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## McGregor wants to continue WP growth

*City Council, Utility Board both give thumbs up to hire*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - The new city administrator for West Point isn't really that new.

Dennis McGregor, a former City Councilman and past president of the West Point Community Club, was named as successor to Gary Menke after Tuesday night's West Point Utility Board meeting.



MCGREGOR

Because the West Point City Administrator also pulls double duty as director of the city utility, he had to be approved by both the West Point City Council, which happened Monday night, and then by the utility the following night.

McGregor said he sees West Point as a very strong community and probably one of the best smaller communities in the southeast part of the state.

"We are a very progressive town and there has been a lot of improvement here since I've been here anyway," he said Saturday.

McGregor is closing in on retiring as Controller for Frank Millard and Company out of Burlington and said he wasn't sure he was ready for a full retirement.

He said he wants to help the community continue to improve and strengthen the good work that's already been done.

"I live in West Point. I love the community and love everything we do," he said. "I want to help to improve the community, to make things better not only for the residents, but the children and everyone involved with the city," he said.

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Photos by Aniah Ross/PCC Intern



The Kids PowerWheel Derby was the prequel to the wildly popular Demolition Derby Saturday night at the Lee County Fair. Contestants bumped and collided in front of the grandstands while parents and other family members got up close for photos as Corey Fraise, of Fraise Real Estate and Auction, middle back, was the announcer for the event.

At left, one of the contestants gets a ribbon from 2018 Lee County Fair Queen Summer Smith.

## Septic contractor code in front of supervisors

*County to put contractors on registered list for homeowners*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - The Lee County Board of Supervisors will hear the first reading Tuesday of a new ordinance that will require septic system contractors to be registered with the county.

The new language is being proposed for Title V of Lee County Code under Chapter 2 which oversees sewage treatment options and will require all contractors working within the county to be registered with the county. To be registered, contractors must provide a \$15,000 bond or letter of credit payable to the Lee County Treasurer and be certified by the state.

At last week's Supervisors meeting, Lee County Health Departments' Environmental Services Program Director Rosa Haukedahl made the proposal in order to bring the county inline with other counties in the state. Haukedahl said the cities of Fort Madison and Keokuk also require a bond for

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### ELSIE M. RICKER RICHARDSON

Elsie M. Ricker Richardson, 92 of Keokuk, IA died Friday, July 13, 2018 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born May 19, 1926 the daughter of Leonard and Beulah Wilsey Ricker in Des Moines, IA. On June 23, 1946 she was united in marriage to Bennie L. Richardson. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1999.



Elsie graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the class of 1944. In her early years she worked for Meadow Gold Dairy on 10th and Main Street in Keokuk. After her marriage she was a stay at home mom throughout her children's high school and college years. She then worked together with her husband at Artistic Cleaners until their retirement in 1991.

**RICHARDSON** A faith-filled woman, Elsie was member of the New Testament Christian Church and was active in bible studies and small groups.

She was an avid Keokuk Chiefs and Iowa Hawkeye's sports fan. She was proud that her husband and she were awarded the lifetime award for faithful attendance to the Keokuk High School sporting events. Elise enjoyed any and all activities her grandchildren or great grandchildren were involved in. On July 2nd she was thrilled to be able to attend her great granddaughter's softball game against Ft. Madison High School.

Elsie is survived by one daughter, Deborah (Tony) Sheffler of Suwanee, GA, one son, Tom (Cathy) Richardson of Keokuk, three grandchildren, Stephanie (Eric) Craig of Keokuk, Kellie Sheffler of Alpharetta, GA and Joel (Becca) Richardson of Cypress, TX, six great grandchildren, Brenna, Gracie, Cassidy and Nathan Koeber of Keokuk, and Lydia and Ruth Richardson of Cypress, TX, along with her sister in law, Geneal Ricker and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, two grandchildren, three brothers, Ronald, Bob and Joe Ricker and three sisters, Mary Helen, Betty and Barb Ricker.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Wednesday with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider memorial remembrances to the New Testament Christian Church or to the Keokuk High School Sports Boosters.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### TERRI ANITA (DEWITT) WILSON

Terri Anita (DeWitt) Wilson, 54 years, of Birmingham, Iowa died Thursday, July 12, 2018 at her home. She was born August 11, 1963 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a daughter of Charles and Melva Jean (Menke) DeWitt. She was a 1981 graduate of Fort Madison High School. She worked road construction for 10 years for N.A.P. Co., Ottumwa. She loved riding motorcycles, and had her license and her own bike. She enjoyed gardening, canning, and traveling. She was a Mickey Mouse collector, an enthusiastic Fort Madison Bloodhounds fan, and she proudly achieved over 20 years of sobriety. She loved her family!



**WILSON**

She is survived by her significant other of 19 years, Mark Ebert; her parents, Charles and Melva DeWitt of Wever, Iowa; three sons: Ryan Wilson of Fort Madison; Michael Wilson of Blanchard, Oklahoma; and Tylar DeWitt of Des Moines, Iowa; one step-son, Adam Ebert of Libertyville, Iowa; one step daughter, Rebecca Ebert (David Talbert) of Wichita, Kansas; three brothers: Dean (Jody) DeWitt of Fort Madison; Alan DeWitt of Fort Madison; and Craig DeWitt of Wever, Iowa; two sisters, Lynette Stein of Williamsburg, Iowa and Diana (Howard) Vorwaldt of Wever, Iowa; seven grandchildren: Addelyn, Jaxon, Kynsley, Austin, Rhiannon, Teya, and Mariska; one aunt, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Bryan DeWitt, and one sister, Yvonne Metcalf.

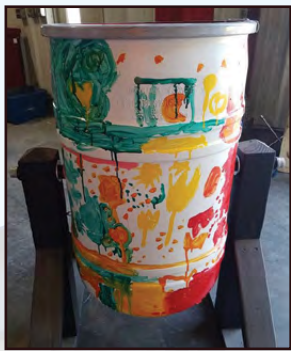
Per her wishes, her body has been cremated. A Celebration of her Life will be held on July 28, 2018 at 2:00 pm at Shopton Park, Fort Madison, with Memory Sharing beginning at 3:00 pm. A light meal will follow. Please bring a dish to share. Her cremated remains will be buried privately at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Fort Madison Alano Corporation, contributions may be made at her celebration event or at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Online condolences to the family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel website, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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**Sports/Weather**

# Hauck takes 2nd in Iowa Games Strongman

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - He has a knack for art, and his canvass is paint, but Ian Hauck has found a new interest that may have him sculpting some muscle.

Hauck finished in second place in the lightweight master's division at the Iowa Games Strongman competition this past weekend in Ames on the campus of Iowa State University.

In just his second official Strongman competition, Hauck completed every contest and in most cases was competing against men heavier than him doing the same tasks.

"One of the biggest reasons I was happy with the results was that I was competing with guys that were heavier than me," Hauck said. "Weight-to-strength ratio I did pretty well and my goal was not to fail any of them and I didn't"

Hauck executes one of the nine tire flips he completed in one minute as part of the Iowa Games Strongman competition Saturday on the Iowa State University campus. Hauck earned second place in his division. Courtesy photo.

Not only did the 43-year-old from Fort Madison not fail, but in the overhead medley he finished first overall.

Hauck said that event is where you have to accomplish four overhead presses and then dash to a finish line. The first press was two kettle bells that are 60 lbs. each and you have to lift them over your head in each hand and then lock your arms. After that the bells are put down and a 145 pound barbell is lifted over the head, followed by a 2" diameter, 140 pound axle bar.

"That one's harder on your hands because of the size of the bar itself, but the last one's a log lift, which is a metal log bar that weighs 140 lbs. After you get that up and down then you race to the finish line and I did that in 27.7 seconds," he said. "I think I had the fastest time



Courtesy photo

Hauck executes one of the nine tire flips he completed in one minute as part of the Iowa Games Strongman competition Saturday on the Iowa State University campus. Hauck earned second place in his division.

out of everyone on that."

Some of the other events included a 630-pound tire flip, which Hauck flipped nine times in one minute. He also pulled a Hummer SUV 100 feet in 35 seconds. There was a farmer's carry where he had to carry 180 pounds in each hand 160 feet. He also competed in a load relay where different weighted objects had to be

lifted onto a 28-inch platform.

"You can drop it as many times as you need, but you have to go the 160 feet and I did that in 37.29 seconds. That's really more a grip/speed competition."

It wasn't Hauck's first crack at official competition. He competed in Monmouth, Ill., in April and plans on competing there again in September and hopes to qualify for the national Strongman Competition in New York City, where the national finals are held.

Hauck works out at Anytime Fitness in Fort Madison and said he doesn't really work out to bulk up, but more to focus on strength training.

"I'm not really looking for the big-arm type workouts. I do strength training where you do a lot of squats and dead lifts. I'm not really a big person, but I really enjoy working on my strength."

He said as long as he doesn't get injured, he wants to continue to improve and get stronger and hopefully place at the national competition in New York.

"I'm pretty hooked on it so I'll try to stick with it,"

See **STRONGMAN**, page 8

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**MON 16 Jul** Clear Skies  
High— 84.0° F | Low — 64.2° F

**TUE 17 Jul** Clear Skies  
High— 83.3° F | Low — 73.9° F

**WED 18 Jul** Heavy Intensity Rain  
High— 67.3° F | Low — 66.5° F

**THU 19 Jul** Moderate Rain  
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**FRI 20 Jul** Light Rain  
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## Area News/Lottery Numbers

# McGregor no stranger to West Point planning

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McGregor managed the city's Sweet Corn Festival out of the Community Club for two years and served as the group's president four years ago. He's always believed in volunteering for projects in the city as well as being a member of the Optimist International Organization for close to 30 years.

Although not formally set, he said Aug. 1 may be his official start date. Menke, who also took the position in partial retirement eight years ago, had said he was hoping to have the position filled by Aug. 1st.

McGregor served on the West Point City Council for a four-year stint, and said he will be focusing on learning more about the city and the staff and the functionality of the position going forward.

"I was on city council for four years," he said. "That was something that was interesting to me at the time and I was able to find out more about the community I live in. I was considering doing a full retirement from Frank Millard, but then I thought this would be a perfect fit for me. And I wasn't sure I was ready for a complete retirement."

Overseeing the utility is something McGregor said is an area he'll need to build a knowledge base on.

"Part of the job is with the city Utility Board. That's something that I'm going to have to learn about. Other than listening to things that happened during my tenure with the city council I really don't know that much about the utility board. That's something I'll have to dig into."

He said the city's upcoming \$1.5 million lagoon upgrade will also take up some of his time getting familiar with that project.

"Most of it's going to be learning really. I've not been in government before. Learning the other aspects I didn't know on council and learning who the employees are so I know more about them as far as managing the city. I know their names, but I don't know them very well so I want to get to know them better."

McGregor's background is in accounting. He moved to West Point in 1994 after living in Burlington for about five years prior to that. He's had several stints with accounting firms as a CPA and then settled in with Frank Millard for the past quarter of a century, moving up to the position of controller.

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*I was considering doing a full retirement from Frank Millard, but then I thought this would be perfect for me.”*

-Dennis McGregor  
Incoming WP  
City Administrator



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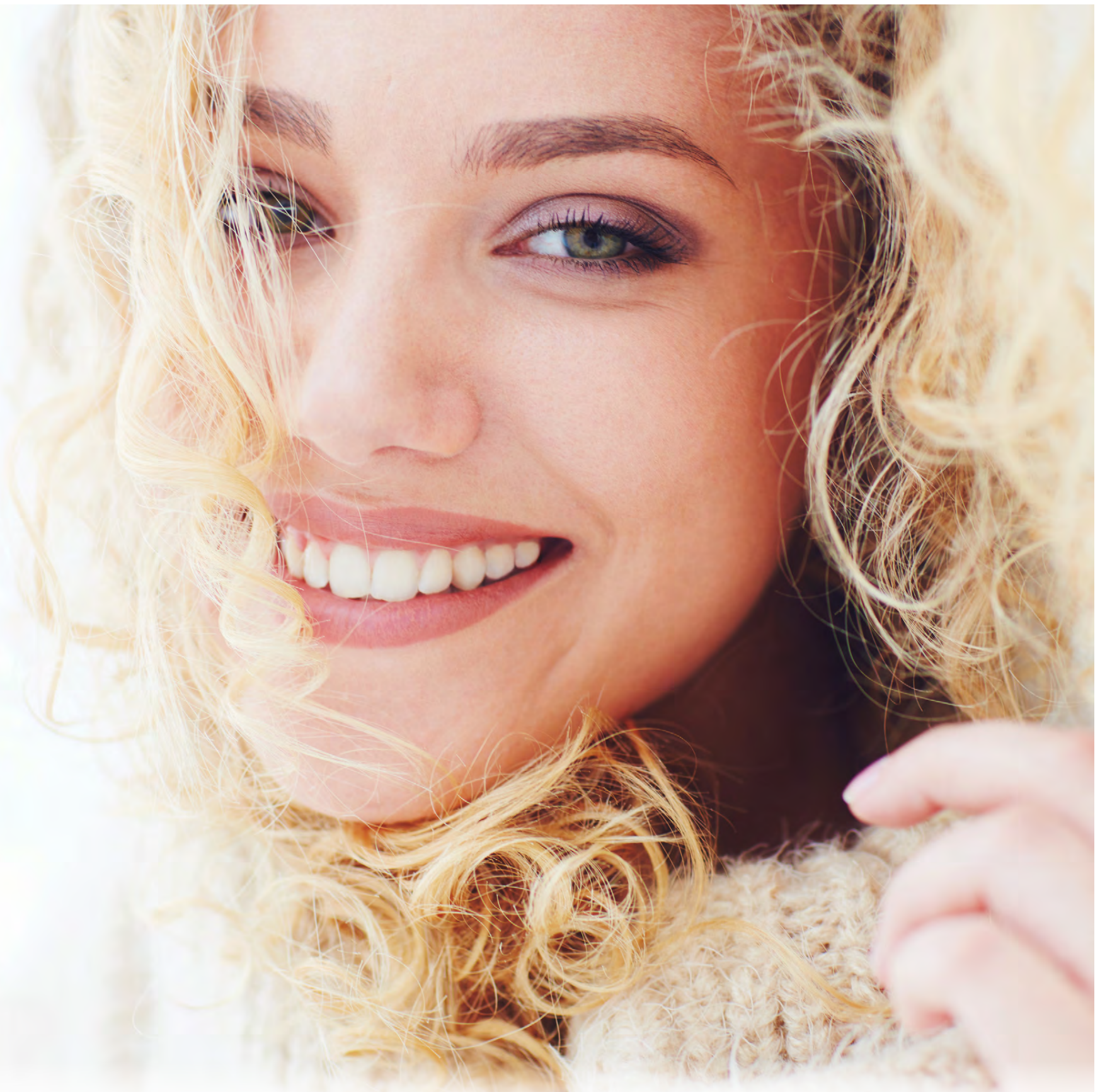
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 16, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
Finance: Hope / Ross  
AGENDA**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation documents
- IV. Monthly communications
  - A. Superintendent Goal Report
  - B. District Presentations
- V. Approve the agenda
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes
    1. June 18, 2018, regular meeting
    2. June 25, 2018, special meeting
  - B. Financial reports
    1. June Balance Sheet
    2. June Revenue Summary
    3. Expenditure report
    4. Student Activity report
  - C. Accounts payable
    1. June General Account
  - Board Bills for Approval
    2. July General Account
  - Board Bills for Approval
    3. Student Activity
  - Account Board Bills for Approval
    4. Nutrition Account
- D. Consider personnel resignations
  1. Amy Doherty, varsity tennis coach
  2. Amy Doherty, freshman volleyball coach
  3. Erin Benner, varsity boys track coach
  4. Carrie Burken, 8th grade girls volleyball coach
  5. Jessica Gutzman, Special Education teacher
  6. Tammy Turner, Special Education Teacher at Richardson Elementary
  7. Roger Kirchner, bus driver
  8. Lisa Orlandini, associate at Lincoln Elementary effective August 19, 2018
- E. Consider employment of personnel
  1. Sydni Foecke, 7/8 Social Studies Teacher
  2. Kristin Arnold, color guard sponsor (1/2)
  3. Savannah Heidbreder, color guard sponsor (1/2)
  4. Carrie Burken, assistant

- girls volleyball coach
  5. Justin Menke, assistant boys football coach
- F. Consider contract modifications
  1.
    - G. Consider leave of absence
    - H. Consider open enrollment requests
  - I. Other reports
    1.
      - Director moved and Director seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.
    - VII. Action Items
      - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
        1.
          - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
            1. Consider approval of the resignation of Jillian Troxel as school board member effective August 1, 2018.
            2. Consider approval of Handbooks
              - a. AFSCME Handbook
              - b. Teamsters Unit I Handbook
              - c. Teamsters Unit 2 Handbook
            3. Consider approval of salary lists
              - a. Extracurricular Contracts
              - b. Supplemental Letters of Assignment
            4. Consider approval of policy changes
              - a. 506.1-E-5 – Notification of Transfer of Education Records
              - b. 506.1-E-6 – Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena
              - c. 506.1-E-7 – Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement
              - d. 506.1-E-8 – Annual Notice
              - e. 506.1-R-1 – Use of Student Records
              - f. 506.2-E-1 – Use of Student Directory Information
              - g. 506.2-R-1 – Use of Student Directory Information
          - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
            1. Consider approval of superintendent’s contract
            2. Review process of filling School Board Vacancy - Authorization to Publish Notice of Board’s intent to fill Vacancy by Appointment
      - VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon
  1.
    - B. Superintendent – Erin Slater
      1. Policies for 1st Reading
        - a. 507.5– Emergency Plans and Drills - **Recommend to adopt IASB Model Changes**
        - b. 507.6– Student Insurance - **Recommend No Changes**
        - c. 507.7 – Custody and Parental Rights - **Recommend No Changes**
        - d. 507.8– Student Special Health Services - **Recommend No Changes**
        - e. 507.8-R-1 – Special Health Services - **Recommend No Changes**
        - f. 507.10 - Special Education Support Services - **Recommend to Delete**
        - g. 508.2 – Open Night - **Recommend No Changes**
        - h. 710.4 - Meal Charges - **Recommend minor changes**
      2. Certified Employee Attendance
      3. Board Member Attendance
    - C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
      1. Set board work session dates for 2018-2019
  - IX. Comments from the audience
  - X. Legislative update
  - XI. Announcements
    - August 20, 2018, 8:00 a.m. - All District Employee Meeting, location to be determined
    - August 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting at Central Office
  - XII. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Lee County, Iowa  
Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
Agenda  
DATE: TUESDAY,  
July 17, 2018  
MEETING  
CONVENING TIME:  
9:00 A.M.  
LOCATION:  
Correctional Center  
2530 255th Street,**

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AGENDA**

- Pledge of Allegiance
  - Approve Agenda
  - Consider Approval of Tuesday, July 10, 2018 Board Minutes
  - Consider Approval of Claims
  - Public Input
  - Consider Approval of Lee County Personnel Policy
  - Consider Approval of First Reading of Amended Sewer Treatment Systems Ordinance
  - Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution
  - Personnel Actions:
    - A. Step Increase-Health Department
    - B. Step Increase-Treasurer’s Office
  - Reports:
    - A. Semi Annual Settlement of the Board of Supervisors
    - B. Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected (2)
  - Commission or Committee Reports
  - Adjourn
- PUBLIC MEETING - CITIZENS WELCOME**
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## Scene Around the Area/From the Front



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### Gold in the barn?

That farmer needs to start looking around for the pot o'gold, as this rainbow was caught at about 5 p.m. looking west off Hwy. 218 just north of Pilot Grove on Saturday evening. Intermittent rains gave crops a bit of a drink as temperatures hovered near 95 for most of the weekend.

## Hauck looking to build on Games success

**STRONGMAN** - Continued from Page 3

he said. "This is getting in my blood and I've got a new challenge and we'll see how it goes. Next year I'd really like to try and make it to New York."

Qualifying would require him to finish in the top 3. He said it's not really hard if the numbers are low in qualifying events. But he said the New York event will attract the top competitors from around the country and that will be a challenge he's looking forward to.

"That's a big deal there," Hauck said. "There are lots of people there and anyone who's a USS Strongman member will be there. My weight class would have 15-30 people in it."

He credits Dave Swafford, who he started working out with Anytime, for his passion for the new hobby.

"He got me into this and got me interested in getting better. He won the Iowa Games two years in a row."

## New code outlines forfeitures, appeal processes

**ORDINANCE** - Continued from Page 1

any septic system work within their respective city limits.

Haukedahl told supervisors the new ordinance will give the county more authority to help homeowners who may run into problems with septic system repairs or installation.

"What we want is for the homeowners to look a little deeper into the contractors that they're hiring," she said Tuesday. "We want to make sure the contractor is registered with the county and that we have the information. Then the homeowners know how to get a hold of this person if something goes bad."

The new ordinance would add definitions for "Contractor" under the chapter on sewage treatment as well as "Registered Contractor."

It also adds a section that outlines how contractors are now to be registered with the county, under what circumstances the Lee County Board of Health can forfeit the bond or letter of credit, as well as how an appeal process would work in the event the county did find reason to forfeit a contractor's bond or letter of credit.

The ordinance also provides a \$65 annual registration fee with the county, in addition to the bond or letter of credit.

In other action Tuesday morning, supervisors will consider:

- approval of a Lee County Personnel Policy
- approval of a tax abatement resolution
- approval of several county employee step pay increases



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