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Donnellson city staff gets new office space

Water operations no longer controlled by a water board

> BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – The city staff in Donnellson has some new digs.

The 50-year-old building on Pershing Street looks impeccable with up-to-date security measures, a police wing, offices for city staff, and a kitchen.

The city closed on the building in January for \$60,000 and after about four months of renovations finally

moved in last week.

Following the city's regular council and water board meeting on Monday night, City Clerk Rebecca Schau offered a tour of the building.

Schau said the previous city building was deteriorating with poor electrical service and inefficient heating and cooling systems. She said the building sat empty for almost a decade.

"It's actually been vacant for 10 years. We gutted it and everything is new," Schau said.

"During the peak months, that building could run up a \$500 electric bill. When this came open we were spending \$500 a month on the electric bill for a 900 square foot building during peak months. I couldn't even vacuum without shutting off all the other services." Schau said.

All the entry points have now have security swipes where you have to have a key to get past the doors.

"That was huge. In the other building, residents could just come right to us, but in today's world these security issues are needed."

Public works director Todd Herdrich has an office in the building, as does Schau and a part-time clerk. The south side has a kitchen facility and then the west side of the building is dedicated to police operations.

"People don't think in a small town like Donnellson

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Burglars pull "smash and grab" on cell phone outlets

Sheriff says burglars didn't get much

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A burglary this morning is being described as a "smash and grab" at two local cellphone retailers on Avenue L in Fort Madison.

According to interim Fort Madison Police Chief Stacy Weber, the burglaries took place at approximately 3:45 a.m. Monday morning. "The burglaries happened simultaneously at the U.S. Cellular and Verizon stores in Fort Madison," Weber said this afternoon.

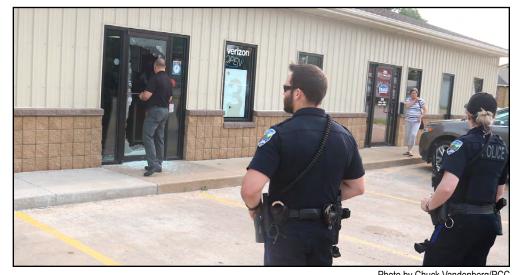


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Fort Madison police officers stand by as Fort Madison Det. David Doyle photographs evidence at the Verizon store on Avenue L that was burglarized early Monday morning

Argyle woman wins \$250K on Iowa scratch off

CLIVE, Iowa — A Lee County woman scratched off a \$250,000 lottery prize just a couple of days before her birthday.

Doris Horton, 59, of Argyle, won the sixth of 18 top prizes available in the Iowa Lottery's "Aces High" scratch game.

"Quite a few people know about it, but they think I'm lying," Horton said with a laugh as she claimed her prize on Tuesday at the lottery's regional office in Cedar Rapids.

Horton, a respiratory care practitioner, purchased her winning ticket at Hy-Vee, 3111 Main St. in Keokuk. She had stopped to pick up a newspaper to read at work before her nighttime shift started, but the store was sold out so she bought a scratch ticket instead.

She said after she scratched off the \$250,000 prize, she didn't believe her eyes and thought she wasn't seeing it right because she was still tired from working the third shift. "When I scratched it off, I thought, 'No, this can't be right," she said. "So I called my brother and he thought it was a terrible, terrible joke to wake him up out of bed."

"Two male subjects were seen on video in both places so we have suspects and the newly assigned Fort Madison detective David Doyle is working with Detectives (Clint) Ray and Chad Donaldson from the sheriff department in investigating the incident," Weber said. Support local journal-

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He also said investigators believe the incident is tied to additional burglaries in other jurisdictions, and a vehicle theft. Weber said detectives are also looking into the still open cases involving a December break-in at Rashid Drug which is in the same neighborhood as the cell phone retailers, as well as a incident at the Fort Madison Rec Plex. Weber took over as interim Fort Madison Police

Chief on Saturday after

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Horton took the ticket to her brother's house and he confirmed her big win. She said she plans to use her winnings to pay off her home and care for her two great-grandsons.

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OBITUARIES

R.JOSEPH QUICK JR.

Mr. R. Joseph Quick Jr., 33, of Dallas City, Illinois passed away Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison, Iowa.



Joseph was born on April 22, 1986 in Burlington, Iowa the son of R. Joseph Sr. and Debbie Porter Quick.

Joe was a 2004 graduate of the Dallas City High School. Following high school he worked as welder for Case in Burlington and later did mechanical work. He

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he worked as welder for Case in Burling ton and later did mechanical work. He enjoyed working on and collecting cars,

camping, music, fishing, mushrooming and spending time on the river.

Joe especially loved his children.

Survivors include his wife, Dawn, four children, Gabriella and Robert Joseph Quick III both of Fort Madison, Elizabeth Mary Quick and Catherine Lynn Quick both of West Point, Iowa, his father, R. Joseph Quick Sr. of Burlington, his mother and step-father, Debbie and Charlie Newman of Dallas City, grandparents, Dave Johnson of Dallas City and James Eugene Quick of Ellisville, Illinois, four siblings, Amber (Jason) Moats of Mt. Union, Iowa, Angela (Cody) Coey of Rome, Iowa, Anthony (Brittany) Siefken of Fort Madison and Bailey (Matt) Dunkin of Burlington and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents and paternal grandmother.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2019 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Fr. Tony Trosley and Josh Yeakey officiating.

Friends may call after 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 6 at Banks & Beals where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. A memorial fund has been established. To leave a condolence please visit Joseph's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Obituaries/Local News

Police think burglaries part of a string

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the departure of Tim Sittig, who resigned as the Fort Madison Police Chief on Friday.

"We're aware of those open cases involving the rec plex and the Rashid burglary, but they just walked into this one and it has consumed them from the beginning of the day," Weber said.

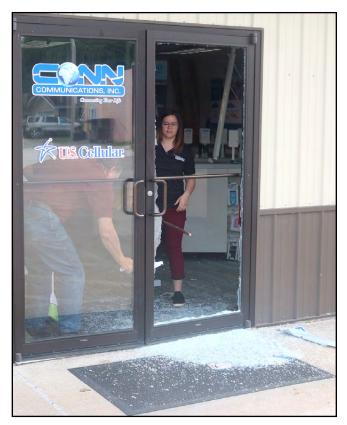
"Newly assigned Detective Doyle will be working hand-in-hand with our detectives."

Weber said the burglary was a typical 'smash and grab' you would see in more metro areas.

"They just throw something through the window and go in and steal phones, but they didn't get away with very much. They did more damage to the windows," he said.

Police were called to the scene at about 6:30 a.m. Monday morning to find both the glass doors at U.S. Cellular at 2315 Avenue L and the Verizon retailer at 2311 Avenue L both shattered.

The U.S. Cellular office space is leased from Dave and Sandy Holtkamp and the Verizon store is located in a building owned by Dan Fraise.



An employee at the U.S. Cellular store in the 2300 block of Avenue L, helps clean up debris from an early Monday morning burglary. Fort Madison police have suspects in the burglary that took place at about 3:45 a.m.

FMCSD to offer free breakfasts to all students

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community School District will be providing free breakfast for every student (K-12) for the 2019/2020 school year.

FMCSD recognizes the value in providing our students with with free breakfast. With free breakfast, students will benefit nutritionally, academically, and socially. By eating breakfast, students get more important nutrients, vitamins and minerals such as calcium, dietary fiber, folate and protein (Wilson et al., 2006). Eating breakfast also helps students pay attention, perform problem-solving tasks, and improve their math and reading skills (Alaimo et al., 2001 & Rampersaud et al., 2005). Children who eat school breakfast are more likely to behave better in school and get along with their peers than those who do not (Benton et al., 2007).

Not only will this breakfast benefit our students, it will benefit our families as well. By providing free breakfast at school, our families can save time and money. FMCSD understands that morning can be hectic, so we'll handle breakfast!

The nutrition fund at FMCSD will support the cost of providing breakfast to all students. This small cost is insignificant to the huge benefit we will see by providing a nutritious breakfast to all children in our district.

The Fort Madison Community School District is excited to save our families time and fuel our students learning.



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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

5/31/19 - 6:08 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Ave. L. 5/31/19 - 7:42 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 2600 block of Ave. L. 5/31/19 - 11:40 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/ theft in the 1200 block of 40th St. 5/31/19 – 2:30 p.m – Danny David Black, 52, of Fort Madison was arrested for trespassing and aggravated theft at the intersection of 8th St. and Ave. E. He was released on promise to appear. 5/31/19 - 2:40 p.m - Kathy Ann Clair, 56, of Fort Madison was arrested for simple theft at the intersection of 8th St. and Ave. E. She was released on promise to appear. 5/31/19 – 2:43 p.m – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 11th St. and Ave. F. 5/31/19 - 4:24 p.m - Kiersten Jade Marie Bushinger, 18, of Fort Madison was arrested on a warrant for controlled substance violation in the 800 block of Ave. G. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 5/31/19 - 5:09 p.m - Kimberly Jo Huss, 42, of Fort Madison was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear (initial appearance) in the 4400 block of Ave. O. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 6/01/19 - 8:32 p.m - Kyle

Forrest Nielsen, 29, of Fort Madison was arrested on a warrant for driving while suspended in the 600 block of 34th St. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 6/02/19 - 9:59 a.m - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of 20th St. 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.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

5/31/19 – 4:28 p.m – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 27 where a semi, driver unknown, struck the front side of a vehicle driven by Mark Allen Johnson, 60, of St. Louis, MO. According to the report, Johnson was traveling northbound on Hwy 27 in the right hand lane when a semi tractor and trailer struck the front driver's side of Johnson's vehicle with the back passenger's side of the trailer. Johnson and a witness, Trevor Fichtenkort, both stated the semi ran Johnson off the road as it struck the front end of Johnson's vehicle, causing it to skid into the ditch. The semi was described as a maroon color semi cab with shiny doors. The driver of the suspect vehicle continued north on Hwy 27/218 and didn't stop. No injuries were reported.

06/01/19 - 6:42 p.m - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Daniel Brackelsberg, 28, of Keokuk, on a charge of burglary in the first-degree in the 3600 block of 235th Ave. in Keokuk. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 6/01/19 – 7:24 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jesse Lee Lewis, 25, of Fort Madison, on a charge of possession of controlled substance at the intersection of 255th St. and Hwy 61. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on promise to appear. 6/02/19 – 12:19 a.m – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded toa one-vvehicle accident on Hwv 218. A vehicle driven by Haley Mackenna Shane Alvis, 16, of Donnellson was traveling northbound in the 2600 block of Hwy 218. Alvis stated that she saw a large animal in the roadway and swerved to avoid it. The vehicle left the roadway on the left, entered the ditch, left the ditch and came to rest in a field. There were no injuries or citations issued at the scene.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

05/31/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls, 06/01/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one smoke detector call, one burning complaint, and five medical calls. 06/02/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls



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SCC in state's new Last-Dollar Scholarship program

WEST BURLINGTON – Students entering select SCC programs in this fall may be eligible for scholarships thanks to a new program through the State of Iowa's Future Ready Iowa initiative.

The new Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship is designed to offset tuition not already covered by scholarships or federal and state grants for select career programs offered at community colleges across Iowa.

The State of Iowa used wage and job outlook criteria to identify qualifying programs. Students entering the following SCC programs may be eligible for Last-Dollar Scholarships: Network Administration & Cyber Security, Computer Aided Design Technology, Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technology, Welding Technology, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Emergency Medical Services, Respiratory Care, Associate Degree in Nursing, and Licensed Practical Nursing.

SCC Enrollment Coordinator Dana Chrisman says this will truly benefit students.

"If you're going into one of these programs, there's a good chance you won't have to pay any tuition," she says. "You just have to fill out the FAFSA to get the process started."

To be eligible, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by July 1. The scholarship is open to new high school graduates enrolling full-time, or adult learners age 20 and up who enroll full- or part-time. Students must also attend orientation, meet with their advisor, remain continuously enrolled, and maintain satisfactory academic progress.

The goal of Future Ready Iowa is to build Iowa's talent pipeline by boosting education beyond a high school diploma so Iowans are ready for careers of the future and employers have the skilled workers they need. The Last-Dollar Scholarship is geared toward specific programs to guide this process along.

"This is an outstanding plan to help students achieve their goals," Dean of Career and Technical Education Don Weiss states. "With Last-Dollar Scholarship covering that financial gap, the state is almost entirely removing the cost barrier. Grads will have job opportunities in in-demand careers, employers will get qualified applicants, and our state will be able to keep skilled workers."

The scholarship is renewable. Qualified students will need to reapply each year. Eligible programs are listed at https://www.scciowa.edu/landing/last-dollar-scholar-programs.aspx.

Contact SCC's enrollment office with questions (319) 208-5010.



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Sports

Fairfield takes two from Lady Hounds in FM

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison softball team dropped two games on Monday night to visiting Fair-field.

In game 1, the Hounds got an RBI single from Ivy Geerdes in the fifth inning to tie up the game at 1 apiece, but couldn't get another runner home as the Lady Trojans escaped with a 2-1 win.

Junior Shalyn Drish started the game with a sliding double off Fort Madison starter Cassie Powers. Drish took a 1-2 pitch and flared it into left field where it dropped in front of Fort Madison's Dalyn Wondra. Wondra fired to second, but Drish slid in easily under the tag.

Powers would get the next two hitters with Drish still standing on the middle bag. But freshman Hannah Simpson would rip a Powers 0-2 offering straight back up the middle to bring home Drish for the opening inning 1-0 lead. Jenna Norris flew out to third in the next at bat to end the threat stranding one.

The score would stay there until the fourth inning when Simpson would again take a Power offering up

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Hounds freshman Logan Johnson slides safely into second on a stolen base in the first inning of the Hounds 2-1 loss to Fairfield. The Hounds dropped both games of a double header Monday at home.

the middle, but this time the ball had more altitude and carried the center field fence for a solo home run to put Fairfield up 2-0. Power would work two pop ups to the next two hitters to end the inning.

Fort Madison would then score in the bottom half to

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cut the lead to 2-1 when Powers opened the inning with a lead-off single to right and then swiped second. After a strike out, Geerdes would loft a bloop single to right to send Powers to third where she was held by head coach Jared Rehm.

The move paid off as sophomore Allison Helmick flew to deep right allowing Powers to tag and score. That would be the end of the scoring for the Hounds in the game as they would go 1-2-3 in the fifth and sixth. A two-out single by senior Vanessa Golowach would give Fort Madison a little life in the seventh, but fellow senior Jassmine Bass fanned in the next at bat to end the game.

Power went the distance for the Hounds giving up the two runs on six hits, striking out seven against no walks. Fairfield Allison Rebling picked up the win. The hits by Powers, Geerdes and Golowach were the only hits for the Hounds in the contest.

In the night cap, the Trojans jumped out to a 2-0 lead through four innings, but Fort Madison would tie it up with a couple runs in the bottom of the fourth.

Senior Olivia Williams singled to open the bottom of the frame. Powers would fly out to center for the first out, but Maycee Featheringill would single to left moving Williams to second. Williams and Featheringill would each swipe a base and then Williams scored when a Trojan wild pitch allowed the runners to advance.

Featheringill would then get caught trying to steal home as Rehm had the Hounds in go mode on the base paths. Geerdes would work a base on balls, but would also get caught stealing second for the second out and Helmick would strike out to end the threat tied at 2 all.

Fairfield would put up three more in the top of the fifth, but the Hounds would respond with a couple of their own in the bottom half highlighted by singles from Wondra and Bass. Both would come around to score, Bass on a single from Powers. With the aggressive base running, Logan Williams would get caught at home trying to stretch two bases out of Powers' single to end the inning down one at 5-4.

Fairfield would get two more in top of the sixth and one more in the seventh, and would hold the Bloodhounds scoreless for the remainder of the game taking the second game 8-5.

Katelyn Dennis went all seven giving up 10 hits and five earned runs. The freshman struck out. The freshman struck out two and walked two on 92 pitches.

The Hounds at now 1-5 on the year and tangle with Burlington on Tuesday again at home.







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Sports

HTC junior girls win three of last five

Crusaders shut out Cardinal, sweep Winfield, but drop two to West Burlington/Notre Dame

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT – The Holy Trinity girls junior high and junior varsity girls softball teams won three and lost two last week in local softball action.

On Friday, the junior high girls shut out Cardinal of Eldon 9-0 to move to 4-1 on the year.

Mary Hellige was the winning pitcher fanning eight in six innings of work. Jenna DiPrima had three hits and scored a run to lead the Crusaders' offense. Kayla Box, Brooke Mueller, and Halie Cain each had to hits with Mueller scoring twice. Paige Wasielewski and Laura Mehmert both had hits with Mehmert scoring a couple runs in the win. The girls swept Winfield Mt. Union on Thursday night and then got swept in rain-shortened action against West Burlington

Wednesday night. In the Thursday wins, the junior high girls won 15-7 over the Winfield with Rachel Menke going four innings striking out seven while allowing just three unearned runs.

Mueller had two hits to lead the Lady Crusaders at the plate and scored a run. Wasielewski had a single, a walk, swiped two bases and scored two runs. Box, Hellige, Mehmert, DiPrima, Menke, Teagan Snaadt and Jenna Hellman all had hits for HTC.

In the junior varsity contest, Hellige went six innings striking out five for the 6-1 win. She also had a single and a run scored.

Cain, Anna Sobczak, Mueller, Kelli Meierotto and Hannah Torgler all had singles in the win. Mueller had the lone RBI.

On Wednesday, the HTC junior high squad lost 12-0 in three innings to West Burlington/ND. Cain, Menke and Snaadt did the pitching. Breanna Peterson and Mehmert led the way at the plate each reaching base once. The junior high team is now 2-1 on the season.

The junior varsity lost 9-3 in six innings to the Lady Falcons. Hellige again did the pitching striking out three batters in five innings of work. Cain led the way at the plate going 3 for 4 with a double, two singles, two runs scored and a stolen base. Sobczak, PWasielewski, Mueller and Meierotto all had a single, and Mehmert reached twice by walk and scored a run.

Bloodhounds put three on All-Southeast squad

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds have put three players on the Southeast Conference, all-conference squad released today.

Seniors Justin Bowker and Reuben Eid both made the squad as did junior Austin Sexton. Sexton was second in the loop with 42 points behind player of the year Nathan Rauenbuehler of Mt. Pleasant with 52. Sexton had 18 goals which was also second in the conference to Rauenbuehler who had 21.

Eid had 10 goals and 25 points, both fifth best in the conference. He had a 52.6% shot on goal average hitting 10 of 19 shots he took during conference play.

Bowker was a key in the Bloodhounds defensive scheme and was recognized for his efforts on the defensive side of the field. He also spent 200 minutes in the net allowing just five goals against 23 saves on the year.

Forward Brody Rung and keeper Javier Trejo were both given honorable mention.

Bowker, along with Dalston Jones, AJ Nolting and Miguel Trejo were all honored with Academic All-Conference designations.

The Hounds finished the year 3rd in the Southeast Conference play with a 5-3 mark behind Fairfield with a 7-1 mark and Mt. Pleasant with a 6-2 mark.

They won three of their last four matches and were bounced from the post season by 10-0 by Cedar Rapids Xavier after shutting out Washington 3-0 in the first round.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda DATE: TUESDAY, June 4, 2019 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M. LOCATION: Correctional Center 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Approve Tuesday, May 28, 2019 Board Minutes Consider Approval of Claims

Public Input Consider Approval of Proposal from Calhoun & Burns for 2019 & 2020 Bridge Inspection and Rating Consider Approval of Resolution Determining Pipeline Construction Complete Reports:

A. Manure Management Annual Update for Dingman Farms in Marion Township B. Veteran Affairs Min-

utes of Meeting Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

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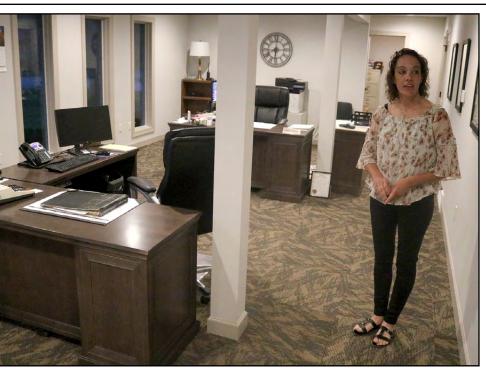
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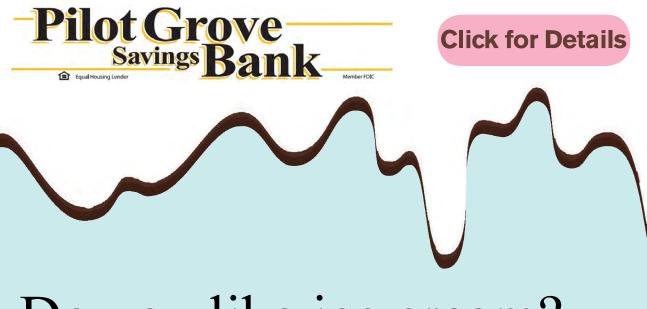
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From the Front/Weather

Donnellson City **Clerk Rebecca** Schau, stands in the new offices that Donnellson staff moved into last week. The city purchased the building for \$60,000 and then renovated the inside for security

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Donnellson to issue bonds for building, water loans

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things happen. But they do. She said a week ago, a man came in dressed in a bathrobe with his arms tucked inside and wandered around the office and then finally asked what he had to do to be arrested. He was homeless and tired and cold. So security is a huge deal for us.

During the regular meeting the city voted to dissolve the city's water board and put everything under the control of the city council.

She said a company called Slicker Wells used to run the city's water service and when they moved out of the city, it came back under the management of the city and it created a separate entity for the water department, creating some bureaucracy.

Schau said having the city conduct all the water department's business just makes sense and simplifies things.

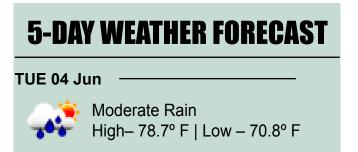
"The funds will still be separate, but they'll all be under the umbrella of the city," she said. "The employees will all be the same, they'll all have the same jobs this just makes things simpler.

"It does save us in the long run and right now, I do all the waterworks billing by hand. We purchased the city's accounting system 3 years ago but I can't add that without paying an additional \$2,000 for just the water. So this move eliminates that."

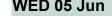
The city also set a public hearing for a proposal to enter into some General Obligation Loan agreements to borrow money.

The loans will be used to bring Rathbun water into Donnellson. The city took out a loan with USDA, but when they went through that agency a flag went up that the city already had a water revenue loan and the USDA didn't like the position.

"They were not going to take the back seat to the primary loan the city already had," Schau said. "So our bond attorney suggested to us to leave the USDA loan as a water revenue loan and then take the water loan we previously had and the city building loan and combine them under a general obligation loan."



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