years it gets him close and it softens the annual blow," Mohrfeld said. Morawitz said that move wouldn't have the impact the city needs now to deal with the deficit. "We need the money now and I don't think the additional 3% creating an additional \$1.26 increase is going to get your there." Varley said the city was trying to front load the

increase because they are currently in a deficit position. "We're trying to put it heavy toward the front end because we are climbing out of a current deficit. so we're trying to bring in a little more up front and then drop it off because we're running about a \$240,000 to 250,000 deficit right now with the sewer plant bond and other projects we're doing," Varley said. Morawitz said the proposed rate is too much for some people in town to absorb. "I just think 21% is a big shock for people who are on fixed incomes or less and I've got a lot of those in my district that I don't want to see get hurt by

this," Morawitz said. "I think a gradual increase is better for them otherwise we end up with people having their property taken because they can't pay their bills." Morawitz was referencing Pam Burford, who addressed the council at the start of the meeting regarding her house being sold on a tax lien due to back water services not being paid, after she had requested having the service canceled. Driscoll said the ultimate goal was to deal with the deficit by increasing both the base and volume charges to help generate revenue. Councilman Chad Cangas said more work needed to be done on the ordinance. "I didn't do well in math in school and I don't want to make a decision on stuff I don't understand. My answer is no and if it requires this much scrutiny we need to go back and figure out what we need to do to get it right and have them bring us a different proposal," Cangas said. After additional discussion, Cangas called the question to end the debate which was approved and then forced a vote on the

amendment which failed, 3-3. Cangas then made a motion to keep the rates as proposed by Driscoll, but include industrial customers, in the volume rate change as well, and that motion was approved 4-2 with Mark Lair being the last vote at 3-2. Driscoll said the city wouldn't take too much of a black eye for raising the industrial rates as well. The ordinance would boost all volume charges 3.6% this year and a 2.6% in 2020. The ordinance doesn't address any additional volume increases after 2020, but does allow the city to review charges and rates every two years to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues. In other action, the council:

- voted to spend up to \$53,000 repairing the lights at the intersection of 53rd Street and Avenue O, by FMCH to revert back to a complete controlled intersection over the flashing red light controls.
- appointed Stephanie Knoch to the city Civil Service Commission to fill a term expiring March 31, 2021.

# Lunch Ala-Art set for June 28

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local calendars(Fort Madison Daily Democrat) and featured on the local news(KHQA). Jay Scott was born in 1971 to Joe and Jackie Scott, Joe (Jay) Scott grew up like most boys in Keokuk with a love for the outdoors and fishing the river. Hunting with his father, grandfather, and uncles fueled Jay's love for nature and later in his early teen years lead him to the coveted rank of Eagle Scout with the Boys Scouts of America. Jay began his journey with photography early on with a Kodak Brownie, photographing everything he could point his camera at. In his early teen years, Jay dove a little deeper into photography through the Photography Merit badge in Boy Scouts. Working with merit badge counselor Dick Stebbings, a local photographer that really took Jay under his wing and started feeding his love for the art with more assignments than just those required for the merit badge. Armed with a full manual Yashica 35mm fixed lens camera, Keokuk was prime ground for a young man eager to learn and sharpen his photographic skills. After serving in the United States Air Force Jay returned to his roots in Keokuk and began taking classes and studying Photography and Journalism attending Seattle Film Works and later the New York Institute of Photography. Today, Jay has been published in numerous publications and has won several awards, most recent being named Americas Next Great Photographer in the Landscape Division. Jay's most favorite is Landscape Photography and Lightning. PJ Hogan has been a fixture at FMAAA for several years. He learned his way around a camera with the help of Albert Fromme, a well-known photographer of portraits. Two points stuck with him til this day that Albert stressed. Never shoot a person with anything in background "sticking out of their head. Also an interesting point when shooting elderly people. Hold the camera above your head with sun behind it at 30 degree angle and point it at their chest so that you see the shadow of the camera. Than pull down and shoot. It will wash out a decade of wrinkles for the subject. Lunch-ala-Art will provide a strong finale to the feature on June 28th at noon.

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