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3 YEARS: District aiming for national Professional Learning Community certification

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A move to be nationally certified as a Professional Learning Community was unveiled Monday night to the Fort Madison School District's board of directors.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the district will embark on a 3-year effort to be nationally certified as a PLC district.

"The district is preparing to enter into a 3-year journey to become a model for a Professional Learning Community," Slater said Monday night.

"This is a national selection and an elite section. We're gonna put ourselves out there - what do they say, 'You miss every shot you don't take,' so we're going to take this shot."

Slater outlined the criteria for becoming a model PLC district which involves working with collaborative teams with clarified specific proficiency standards.

She said the district also needs to have a process to carefully monitor each student's learning.

"Not only are we doing formative assessments, but also summative assessments. It's really about taking

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POLLMILLER

No warnings for Pollmiller Beach water

County only tests Pollmiller as swimming prohibited at other county waters

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - With the Naegleria fowleri amoeba the cause of a Missouri man's death last week, attention has been brought on Iowa's swimming holes.

The man very likely contracted the amoeba after swimming in water at Lake of Three Fires in Taylor County in southwest Iowa on the Missouri/Iowa border.

Missouri health officials aren't releasing the name of the man, but the national attention the death has caused has people looking closer at where they are swimming.

Heather Huebner, director at Lee County Conservation said Lee County has only one public swimming area and that's Pollmiller Beach in West Point. She said swimming at other public ponds and lakes in the county including Wilson Lake, Heron Bend, and Chatfield Park is prohibited.

Huebner said the conservation staff tests Pollmiller Beach weekly.

"We only test Pollmiller as that is our only swimming beach. There's no swimming allowed at any other pond or lake," she said.

"We test weekly through the Beach Monitoring Program and we send the water samples up to the Iowa Hygienic Lab in Coralville, IA. Clint Oldfield and Jack Davis, our Park Ranger staff, are the ones who do our testing and send the samples off. Once the lab receives the results, they email the results to Clint."

Infection from the amoeba is very rare and Centers for Disease Control information on the amoeba has it at

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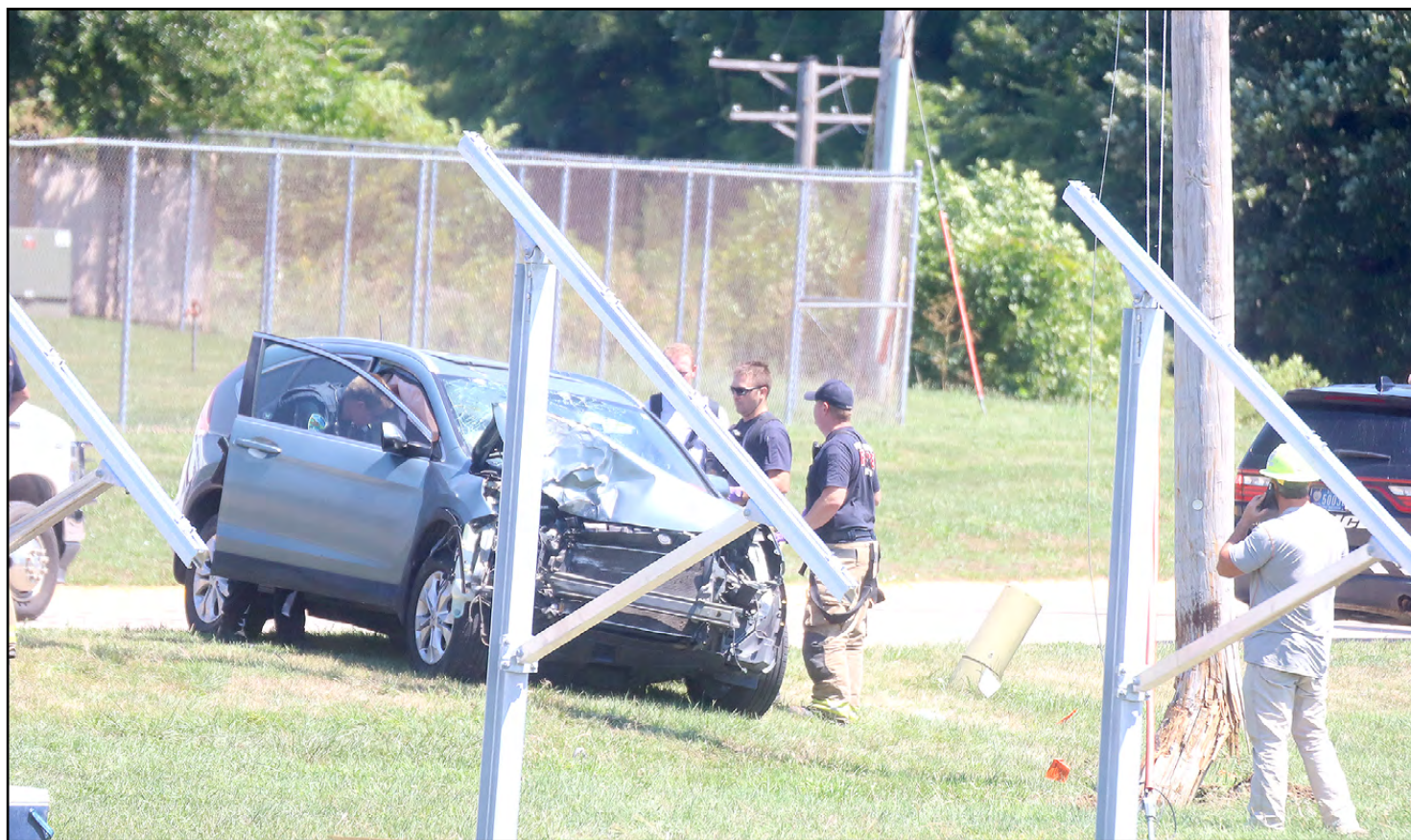


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

First responders work at the scene of a one-vehicle accident near Willow Patch Access just off Country Club Lane Tuesday morning. The vehicle shown struck the utility pole to the right, sending one person to the hospital by ambulance.

CITY NEWS

Tuesday morning accident sends one to hospital

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - An accident that took place at approximately 11:30 a.m. Tuesday sent one woman to the hospital.

First responders from the Fort

Madison Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee County EMS, and Fort Madison Fire & Rescue responded to the scene at the bottom of Country Club Lane just north of Willow Patch where a vehicle had failed

to navigate a turn and struck a utility pole.

At least one other passenger was in the vehicle but was uninjured. Alliant Energy was also on the scene to repair the damaged pole.

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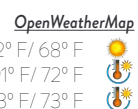
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RICHARD F. SIEGLE

Richard Fredrick Siegle, 87, of Oakville, died at 10:20 PM Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Sunrise Terrace Care Center in Winfield.



SIEGLE

Born September 3, 1934, in Burlington, he was the son of Fred and Lena Frank Siegle. On September 2, 1956, he married Thelma Irene Schulz in Burlington. She passed on January 9, 2012.

He was a graduate of Huron High School.

Farming was Richard's life. He took great pride in his family's farm and passed along his love for the land to his children and grandchildren. He was a former 4H Leader and served on many boards, including; Pork Producers, Big River Ethanol Board, Iowa Corn Growers Board and the Local Levee and Drainage. He enjoyed being outdoors and driving in the local antique tractor ride. The most important thing to Richard was his family. He enjoyed supporting his grandchildren and great grandchildren in their activities and watching his family grow.

Survivors include his son, Kirk (Carole) Siegle of Oakville; two daughters, Linda (Jerry) Strawhacker of Johnston, IA, and Kathy (Brett) Kelly of Waunakee, WI; daughter-in-law, Kim Siegle of Burlington; 10 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two sisters, Arlene Siegle and Phyllis Siegle both of Burlington.

Besides his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents, and two sons, Ray and Mark Siegle.

Visitation will be from noon until 7:00 PM with the family to receive friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Friday, July 22, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The funeral service for Mr. Siegle will be 10:00 AM Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home. Burial will be in Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Oakville.

Memorials have been established for Hospice Compassus and the local antique tractor ride.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Richard's obituary at www.prughfuneral.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.

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Call Chuck (319)371.1670

Lee County Health Department Back-to-School Immunization Clinic

August 9, 2022

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

3 John Bennett Dr
Fort Madison, IA 52627

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the
Date

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

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OBITUARIES

JOHN HUSAK

John Husak, 86, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 5:45 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Arbor Court in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

He was born on December 3, 1935, in Prague, Nebraska, the son of John and Josephine (Eidelpess) Husak. On April 17, 1992, at Kahoka United Methodist Church he married Shirley Himes Losey.

Survivors include his wife: Shirley; several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

John was a United States Navy veteran. He retired from Armour Dial. He enjoyed playing cards, dancing and spending time with his wife Shirley, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington, with Rev. Ellis Andrews officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Farmington American Legion.

Online condolences may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting he family with arrangements.

DORIS J. WALLJASPER

Doris J. Walljasper, 93, formerly of Farmington, Iowa, passed away Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Lyngblomsten Care Center in Saint Paul, Minnesota.



WALLJASPER

She was born on January 1, 1929, in Farmington, Iowa, the daughter of Robert and Hazel (Lerche) Muntz. On May 26, 1952, she married Paul J. Walljasper in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son: Eric (Margaret) Walljasper; daughter-in-law: Julie Ristau; granddaughters: Gretchen Walljasper, Yana Walljasper; grandson: Soren Walljasper; niece: Diane (Tim) Drummond.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Robert and Hazel Walljasper; husband: Paul Walljasper; son: Jay Walljasper; brothers: Densmore, William Earle and Stanley Muntz; and sister: Jesse Muntz.

Doris graduated from Farmington High School. She loved spending time with family and friends. She liked to play cards and listen to country music. She enjoyed hunting for antiques with her husband in the small towns of Illinois and Iowa. After moving to Minnesota, she discovered the north shore of Lake Superior, which became her favorite vacation spot. She also became a fan of the Twins and tried to watch as many games as she could.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2022, at the Thompson Cemetery in rural Bonaparte with Rev. Ellis Andrews officiating.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

BROCKMAN CHIROPRACTIC is closing

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Opinion

Zoom meetings should stay a part of public accessibility

In my day job, I wear the hat of the executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council. This nonprofit, nonpartisan organization has been around for 40+ years.

We advocate on behalf of the public and journalists for government transparency and accountability to the people of this state.

Periodically, I speak to groups of government employees and elected officials. One question that often comes up in those settings and in individual conversations with government leaders is some version of, "How are we doing?"

These days, this is what I tell them if they ask:

In the months after Covid became Public Enemy #1 three years ago, it was impressive how quickly local governments across Iowa and our state government scrambled to adapt to holding their public meetings when the public was hesitant to venture into potentially large gatherings in small-ish spaces.

Officials swiftly began making their meetings available through livestreaming on Facebook or on videoconferencing platforms like Zoom. Meeting notices and meeting agendas told the public how they could watch without having to be in the audience where the meetings originated.

But if anyone asks about my impressions now, I would tell them things have changed —and not always for the better.

Today, too many city councils, school boards and county boards of supervisors have turned their backs on the technology that got them through the early months of the pandemic, before vaccines eased people's anxieties about being in close proximity with large numbers of people.

Today, too many government boards refuse to continue offering the Zoom capability that has become a part of everyday life for many Iowans.

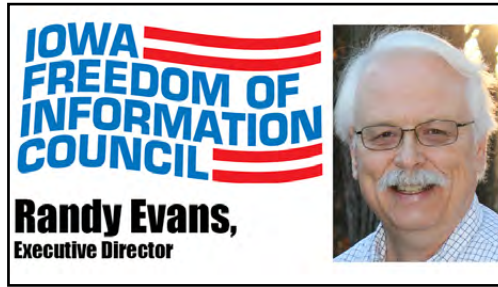
This is ironic, because while some government officials have balked, parents and grandparents and their kids have embraced the long-distance gatherings with Zoom and FaceTime. This technology has made the face-to-face conversations possible from the comfort of their separate homes. They can listen to Mom's piano playing or marvel at the antics of the family dog.

While there still are many city councils, school boards and boards of supervisors that continue to make their meetings available live for remote viewers, too many government bodies have signaled they don't want to be bothered by making remote viewing possible.

These officials are not breaking any law by saying "no" to remote viewing requests. Iowa's open meetings law does not require government boards to provide Zoom access. It only requires that meetings be open to the public.

Common sense should prevail — but too often it does not.

I spoke recently with a man who wanted to



reply that ended the discussion.

Never mind that having their meetings available on Zoom would allow people with child care responsibilities, or senior citizens, or the disabled, or the person without ready access to transportation to "attend" the meetings of their school board. Never mind that supervisors' meetings typically are held during the day, when many people are at work and cannot get away to drop in on the supervisors' meeting.

Getting more people engaged in their city council, school board or board of supervisors is just good government. I remind government leaders during my presentations that government does not belong to them. It belongs to the people. Government employees and officials are entrusted to act with the public's best interests in mind.

During the pandemic, one member of the Grundy County Board of Supervisors was deployed to the Middle East with his Iowa National Guard unit. He was still able to "attend" the supervisors' meetings using his laptop computer and Zoom. But once he returned home after his deployment ended, the Zoom meetings ended, too.

County officials insisted they were not set up to provide Zoom access from the supervisors' small meeting room. Of course, it's that same small meeting room where officials expect the public to compete for the eight or 10 chairs available for spectators.

The Grundy County board recently considered

"Zoom" in to a meeting of the local school board. "We don't do that," was the

officials that he intended to carry the public hearing on the ordinance live on the newspaper's Facebook page.

Officials initially tried to stop his planned livestream. In the end, they relented — and several hundred people watched the hearing live or afterward.

That brings up another objection I hear from government officials when I mention the pluses of having meetings available via Zoom: There really are not many people who want to watch these meetings.

Iowa law does not require government boards to meet in public because those gatherings will be a big ratings blockbuster. The law says meetings shall be open to the public so the basis and rationale for boards' decisions, as well as the decisions themselves, are easily accessible.

These days, many people believe that easily accessible means Zoom, as well as space for spectators in the meeting room.

If officials are not savvy enough to understand that, then maybe the Iowa Legislature needs to get involved next session and "help" officials see the problem with their misguided opposition to Zoom.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and can be reached at DMRevans2810@gmail.com.

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For the Record/Local News

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Fort Madison Police Report

07/15/22 - 7:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of 29th Street.

07/15/22 - 2:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue I.

07/15/22 - 4:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue D.

07/15/22 - 10:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Joseph Robert Decker, 31, of Fort Madison, on a charge of driving under suspension.

07/16/22 - 2:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Ryan David Simpson, 30, of Clinton, in the 1600 block of Avenue D, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/16/22 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue I.

07/16/22 - 5:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Benjamin Isaiah Mitchell, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.

07/16/22 - 7:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Timothy R. Busard, 61, of Fort Madison, in the 5800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of assault w/bodily injury.

07/16/22 - 9:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of 18th Street.

07/16/22 - 11:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Matthew Wayne Sly, 29, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 19th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of

driving while barred.

07/17/22 - 2:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of 23rd Street.

07/17/22 - 3:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue G.

07/17/22 - 9:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Amber Renee Rea, 39, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 26th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of driving under suspension.

07/18/22 - 7:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue H.

07/18/22 - 7:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue H.

07/18/22 - 9:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue E.

07/18/22 - 11:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

07/18/22 - 5:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Taylor William Scott, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 33rd Street, on a charge of interference with official acts and warrants for 1st degree harassment and assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/18/22 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 Avenue M.

07/18/22 - 9:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 37th Street.

Lee County

Sheriff Report

07/15/22 - 6:47 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwys. 2 and 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Erika Rose Kruse, 17, of Fort Madison, was traveling south on Hwy. 2, when a semi driven by Nicholas Andrew Willits, 38, of Muscatine, was exiting the off-ramp from Hwy. 61, but pulled away from the stop sign not seeing Kruse's vehicle. Willits semi struck Kruse's vehicle, sending it into the ditch. Kruse and two passengers in her vehicle reported minor injuries, were seen by EMS, but not transported to the hospital. No other injuries were reported. Kruse's vehicle sustained major damages and was towed from the scene; Willits' vehicle sustained minor damages. Willits was cited for failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

07/15/22 - 12:19 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Crystal Dawn Huggins, 40, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for 5th degree theft less than \$300, felony forgery, and lottery - forged/theft of ticket. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

07/15/22 - 2:39 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kadyne Aubry Mason, 23, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/15/22 - 5:24 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 320th Street and Hwy. 16. According to the

report, a vehicle driven by Heidi Sue Westlake, 47, of Burlington, was traveling westbound on Hwy. 16, when it was attempting to avoid a collision with a third vehicle, crossed into the eastbound traffic lane, and struck a vehicle driven by Jennifer Marie Hummel, 44, of West Point. Hummel reported possible injuries, but was not transported to a hospital. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage. No citations were reported.

07/15/22 - 11:34 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Carson Avery Donaldson, 22, of Burlington, in Des Moines County, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/16/22 - 3:20 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Keith Lynn Kellum, 33, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/16/22 - 3:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Danny Ray Derr, 58, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 340th Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear - citation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

07/17/22 - 7:36 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Darrin Michael Fitzgerald, 21, of Hamilton, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/19/22 - 12:18 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jason Gene Ash, 43, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Deadline approaches for Little Miss Rodeo/ All-Around Cowboy

It's that time of year! Contestants are being sought for the annual Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy contest.

This year's event is to be held on Monday, September 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo Arena.

Contest is open to children ages 5-7. Contestants must be age 5 by Aug. 1, and no older than age 7 at the time of the contest.

An entry form is available on the Tri-State Rodeo website at www.tristaterodeo.org under the "Ready to Rodeo Week Events" tab.

Entry forms and contestant photos MUST be post-marked by July 25, 2022 and can be mailed to Trish Eaves-Fedler, 1930 303rd Avenue Fort Madison, IA 52627. For more information, contact Trish at (319) 470-8030 or Lisa Frederick at (815) 343-0911. Please do not mail entries to the Rodeo Ticket Office.

Canisters, with each child's photo and name, will once again be placed in area businesses for family and friends to cast a vote by dropping their "spare change" into the canister.

The night of the event, contestants will be interviewed and have a chance to showcase their talent. Judges will score the children on personality, attire, interview and talent. Judges have no knowledge of how much money each contestant has collected in their canister. In the event of a tie, the amount in the canister will help determine the winner.

A portion of the money collected in the canisters goes to Miss Rodeo Iowa to help defray traveling expenses as she competes for the coveted title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this coming December.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Fort Madison Cemetery Department will hold a Clean Up at Sacred Heart, Elmwood, Oakland & City Cemeteries beginning, Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5, 2022. ALL items must be removed from the gravesites before Monday, August 1. Any items left will be disposed of during cemetery cleanup. No items are to be placed on the graves until Monday, August 8, 2022.

For further information, call (319) 372-7700, ext. 206 or email mblind@fort-madison-ia.com. Thank you for your cooperation!

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MONTROSE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
JULY 21, 2022
4:30 P.M.**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MONTROSE CITY HALL
AGENDA**

SPECIAL MEETING called to discuss and consider approval of a bid for City Hall (includes Police Dept.) and Library gutters.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public during discussion. If you wish to speak, please step up to the Council table, state your name and address for the record and limit the time used to present your remarks to five minutes in order that others may be given the opportunity to speak. The normal process on any particular agenda item is that the motion is placed on the floor, input is received from the audience, the Council is given an opportunity to comment on the issue or respond to the audience concerns, and the vote is taken. On ordinances, there is time provided for public input at the time of the first reading. In consideration of all, if you have a cell phone, please turn it off or put it on silent ring.

CALL TO ORDER.

1. Consider and approve a bid for City Hall (includes PD) and Library gutters.

ADJOURNMENT:

*Please note that this agenda may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting time as provided by Section 21,4(2). Code of Iowa.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
AGENDA**

**FORT MADISON
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Date: Thursday,
July 21, 2022
Time: 5:30 P.M.**

**Place: Sheaffer Meeting
Room and Online**

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- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
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- IX. New Business
 - a. Add Public Comments guidelines to Board By-Laws
 - b. Approve Community Calendar Policy
 - c. Approve Cricut Policy
 - d. Discussion of reading incentives
 - X. Trustee Education
 - a. Chapter 13 Legal Issues and Chapter 14 Library Standards
 - XI. Upcoming Events and Information
 - a. Cricut Demo
 - Next Meeting August 18, 2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the
regular meeting held
June 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
in person and
electronically via Zoom.**

Board members present in person: Ron Welder, Anne Heitz, Tom

Pollpeter, Candice Smrt, Sharon Groene and Jane Bartlett.

Others present: Sarah Clendineng, library staff. Jack Gray, city council liaison.

Meeting called to order with a quorum present at 5:30 pm.

Excused Absences: Motion to excuse the absences of Phil Hecht, Mary Whitcomb and Kathy Burkhardt – Heitz; 2nd – Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda – Welder; 2nd – Pollpeter. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 19 meeting with correction – Heitz; 2nd – Bartlett. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Bills: Trustee Groene inquired about the amazon bill and the director replied that it was craft supplies, mostly for children's programming. She also inquired about how long the barcode scanners usually last. The director replied that these new scanners had been budgeted for and provided additional scanners in

the library, no scanners were removed. The new scanners were used to upgrade the scanners at the front desk and provide improved scanners in the tech services area. Trustee Heitz inquired about what Vistafoil is and the director replied that it is heavy duty contact paper that is used to protect the covers of paperback books. Trustee Groene asked what the business cards were being used for and the director replied that those are being used to print the punch cards for the adult reading program.

Motion to approve the June bills – Welder; 2nd – Heitz. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Director's Report: See attached report.

New Business
Revise Operations Policies to include administering Narcan:

The director recommended amending the Health Emergencies section of the Operations Policy as follows

(highlights indicate additions, strikethrough indicates deletion):

"911 should be called immediately in the event of any serious problem.

Staff members should exercise caution when administering first aid of even a minor nature because of the safety of the injured individual and the potential liability of the staff member. Without specialized training it is not advisable for staff to undertake more than keeping the sick or injured patron comfortable and protected from needless disturbance until medical help can be obtained. Since each case is unique, staff members should use their own judgment to do what is prudent and reasonable. There is a first aid kit located in a labeled cabinet at the front desk.

With the exception of Naloxone/Narcan, no medication, including aspirin over the counter medications, should ever be dispensed to the public. Staff members who have chosen to receive training on administering Naoloxone/Narcan may administer it following library procedures."

The director is not aware of their being an issue with drug use on library property but it is something that would be better to have and not need than to need it and not have it. Trustee

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Pollpeter inquired about the training and what would happen if given to someone who was not experiencing an overdose. The director replied that the training does cover what symptoms to look for that would indicate an overdose and that Narcan has no effect on someone

who is not experiencing an overdose. There was a question about why it is not required for all employees and the director replied that she doesn't want to force an employee who isn't comfortable taking this step to do it, especially since library employees only have

very rudimentary first aid training.

Motion to approve the revised language to the operations policy – Welder; 2nd – Heitz. Motion carried unanimously.

Add Public Comments guidelines to Board By-Laws:

This is the first presen-

tation to amend library board by-laws to include a section on public comments. The director looked at what the city council and other libraries do. The main difference from city procedures was the director noticed that other places do limit the total time available for comments. That time limit is found in this draft if it is something that the library board wants to include. The director isn't aware of city council meetings having issues with excessive time for comments. Trustee Welder shared that, on a controversial issue, the planning and zoning board has. The board is in favor of a total time limit for comments and the director will keep that in. Trustee Welder also suggested that people be required to identify themselves. The director will add that the speakers will identify themselves to the board when speaking. Trustee Bartlett inquired if public comments were only allowed during the public comments section. The director replied that the way she has written this is that public com-

ment section would allow for comments on items not on the agenda. There would also be time for comments on individual agenda items. Trustee Welder also said that the other board he is on only allows one person from each group. The director will word the policy to include this.

Discussion of adding community events to the library calendar:

The director is looking for feedback from the board on how they would like to handle adding events to the community calendar as she drafts the policy. The board was not in favor of limiting the number of postings by an organization. The board would like the calendar to be moderated so we will have library staff or volunteers entering events into the calendar. The director has specifically included the following event types, festivals, school performances and sporting events, community and professional performances, community events, and fundraisers. The director would recommend explicitly prohibiting fund-

raisers benefiting a single individual and commercial events. After talking to the Keokuk Library this would still include things like a Farmer's Market or the Downtown Summer Market. At this time the calendar will only include events in Lee County. The director's recommendation is to limit political events to bi-partisan events, such as candidate forums. Events will not be placed on the calendar more than a year in advance. The director will draft a policy and bring that back to the board at the July meeting.

Trustee Handbook Chapters 11 and 12: The board reviewed Chapters 11 and 12 of the Trustees Handbook on effective board meetings and decision making. The director didn't notice anything in the chapters that was problematic for the board and complimented the board on reviewing meeting materials and being prepared for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm until July 21, 2022.



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According to a report from National Public Radio, Iowa and Missouri health department officials are working together to determine if any other water sources locally have a presence of the amoeba.

Iowa DNR officials have closed Lake of Three Fires to swimming and have issued 12 other warnings at state beaches. However, none of those 12 is due to the amoeba. Those others are due to high levels of e.coli or microcystin in the water. Lake Geode in Danville is on the microcystin warning list with one other lake. Microcystin is a harmful toxin produced by blue-green algae blooms.

District has been working on PLC models for six years

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evidence of student's learning and doing something with it."

Other criteria includes a process for responding when students have difficulty learning, a process for enriching and extending learning for students already proficient in standards. She said that criteria focuses on what is happening during the school day and not before or after work sessions to address students struggling or students excelling.

Professional learning communities tend to serve two broad purposes: first, improving the skills and knowledge of educators through collaborative study, exchange, and discussion, and second, improve the achievement, and attainment of students through stronger teaching skills and leadership.

Slater said the district has to show a commitment to the PLC concepts, implement concepts for a minimum of three years, and show clear evidence of improved student learning.

The district has been engaged in PLC learning for the past six years and now they are looking at obtaining national recognition for the efforts over the next three years.



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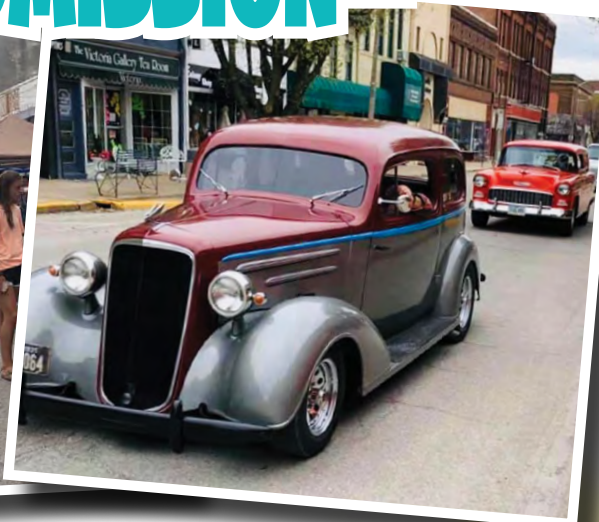
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