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MOMENTUM



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More development work is seen in Fort Madison, this time on 48th Street, where Midwest Realty Group is preparing the old Fort Madison Drive-In lot for future development, according to President Ryan Nagrocki.

GROWTH: Realty firm looking at multiple site options for retail/service sectors

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It's becoming a familiar tale. Developers continue to look to Fort Madison as a place of growth and energy, and potential earnings. Ryan Nagrocki, President of Midwest Realty Group, is in the process of clearing out more than six acres of land west of 48th Street in Fort Madison. Nagrocki purchased the property for \$95,000, according Lee County property records, about a year

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HANCOCK COUNTY

Hancock County deputies shoot, kill suspect in Wednesday incident

BY PCC STAFF

CARTHAGE - Illinois State Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting that has left one person dead near Route 136 and County Road 2500 E in Hancock County.

According to release from the Illinois State Police, the Hancock County sheriff's deputies

responded to a report of a suspicious person in the area.

During the interaction with the subject, the subject entered the first responding officer's patrol vehicle and held the officer at gunpoint. The officer exited the patrol vehicle and shots were fired at the subject. The subject then turned control of the patrol vehicle and fled the scene.

A second responding officer was on scene and picked up the first responding officer and engaged in a short pursuit that ended with an exchange of gunfire between the officers and the subject.

The subject was pronounced deceased at an area hospital a short time later. No officers were injured in the incident.

Goodwin tapped for IWD post

SENATOR: State Sen. for District 44 will leave for state workforce post after district is disbanded

PCC STAFF

DES MOINES - Iowa Workforce Development is reshaping itself to become more responsive to business needs and make it easier for Iowa employers to get the help they need with their workforce issues.

Two new division administrators and a new deputy director of employment and training joined IWD in June (although Tim Goodwin won't officially start until September) as part of a restructuring to help the agency focus more effort at becoming a one-stop center for employers' workforce needs.

"As we continue to realign to make it easier for our customers and employers to find and access workforce services in Iowa, the hire of three new leaders will enhance our ability to get unemployed Iowans reemployed faster, return more unemployed to the workforce, and create a one-stop customer service center for employers," said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "Under Governor Reynolds' leadership, we want to make it easier for employers to understand and use the workforce resources that Iowa provides to empower their growth."

Outreach to the business community will be a primary task for IWD's new senior leaders.

Sherri Behrendt, who has been involved in a number of business organizations and served on state boards, has joined IWD as the agency's new Deputy Director of Employment and Training, overseeing the IowaWORKS centers, Workforce Services, a new Business Engagement Division, and IWD's new Workforce Training and Education Division.

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WEATHER

FRI 15 Jul Warm with Chance of Thunderstorms, 87° F/70° F
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Another carbon capture line proposed for eastern Iowa

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) today issued an order approving the dates, times and locations for six public informational meetings requested by Wolf Carbon Solutions US, LLC (Wolf), which includes a virtual meeting option. The meetings are to discuss Wolf's proposal to build and operate a carbon capture pipeline system that will transport liquefied carbon dioxide from local facilities in eastern Iowa to an underground storage facility in Illinois.

Wolf requested the meetings in a letter filed on July 11, 2022, and also filed a proposed pipeline route overview map in Docket No. HLP-2022-0002.

The IUB will schedule five in-person the public informational meetings and one virtual meeting as follows:

Johnson County

Noon August 29, 2022 - North Liberty Community Center (Gerdin Conference Hall), 520 W. Cherry St., North Liberty

Cedar County

6 p.m. August 29, 2022 - Tipton High School (Auditorium), 400 E. Sixth St., Tipton
Linn County

Noon August 30, 2022 - Veterans Memorial Building, 50 Second Ave. Bridge, Cedar Rapids

Clinton County

6 p.m. August 30, 2022 - Wild Rose Convention Center, 777 Wild Rose Drive, Clinton
Scott County

Noon August 31, 2022 - RiverCenter (Adler Theater), 136 E. Third Street, Davenport
Virtual Meeting

6 p.m. September 19, 2022 - Participation through the IUB Webex system at iub.iowa.gov

The informational meetings will be conducted in compliance with the requirements of 199 Iowa Administrative Code 13.2.

Documents regarding the proposed Navigator pipeline are available for review in the IUB's electronic filing system under Docket No. HLP-2022-0002.

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OBITUARIES

IRENE E. PETTY

Irene Elaine Petty, 77, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 10:46 a.m. Sunday, July 10, 2022 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Irene was born December 14, 1944 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the daughter of Alton and Helen (Freeland) Scott. On December 22, 1963 she married Garry K. Petty in Lomax, Illinois. He preceded her in death November 20, 1996.



PETTY

Irene was a 1963 graduate of Dallas City High School. She attended the former Hair Academy in Burlington, Iowa, following high school. She worked several jobs throughout her life including at the Britton House of Beauty in Dallas City, Win-e-gard Company and Conifer Corp both in Burlington and at the Kensington in Fort Madison. She also helped her husband, Garry, on the farm.

She was a member of Merry Mender's Club in Dallas City and was an avid collector of all things Barbie. She loved to sew, play cards and especially loved time spent with friends and family. She taught ceramic classes for many years at her home. Irene loved the TV series Heartland as the grandkids referred to as Grandma is watching her horsey show. Irene loved to travel to Oklahoma to visit family. She had a heart of gold and was always willing to help anyone. Irene enjoyed country music, especially Brooks and Dunn. She also enjoyed listening to her husband, Garry, and son, Rusty, sing Karaoke.

Survivors include one daughter: Jamie (Matt Wilhelm) Williams of Dallas City; two sisters: Jean Ann (Gary) Thomes of Dallas City and Shirley Vice of Mount Ayr, Iowa; one granddaughter Rachel Wesely and bonus grandchildren: Jennifer and Josh Skinner, Mackenzie, Madison and Brayden Shaw, Phillip Butler, and Hayden Korch, as well as many nieces and nephews, including a special nephew: Michael Thomes.

Besides her parents and husband, Irene was preceded in death by one son: Russell K. "Rusty" Petty; one son-in-law: Buck Williams; brothers-in-law: George Vice and Jamie Petty and a sister-in-law: Roxanna Petty.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. July 23, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating.

The family will receive friends from noon until time of services on July 23rd.

A memorial fund has been established. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Irene's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City 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. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

Lee County Health Department Back-to-School Immunization Clinic

August 9, 2022

9:00am-Noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm

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Appointments are strongly encouraged. Walk-ins will be taken in order of arrival so wait times may vary. Masks are required for those over the age of 2.

This Immunization Clinic is aimed at those children needing back-to-school immunizations specially those entering Kindergarten, 7th Grade & Senior Year.

For questions or to schedule an appointment please call (319)376-4767 or (319)372-5225.

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From the Front

Customers already calling with interest on 48th Street lot

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ago because of the energy and development he had been seeing around Fort Madison, especially on the west end.

The banker-turned real estate developer said he was excited about getting the property after he saw Farm & Home across the intersection.

During the COVID pandemic, Nagrocki got his real estate license and after doing that for a couple years, opened his own firm, Midwest Realty Group, Inc. with his wife, Stephanie. He lost his father just before the pandemic and said, "life is too short, if you enjoy doing something go do it."

He then formed the realty group in West Burlington and said he had an option on the property from the Hoglan family, who had owned the property since it was a drive-in theater.

"I kept in touch with Dr. Hoglan and he called me one day and said a Chicago firm had offered him pennies on the dollar for this property and he was thinking of selling. I asked, "would that apply to me to" and we ended up reaching a deal," Nagrocki said.

The land is valued at \$191,000 according to assessor records.

At that point, Nagrocki said he initially had no plans for the property, which extends from behind the Quicker Liquor strip building north to the back side of the Connection Bank facility on Avenue L and east to the

Dollar Tree.

Nagrocki, who used to live in Fort Madison, said he was talking with Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld about all the things going on in Fort Madison and got excited about the prospects of the lot.

"I saw Mayor Matt here a while back and have been reading about the Marina project and the different things going on down here, and I wanna see things happen," Nagrocki said.

"This thing is a diamond in the rough and just waiting for something and you couldn't see it before. It was just so rough."

Nagrocki has three or four different layouts of property and said he's currently talking with two retail companies and a service company. One would include a strip building on the north side. Other options include an anchor tenant with about 20,000 square feet.

He also has spoken with some small footprint food service outlets. One retail prospect is looking at making a decision in the next 45 days.

But for now, he's contracted with a demo firm out of Burlington to clear the lots and they are in the middle of that progress currently.

"My goal is to clean the thing up and start marketing it again to other businesses. I was so happy to see Farm and Home went in there

and it didn't get turned into a warehouse," he said.

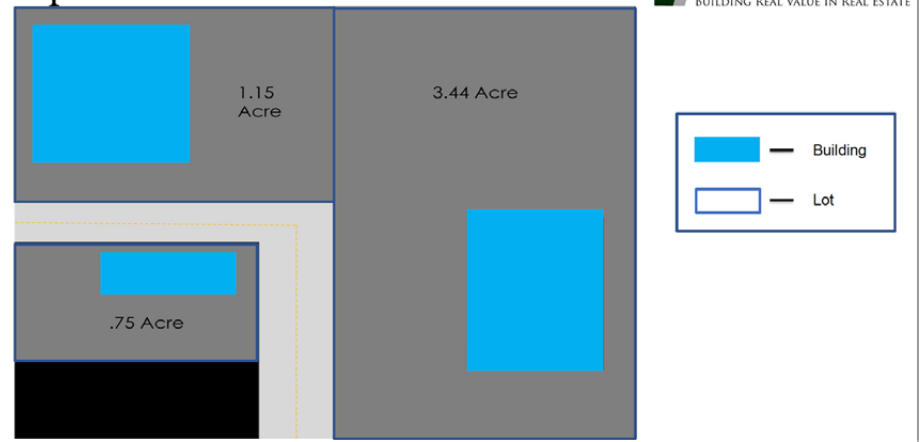
Nagrocki built nine homes in 2021 and has seven more going on right now. His firm is also working on 48 townhomes that are going up north of Target in West Burlington.

"This kind of hit the back burner for a while."

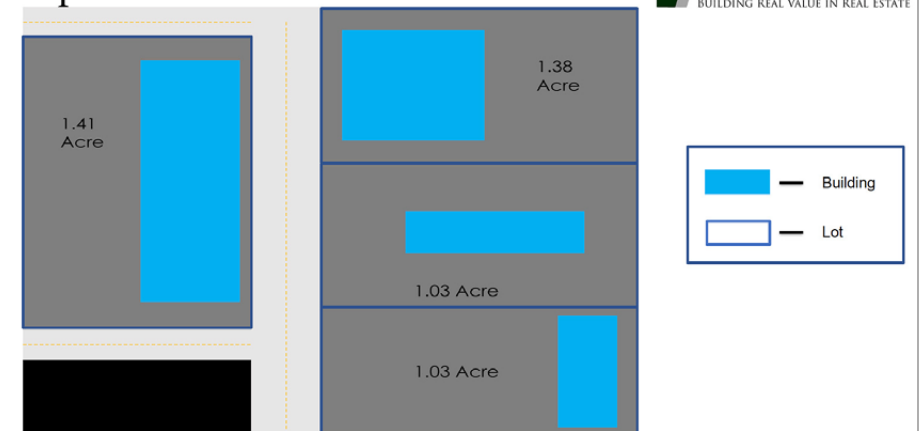
Nagrocki is just one of many lately who have been investing in the area. A Quick-Care urgent care facility has gone up on the city's west side. The Madison is currently undergoing an \$8 million add-on, and Chase Gibb has invested in the city by acquiring the Middle School Apartments citing the city's momentum.

Nagrocki said the banker in him makes him a bit cautious with today's economic climate, but said momentum creates momentum. "You got momentum. I know Matt and I like

Site Options - continued



Site Options - continued



his thought process on growing the area and bringing people in. You have to be pro-business and pro-growth," he said.

He said there has been

a little easing in construction costs recently, so he's feeling a bit better about the investments.

The site has utilities located on site and has two

access points, one on 48th Street and the other on Avenue O. Nagrocki said traffic counts by the lot are about 12,700 per day.

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Iowa News/From the Front

Goodwin to lead IWD's business division

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Behrendt (second from right above) is the former president and CEO of Vantec Inc., a Webster City-based manufacturer of custom-molded products for appliances, heavy equipment, automobiles, and more. Most recently, she has served as managing director of Vantec and vice president of sales for Angstrom Global, a full-service automotive and industrial original equipment manufacturing.

IWD's new Workforce Training and Education Division will be led by Jared Baldwin, former Program Chair at Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary in Ankeny. Baldwin (far right above), who has significant experience in strategic planning and translating strategic visions into action, designed the college's Organizational Leadership degree program and grew it from inception to 57 full-time students in three years.

Beginning September 1, the Business Engagement Division will be led by Tim Goodwin, who has broad experience in education in addition to holding Chief Operating Officer positions for the Marshal Group in Washington, Ill., and WW Transport Inc. in West Burlington, Iowa. Goodwin (above left) spent 15 years in education as a teacher, coach, and administrator. He currently serves as Iowa's state senator from District 44, a southeast Iowa seat that is being eliminated at the end of the year through redistricting.

Townsend (second from left above, next to Gov. Kim Reynolds) declared her confidence in all three, saying she believes their talents and strong backgrounds in working collaboratively "will complement what we are doing now and help us develop a fully integrated, one-stop shop for employers while we improve the one-stop shop for our customers."

"I truly believe that Sherri, Jared and Tim will help us get to that next level of serving Iowans."



AG Miller urges legislature to pass "red flag" law

DES MOINES — Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller urged the Legislature to support a "red flag" law in Iowa to help reduce gun violence.

"This is a common-sense, scientifically supported solution to a crisis," Miller said. "No single solution will prevent shootings, but we must take advantage of tools that can be effective."



MILLER

Congress has passed bipartisan legislation that allocates \$750 million for states to develop and implement red-flag laws, or extreme risk protection orders.

Studies show that such laws work. A group of universities funded by the National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research reviewed extreme risk protection orders over a seven-year period and determined that more than 600 people who made mass shooting threats were disarmed. Researchers at the University of California Davis School of Medicine found 58 cases over three years in which extreme risk protection orders were used when mass shootings were threatened, and none of the threats were carried out.

Nineteen states and Washington, D.C. have laws that allow law enforcement and sometimes others to petition civil courts to confiscate firearms from people who may be a danger to themselves or others.

"Critics point to other states as proof that red-flag laws don't work," Miller said. "However, in many cases, the laws are new and narrow, and officials are unaware of how the laws work. Awareness and implementation are critical."

The AG's office trains law enforcement officials and prosecutors on a range of laws and will do the same if a red-flag law is passed in Iowa. Educating the public is also important, he said.

"If I saw loved ones threatening themselves or others, I would want access to this tool to save lives," Miller said. "Red-flag laws empower family, friends, and others to prevent tragedies."

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BROCKMAN CHIROPRACTIC is closing

Dr. Brockman's last day in the office will be Thursday, July 14, 2022

Please call for an appointment before then and to talk about a copy of your records. The office will remain open until **Friday, July 22, 2022** with varied hours to answer any questions or to obtain a copy of your file.

Dr. Brockman has enjoyed his time as a chiropractor in Fort Madison and is grateful that his patients entrusted him with their chiropractic care.

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18TH ANNUAL

ABATE DISTRICT #18

HOSPICE RIDE



SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

\$10 – ABATE member

\$12 – Nonmember

All proceeds benefit Lee County Health Department Hospice and Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice

STARTS:

ENDS:

Doris' Tavern

733 S. Roosevelt Ave., Burlington

Biscuits & Gravy

Available Before Ride

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

RIDE SIGN UP

Noon

KICKSTANDS UP

Eagles Club

4821 Avenue O. Apt. 4, Ft. Madison

Meal Available

After Ride

6 p.m.

LAST BIKE IN

6:15 p.m.

LIVE AUCTION

Open to the public-bikes, cars, trucks, whatever! For more information, call Randy "Dog" Hiland at 319-572-5733. To donate items for live auction, please call Amanda Bass at 319-850-4909.

T-SHIRTS: \$20

Available at:

Doris' Tavern

733 S. Roosevelt Ave., Burlington

Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice

1306 S. Washington Rd., West Burlington
and 5445 Avenue O Suite 114, Ft. Madison





July 1st – August 5th

(no meals July 4th)

FM

Sit & Eat Service – Monday thru Friday
For all kids 18 years old and younger.



10:45-11:05

- **Lincoln Elem**
14th St & Ave E
(playground)

11:15-11:35

- **FM High School**
20th St & Ave C
(by pool)

11:00-11:30

- **ECC**
23rd & Ave J
No meals July 4-8
- **YMCA**
220 – 26th St
No meals on Fridays

11:50-12:10

- **Victory Park**
23rd St & Ave F
(playground)

12:30-12:50

- **Richardson Elem.**
33rd St & Ave L
(playground)

1:00-1:20

- **Salvation Army**
1415 Ave M
(south side)

Central Lee Sports Boosters

GOLF OUTING 2022

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

GREEN ACRES GOLF COURSE

in Donnellson, Iowa

SHOTGUN START: 10 a.m.

FORMAT: Best Ball

ENTRY FEE: \$400 per team

22 team limit, 4 players per team

**Registration fee includes golf, golf cart,
and lunch & dinner.**

**Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams in
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All proceeds go to the Central Lee Sports Boosters

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Player 1: _____ Player 2: _____

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Central Lee Sports Boosters

GOLF OUTING 2022

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The Central Lee Sports Boosters is working to raise funds to complete Phase I of the athletics facility improvement plan developed in 2022. Your sponsorship will help improve batting cages, track & field events, and the football & soccer field, while expanding the press box at the football field!

SPONSORSHIPS

PREMIER SPONSOR (\$1,500):

This is the headline sponsor with naming rights for the golf outing. The premier sponsor has the opportunity to display their banner at the venue, have their business as a hole sponsor, and have their logo and name displayed on all marketing materials and social media posts for the event.

HOSPITALITY SPONSOR (\$750):

The golf outing includes lunch, dinner, and beverages for event participants. Our hospitality sponsors will be recognized during lunch and dinner, and also be included near the areas beverages are served. Hospitality sponsors are allowed signage at the lunch, dinner, and beverage locations.

HOLE SPONSOR (\$150):

Each hole will have display signs showcasing businesses and organizations serving as a hole sponsor. Multiple businesses/organizations may be displayed on each tee box throughout the course.

ON-COURSE GAMES (\$250):

Part of what makes a golf event like this a memorable experience are the on-course games/contests. These sponsors will be recognized on the course, in the program, and during the awards ceremony. On-course games include, but are not limited to, long drive, longest putt, and closest to the pin. We can even customize an on-course game to highlight your business!

RAFFLE PRIZE SPONSORS:

At the conclusion of the golfing event, sports boosters will conduct a raffle/silent auction. To create a fun experience for both golfers and non-golfers, the booster club needs sponsors for the items! Businesses will be recognized by the individual item they donate and during the awards ceremony.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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