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## FMHS students get free 'pass'

**NO ENTRY FEE:** Board wipes out entry fees for students to activities and events

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison's newly installed Activities Director is out of the gate with a gallop.

Jeff Lamb, who joined the district in June replacing outgoing AD Ben Fry, put a proposal in front of a limited Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors Monday night.

The board barely had a quorum with directors Josh Wykert and Mio Santiago absent, board member Carol Ross on via telephone, and Brad Menke arriving just after the board meeting began.



LAMB



SLATER

Lamb's proposal will give all Fort Madison High School students with current year school-issued IDs free entry to all activities and events with the exception of post-season athletics and fundraising events such as Dessert Theater or the Show Choir Invitational.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the move helps

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

## Council moves on additional fines for city code offenses

\$750 per day recurring code violation language being added to city books

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A debate over the value of adding additional penalties for ongoing civil infractions in Fort Madison ended up moving the issue forward.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, attorney Pat O'Connell of Lynch-Dallas, the city's attorney, was present to address the issue.

New language replaces section 1-4-2 of the city's code for general penalty with language that adds the \$750 per day fine for "ongoing conditions" that are deemed civil infractions.



BOWKER

According to the city code, a Municipal Infraction is a civil offense punishable by a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each violation or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not to exceed \$750 may be imposed for each repeat offense.

The new language adds "or in the case (of) an ongoing condition, \$750 per day the condition continues."

City Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker opposed the language being added to the code, but the motion passed 6-1 on the first reading.

The motion will require two additional readings or a final reading if the third reading is waived at upcoming council meetings.

"Why is it necessary and why are we

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crews under the management of Carl A. Nelson are grading the land northeast and northwest of the Fort Madison Middle School in preparation of upcoming construction. Crews are simultaneously working at FMMS and Fort Madison High School in the initial phases of construction.

### DOWNTOWN

## City may block off part of 8th Street again due to building

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - City officials are looking again at closing down part of 8th Street due to continued deterioration of the James Block building.

The former Humphrey building has

seen some additional crumbling on the west side adjacent to 8th Street and Fort Madison Building Director Doug Krogmeier said additional settling has occurred and the city is looking at barricading part of the street again.

Krogmeier said conversations are planned again around the building later

this week with city staff, including Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren.

"We're keeping an eye on the building downtown. We're probably going to talk with Joey again when he gets back about the road situation," Krogmeier

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### JAMES B. FETT

James Benjamin "Benji" Fett, 44, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa.

He was born April 4, 1978, in Keosauqua, Iowa, the son of Jimmy Ray and Janet (Haynes) Fett.



FETT

Survivors include his mother: Janet Fett; brother: Jeremy Fett; sister: JennaLee (Jesse) Short, all of Bonaparte, Iowa; brother: Jacob (Jacque) Fett of Hillsboro, Iowa; niece: Jacey Fett of Canton, Missouri; nephew: Jackson Fett of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and nieces: Jaegan and Jaylee Short of Bonaparte, Iowa. Also, surviving are several uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Benji was a 1996 graduate of Harmony High School. He attended Vatterott College, graduating in 1998. He worked at Barker Company, Stuke Plastics, and Agri Plastics. He enjoyed working and was disheartened when his health later prevented him from doing so. In hopes of returning to the workforce, Benji underwent extensive brain surgery to improve his epilepsy. The operation was not completely successful and resulted in a brain injury. But still, he persevered while relearning to walk, talk, and do everyday tasks.

He loved nature and wildlife, enjoyed taking walks, and hunting and fishing when he was able. In 2018, he was diagnosed with a genetic disease, Pulmonary Hypertension. This made doing his favorite things hard and some days impossible. Still, he never lost his faith in God or humanity. He prayed daily for others. He was a true gentle giant that wasn't afraid to express his feelings for those close to him, often giving backbreaking hugs, kisses, and saying "I love you".

In his youth, he played baseball and was an excellent pitcher. He was a lifelong Cubs fan, watching them on

TV and taking in a few games in person. He was able to visit the Field of Dreams and had hoped to visit again this year, health permitting.

He loved his family and friends the most though. He was always up for babysitting his little sister and younger cousins. He had the great pleasure of taking care of his niece and nephew for a few years. He was a jokester and just wanted to make people smile and laugh. He was a friend to everyone he met. Classmates remember his goofy nature and big smile. He was their prom king.

He was preceded in death by his father: Jim; sister-in-law: Oralia Fett (whom he loved to tease); grandparents: Carole Jean and John Haynes; cousins: Zachary and Jonathan Batten, and his best friend: Adam Richardson.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation, after donating his organs.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Caston officiating.

In true Benji fashion, we ask that no one feel the need to dress up. A t-shirt and shorts are completely acceptable. Better yet, a Hawaiian shirt as he sure did love him some Jimmy Buffett.

Burial of his cremains will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory and can be mailed to the family at: JennaLee Short, P.O. Box 244, Bonaparte, Iowa 52620.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

"See you on the other side." - Benji

## OBITUARIES

### JUDY A. MARTENS

Judy Ann Martens, 78, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, July 18, 2022 at her home.

She was born October 23, 1943 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of William Edward and Roberta Ann Hedden Ferguson. She graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1963.



MARTENS

On October 5, 1963 she was united in marriage to Roger Dean Martens in Keokuk. He survives.

Other survivors include one son, Joseph "Joe" Dean Martens, Sr. (Kim Bricker) of Keokuk, three grandchildren, Steph Riddle (Matt), Joey Martens (Amber) and T.J. Martens and three great-grandchildren, Jackson Riddle, Grayson Riddle and Wyatt Martens. She is also survived by one brother, Bill Ferguson (Mary Ellen) of Quincy, IL and one sister, Carol Miller (Ray) of Keokuk and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, her grandparents, one sister-in-law, five brothers-in-law and several aunts and uncles.

Judy had been employed at Spurgeons, Lexington Square and then retired from Walmart after seventeen years of employment.

She was a faithful member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk. She participated in the New Testament Women's Group for many years also helped prepare funeral dinners.

Judy enjoyed bird watching, embroidery, and playing the organ. She also enjoyed bowling, watching Iowa Hawkeye football and St. Louis Cardinals baseball games. She loved traveling on church trips and to her grandchildren's sports activities. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 25, 2022 at the New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk with Pastor Derek Olsen officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Monday, July 25, 2022 at the church with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the New Testament Christian Church or St Jude Children's Hospital. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).



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# Obituaries/For the Record

## OBITUARIES

### GLENN E. BARBE

Glenn E. Barbe, 83, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, July 18, 2022 at Blessing Health Keokuk.

He was born August 8, 1938 in Keokuk, IA the son of Glenn C. and Lucille Pfeiferling Barbe. Glenn graduated from Argyle High School with the class of 1956.

Glenn was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country from 1963-1967.

On September 7, 1965 Glenn was united in marriage to Karen Griffith at the Alexandria Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include several cousins and his beloved dog.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-father, Roe Bradley and his step-mother, Helen Barbe.

He had been employed by Hubingers/Roquette for thirty-seven and a half years, until his retirement in 1996.

Glenn enjoyed spending time in his garage tinkering on old cars. He was a dog lover and loved having his four legged companions by his side.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday at the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Animal Protection League, in care of Barb Bryant.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).



## OBITUARIES

### MARY K. ELLIOTT

Mary Kay Elliott, 68, of Burlington, died at 11:30 AM Sunday, July 17, 2022, at the OakView Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Burlington.



ELLIOTT

Born June 4, 1954, in Burlington, she was the daughter of Laurence L. and Phyllis Catherine McIntire McQuay. On May 14, 1977, she married Russell William "Rusty" Elliott II in Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa. He later died on February 13, 2022.

Mary Kay was a Burlington High School graduate.

She worked at HyVee in the bakery as a cake decorator before she was married, then became a homemaker.

Mary Kay was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, playing the organ and decorating cakes. Mary loved animals and had a soft spot for cats.

Survivors include her mother, Phyllis McQuay of Burlington; son, Russell "Bill" William (Jessica) Elliott, III of Burlington; grandson, Alex Elliott; granddaughter, Morrigan Elliott and sister, Debra (Dan) Schwenker of Burlington.

Besides her husband, she is preceded in death by her father.

Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM Monday, July 25, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The funeral service for Mrs. Elliott will be 10:00 AM Monday, July 25, 2022, at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home with Reverend Brooke Anthony officiating. Burial will be in Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials have been established for The Views and the Des Moines County Humane Society.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Mary Kay's obituary at [www.prughfuneral.com](http://www.prughfuneral.com).

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
07/19/22 - 11:07 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue J.  
07/19/22 - 11:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 100 block of Avenue G.  
07/19/22 - 3:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue E.  
07/19/22 - 8:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue M.  
07/20/22 - 1:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue G.

**Lee County Sheriff Report**  
07/19/22 - 5:36 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jacob Ryan McFarland, 27, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of Peach Orchard Road, Montrose, on charges of assault w/bodily injury and 1st offense trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
07/19/22 - 10:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Logan Gene Meyers, 23, of Keokuk, at the intersection of Main Street and U.S. Hwy. 61 N., Keokuk, on 3 warrants for violation of a one-way traffic

designation, a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia, 5 warrants for driving under suspension, a warrant for speeding, a warrant for leaving the scene of a property damage accident, 2 warrants for eluding - speed 25 over limit, a warrant for reckless driving, a warrant for 3rd degree burglary, and charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. 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.*

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## From the Front

# Schulz: Code change allows council to speak softly, but carry a big stick

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doing it?" Bowker asked.

O'Connell said many cities have added the language to put pressure on owners who are ignoring city communication.

"What I normally recommend is when we've written more than one letter, and we said clean this up, clean this up twice, and they haven't, I say, 'alright when we go to court we go back to the second letter when we warned them and we're going to ask the judge for penalty from that day forward,'" O'Connell said.

"Those penalties rack up, you don't get that from the court typically, but it's nice to have a suspended penalty over somebody's head."



Schulz

A suspended penalty would be a fine imposed by a judge, but part of it could be suspended pending correction of the violation.

O'Connell said a \$750 penalty could be a drop in the bucket for someone that owns 20 properties, but if they get a suspended fine from a judge it gives the city an enforcement tool in the code.

"It's not going to be used all the time, but it can be used on larger blighted properties that people are constantly complaining about," he said.

Bowker said the language seems a bit arbitrary.

O'Connell said the new code broadens the judge's discretion.

"All penalties are arbitrary because the judge has discretion," he said. "I wouldn't worry about the arbitrariness, that's what we have the court for. That's what judges do all day long. They figure out what is fair. It's not really arbitrary because they have a right to come to court."

O'Connell said most other cities he works with has this language added and said because it didn't exist in Fort Madison's code, he thought it should be there.

"It's a good tool in bad cases. Otherwise the judge is limited to \$750."

He said the intention isn't to make \$60,000 on a violation, it's to motivate "bad actors" to clean up property. He said the city wouldn't have that much into enforcing the violation and the city would typically be looking at recouping those fees so the taxpayers are treated fairly.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said a city staff discussion centered around what other communities are doing to help address repeated violations of city code with regard to properties.

City Councilman Tom Schulz said the city needs the ability to enforce the code.

"I think it comes under the heading speak softly but carry a big stick," Schulz said. "Have the ability to use this as a tool to get the situation rectified and not have to go to court or fight over it."

# Post-season sports, fundraisers exempt from policy change

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create equity with the students by negating who can afford student activity tickets.

"To bring the high school together in a more collaborative and engaging way, this could be an opportunity to remove some barriers that maybe some students have in being able to go and support their fellow peers," Slater said.

Menke said he's been asking for something along these lines for several years.

"I asked - it's probably been a couple of years - I asked for this exact thing and kind of hit some roadblocks, but I'm glad it's kind of going forward," Menke said. "I think it's been needed for a while now."

Lamb said he thought the idea would bring more students and families out to support Bloodhound activities.

"Whether that be for the show choir event or a varsity baseball game, they're going to be able to get into that," he said. "If we'd have a dinner theater, then absolutely not. That's a fundraising opportunity and then they would have to buy a ticket."

Slater said the district will make sure the students are aware of the new opportunity by highlighting it at the school and promoting it internally.

"We'll make sure that we're communicating with them so that they're aware just to try to get them to engage more," she said.

Board President Dianne Hope said the move will impact the student activity fund, but an anonymous donor has already stepped up to make a donation to replace some of the funds lost and the district would welcome other donations.

"My understanding is we have received an anonymous donor," Hope said. "And we will take donations from anyone else that wants to do this."

In an unrelated issue, the board heard from Keely Kangas on the district's Beyond the Bell program. Kangas reported that the non-traditional school programming has had positive impacts on student performance at different levels and is garnering favorable support from parents in the district.

The district also:

- approved the 2022-23 handbooks for the district elementary, middle, and high schools as well as the Beyond the Bell program.
- heard an update from the Carl A. Nelson Company and DLR Group about the construction progress at the Middle and High schools. Chris Smith, representing Carl A. Nelson, said some savings are already being realized and work is progressing according to timelines.
- approved a renewed contract with Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center for athletic training services for the 2022-23 school year.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 14, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes and Rick Larkin.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Supervisor Chuck Holmes.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve Stephanie Hansen as Medical Investigator. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve replacing a part-time paramedic, a full-time paramedic and a full-time EMT. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a revised Bidding Requirement and Procedure Policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve purchasing two (2) 2022 Silverado 4 x 4 crew cab pickups from Deery Brothers of West Burlington at a cost of \$82,290.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Notice to Bidders and set Tuesday, June 23, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. in the Lee County Engineer's Office as the date, time and place to receive sealed bids for fuel for Secondary Roads, Conservation and the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2022-73. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye and Pflug-aye.

**Resolution #2022-73**

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES

WHEREAS, the Lee County currently is the holder of tax sale certificates for the following described parcels in Lee County:

1. Certificate #2017-00629- Parcel #044521362090060 (226 Bank St.)

2. Certificate #2017-00634- Parcel #044521253270070 (1107-1109 Bank St.)

3. Certificate #2018-00749- Parcel #024715054320110 (2311 Ave J)

4. Certificate #2019-00693- Parcel #044521252330030; (815 N. 12th St.)

WHEREAS, Situs Cultivation, LLC, 18025 Oak Street STE. B, Omaha, Nebraska 68130 has requested the Lee County Board of Supervisors for the acquisition of the County Held Tax Sale Certificate Described above for purposes of liquidating the property to someone who will improve and/or maintain the asset, which will increase the value of the property and in turn generate tax revenue for Lee County;

WHEREAS, Situs Cultivation, LLC has requested Lee County to abate the interest that has been accruing on two of the properties since the properties have become delinquent. The two properties requested for abatement of interest accrued are as follows:

1. Certificate #2017-00629- Parcel #044521362090060

3. Certificate #2018-00749- Parcel #024715054320110

WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in pertinent part:

If the county holds the tax sale certificate of purchase, the county, through the board of supervisors, may compromise by written agreement, or abate by resolution, the tax, interest, fees, or costs. In the event of a compromise, the board of supervisors may enter into a written agreement with the owner of the legal title or with any lienholder for the payment of a stipulated sum in full satisfaction of all amounts included in that agreement. In addition, if a parcel is offered at regular tax sale and is not sold, the county, prior to public bidder sale to the county under section 446.19, may compromise

by written agreement, or abate by resolution, the tax, interest, fees, or costs, as provided in this section; and WHEREAS, Section 446.32 provides in pertinent part:

When the County acquires a certificate of purchase, the county may assign the certificate for the total amount due as of the date of assignment or compromise the total amount due and assign the certificate. An assignment or a compromise and assignment shall be by written agreement. A copy of the agreement shall be filed with the treasurer...

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the authority of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby, through this Resolution, abates the amount of interest accrued on the following tax sale certificates and parcels:

Certificate #2017-00629- Parcel #044521362090060 in the amount of \$559.00

Certificate #2018-00749- Parcel #024715054320110 in the amount of \$673.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, based on the authority of Lee County pursuant to section 446.32 the Board of Supervisors hereby, through this resolution, signed by a representative of Situs Cultivation, LLC duly authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of Situs Cultivation, LLC, enters into the following agreement for assignment of the following tax sale certificates, pursuant to the terms contained herein:

In exchange for the full redemption price of tax sale certificates #2017-00634 and #2019-00693 and for the principal monies owed with interest abated per this resolution of tax sale certificates #2017-00629 and #2018-00749, the County hereby assigns the following tax sale certificates on the described parcels to Situs Cultivation, LLC:

1. Certificate #2017-00629- Parcel #044521362090060

2. Certificate #2017-00634- Parcel #044521253270070

3. Certificate #2018-00749- Parcel #024715054320110

4. Certificate

#2019-00693- Parcel #044521252330030

A copy of this Resolution and Agreement shall be recorded with the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to Iowa Code Section 446.32, a transaction fee of ten dollars shall be collected from the assignee to be deposited in the county general fund.

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 14th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor.

The Board canvassed the June 7, 2022 Primary Election. The results are as follows:

Democratic  
For United States Senator Abby Finkenauer ..... 597  
Michael Franken ..... 428  
Glenn Hurst ..... 46  
Write-in ..... 2  
For United States Representative-District 1 Christina Bohannon ..... 1026  
Write-in ..... 3  
For Governor Deidre DeJear ..... 1037  
Write-in ..... 5  
For Secretary of State Joel Miller ..... 656  
Eric VanLancker ..... 352  
Write-in ..... 2  
For Auditor of State Rob Sand ..... 1033  
Write-in ..... 1  
For Treasurer of State Michael L. Fitzgerald ..... 1038  
Write-in ..... 1  
For Secretary of Agriculture John Norwood ..... 1024  
Write-in ..... 2  
For Attorney General Tom Miller ..... 1041  
Write-in ..... 2  
For State Representative District..... 99  
Dennis M. Cohoon..... 44  
Write-in ..... 0  
For State Representative District100 Rebecca Bowker ..... 980  
Write-in ..... 7  
For County Board of Supervisors District 2 Donna Amandus ..... 176  
Write-in ..... 3  
For County Board of Supervisors District 3 Maxwell Mendenhall .. 232  
Write-in ..... 6  
For County Treasurer Chris Spann..... 1020  
Write-in ..... 10  
For County Recorder Nancy Booten..... 1029  
Write-in ..... 4  
For County Attorney Ross J. Braden..... 1022  
Write-in ..... 4

Republican  
For United States Senator Jim Carlin..... 323  
Chuck Grassley ..... 829  
Write-in ..... 1  
For United States Representative-District 1 Mariannette Miller-Meeks ..... 1058  
Write-in ..... 17  
For Governor Kim Reynolds ..... 1129  
Write-in ..... 6  
For Secretary of State Paul D. Pate ..... 1075  
Write-in ..... 4  
For Auditor of State Todd Halbur ..... 468  
Mary Ann Hanusa ..... 570  
Write-in ..... 4  
For Treasurer of State Roby Smith ..... 1038  
Write-in ..... 3  
For Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig..... 1054  
Write-in ..... 3  
For Attorney General Brenna Bird..... 1039  
Write-in ..... 4  
For State Representative District 99 Matthew Rinker..... 65  
Tj Widbin..... 34  
Write-in ..... 0  
For State Representative District 100 Martin L. Graber ..... 983  
Write-in ..... 3  
For County Board of Supervisors District 2 Tom Schulz..... 170  
Write-in ..... 4  
For County Board of Supervisors District 3 Write-in ..... 13  
For County Treasurer Write-in ..... 57  
For County Recorder Write-in ..... 44  
For County Attorney Write-in ..... 49

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to accept the Canvass as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Monday, June 6, 2022 Board Minutes. Motioned carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve the appointment of Charles Holmes, Supervisor-District 3, \$26,532.65/annual salary, effective 6/14/22; a step increase for Tabatha Cleveland, Legal Secretary, from \$17.17/hr. to \$17.64/hr., effective 6/6/22; a step increase for Cole Lee, Correctional Officer, from \$18.11/hr. to \$19.49/hr., effective 6/13/22 and a step increase for Joshua Wilcox, Correctional Officer, from \$18.11/hr. to \$20.91/hr., effective 6/6/22. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Committee meeting and a RUSS Board meeting. Pflug reported on an Iowa Utilities Board meeting concerning the proposed pipeline.

At 11:50 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Matt Pflug, Chairman  
Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid  
June 14, 2022**

Access Enrgy, svcs ..... 152.48  
Access Systms, svcs ..... 145.31  
Agriland FS, svcs ..... 99805.64  
Agrineed, splys... 5320.66  
Airgas USA, splys ..... 262.09  
All Ssns Music, svcs ..... 150.00  
Alliant Enrgy, svcs ..... 19531.53  
Amazon, splys ..... 128.88  
Am Trust Rtrmnt, fees ..... 791.76  
J Anderson, svcs .... 223.75  
Animal House, mtrls ..... 59.10  
Artistic Clnrs, unif.... 20.00  
L Aschbrenner, svcs ..... 190.40  
Assured Prtnrs, costs ..... 3438.00  
Ball Volvo, splys.... 141.13  
Bates Sntatn, svcs.. 720.00  
D Beckinger, svcs... 218.40  
C Bell, svcs..... 85.00  
A Bohnenkamp, svcs ..... 102.80  
K Bohnenkamp, svcs ..... 191.57  
Bnd Tree Med, splys ..... 1903.16  
Brightree Home, svcs ..... 3263.50  
T Buckley, exps .... 204.80  
SBurgessCanada, svcs ..... 175.10  
D Cackley, svcs ..... 208.00  
D Cackley, svcs ..... 187.75  
K Cannon, svcs ..... 186.10  
S Claus, rent..... 600.00  
D Coover, svcs ..... 522.70  
Cullen Cnstrctn, svcs ..... 6950.00  
Cullen Pest, svcs.... 471.00  
Culligan, wtr..... 154.90  
Cummins Ctr Pwr, svcs ..... 703.17  
B Daggs, svcs ..... 179.50  
Democrat Co, publ ..... 3169.39  
Daily Gate City, publ ..... 2578.92  
DHLW Erly Chld, svcs ..... 3500.00  
Dial/Kcklmm Law, svcs ..... 581.25

# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

Dickinson Co IT, svcs	3000.00
T Dinger, svcs.....	184.12
RK Dixon Co, equip	335.70
M Dodson, exps.....	14.85
Donnellson Tire, svcs	25.00
Drake Hdwr, svcs	1476.25
G Eaves, rfnds.....	40.94
C Enger, svcs.....	93.35
D Enger, svcs.....	94.00
J Enger, svcs.....	102.10
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	60.00
FM Fmly YMCA, svcs	1800.00
FM Hsng Auth, svcs	8437.32
D Fowler, svcs.....	211.10
H Fowler, svcs.....	209.35
L Fox, svcs.....	221.20
G Glasscock, svcs..	198.40
B Gray, svcs.....	189.40
S Jo Gray, svcs.....	327.25
GRRWA, svcs.....	853.81
M Gunn, svcs.....	194.01
Hancock Co Hlth, svcs	1275.00
K Haney, exps.....	74.83
S Happs, svcs.....	164.50
M Hardy, svcs.....	151.35
Hartricks Lmbr, parts	57.74
Hlth Sol, svcs.....	331.00
M Helenthal, svcs...	193.80
B Hill, svcs.....	189.05
J Hissem, svcs.....	69.00
D Holtkamp, svcs...	171.90
Home Thrpy Sol, svcs	1472.50
K Houston, svcs.....	106.60
Huffman Wldng, equip	307.83
IACCVSO, dues.....	50.00
ICONNECTYOU, svcs	160.00
IA Co Recorders, dues	200.00
IA Dpt Pblc Sfty, splys	2544.00
IA Dpt Rev, tax.....	36.51
IA St Pen, meals	7000.00
ISAC, reg.....	500.00
M Jessen, svcs.....	76.00
Jireh Inc, fuel.....	1001.55
Johnson Cntrls, svcs	2949.34
C Johnson, exps....	175.00
G Johnson, svcs.....	192.25
H Johnson, svcs.....	223.76
D Kearns, svcs.....	190.45
B Kelly, svcs.....	181.24
D Kelly, svcs.....	176.47
Keo Area Hospital, rx	1613.50
Keo Med Equip, splys	6753.73
Kieslers Police, Equip	297.50
King Lynk Fnrl, svcs	1200.00
C King, svcs.....	177.98
D King, svcs.....	182.75
Kirchner Trkg, svcs	290.00
G Knisley, exps.....	47.26
J Kratzer, svcs.....	183.65
R Krogmeier, svcs..	188.53
K Kuntz, svcs.....	243.23
L Kuntz, svcs.....	179.06
E Lambert, exps...	144.90
LeeCoAdtr IPERS, crctn	4303.65
LeeCoAdtr, CtrlPur	5386.40
Lee Co Eng, splys..	50.00
LeeCo Treas, costs	18509.31
C Lindeman, svcs... 195.16	
M Long, svcs.....	309.36
W Long, svcs.....	177.20
Lynch Dallas, svcs	1884.50
McFarlands, splys	2148.54
M McVey, svcs.....	178.70
Mediacom, svcs.....	224.11
P Menke, svcs.....	26.50
J Metcalf, svcs.....	173.50
Meyers Drwvy, svcs	1050.00
B Meyers, svcs.....	187.70
MidAm Enrgy, gas	237.61
N Miller, svcs.....	188.94
S Mills-Echols, svcs	194.78
Mohrfeld Elect, svcs	1900.00
Montrose Hlth, svcs	4653.50
M Nagel, svcs.....	170.68
NAPA Auto, parts..	666.52
AT Conf, svcs.....	247.03
M Nusbaum, svcs...	180.50
OMG Midwest, svcs	11133.12
Optum Phrmcy, splys	1752.67
C Owens, svcs.....	164.00
B Peevler, svcs.....	212.40
Penn City Assc, dues	300.00
L Peterson, svcs....	184.10
S Peterson, svcs....	223.40
K Pflug, svcs.....	428.75
M Pflug, exps.....	40.00
C Pietscher, svcs....	181.15
Prairie Farms, splys	243.20
Pritchard Brdctg, publ	350.00
C Pundt, svcs.....	192.62
Quill Corp, splys...	185.76
C Renstrom, svcs...	110.20
RicohUSA, splys.....	38.17
G Rives, svcs.....	174.88
K Robbins, svcs.....	173.30
M Robbins, svcs.....	188.20
P Ross, svcs.....	22.50
T Ross, svcs.....	241.03
RSM US, equip..	23978.57
T Rudd, svcs.....	192.90
Ryan Diag, svcs...	1207.00
J Sams, svcs.....	194.78
J Schneider, svcs...	550.00
Sec/St, splys.....	30.00
Shred-It, svcs.....	54.96
SIADSA, svcs.....	5440.00
Sidwell, svcs.....	2700.00
PSkinner, svcs.....	177.98
Solutions, svcs....	1442.76
SEIRPC, svcs... 704012.90	
SEIA Reg Med, svcs	16425.75
P Spiekermeier, exps	17.10
L Spurgin, svcs.....	171.05
M Spurgin, svcs.....	168.10
St Hygnc Lab, svcs	100.00
Stericycle, svcs.....	555.84
P Stone, svcs.....	178.85
D Sylvester, svcs...	150.45
L Tripp, rfnds.....	79.17
US Cell, svcs.....	2558.51
VB Co Hosp, svcs	14030.75
L VanFossen, svcs	155.20
W Walljasper, svcs	198.08
G Warson, rfnds...	658.70
J Weeks, svcs.....	180.08
West Pt Utility, svcs	757.79
Wex Bank, fuel...	8138.51
L Wheatley, svcs....	189.27
Windstream, svcs...	498.96

B Wyatt, svcs..... 150.00  
L Zimmerman, svcs  
..... 184.10  
Zoll Medical, splys  
..... 381.22

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
AGENDA  
KEOKUK CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 21, 2022  
501 Main Street  
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Mayor's Correspondence:
5. Citizen's Request.
6. Consent Agenda.
  - Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of July 7, 2022;
  - Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of July 14, 2022;
  - Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for June 2022;
  - Resolution approving a 5-day Liquor License for Rollin' On The River, Mississippi Drive (Victory Park), August 18-22, 2022 – Class C Liquor License (pending dram);
  - Resolution approving a 5-day Liquor License for Lake Cooper Foundation (Big Dam Street Festival) 8 North Water Street (Victory Park), August 24-28, 2022 – Class B Beer Permit;
  - Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5283-5285;
7. (a) Now is the time and place for a public hearing on the status of funded activities for the City of Keokuk, CDBG, housing sustainability rehabilitation program. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on Friday, July 8, 2022.
8. Motion to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending to zoning ordinance adding homeless shelter to special uses.
9. Motion to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles and gold carts.
10. Consider resolution approving contract for services for the River Front Trails with Shoemaker & Haaland
11. Motion to approve the resignation of Linda Marsden from the City Council 5th Ward.
12. Motion to fill vacancy in the 5th Ward City Council.
13. Boards & Commissions:
14. Council Liaison Reports:
15. Staff Reports:
16. New Business:

17. Adjourn Meeting.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
AGENDA  
KEOKUK COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP  
July 21, 2022  
IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING REGULAR  
MEETING**

(1) Wes Ames Presenting


tation on Dormitories @ SCC.  
(2) Update on Electric Franchise Fees.

(3) Discussion on Vacant Housing Registry Review.

**Got a news tip?**  
Call Chuck (319)371.1670

**LEE CHD** **Certified Nurse's Aide**

Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time Certified Nurse's Aide to work in the agency's Homecare and Hospice programs. This position requires travel to client homes in the agency's service area. If interested please mail resume to LCHD, Attn: Tammy Wilson, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or email [twilson@leecountyhd.org](mailto:twilson@leecountyhd.org). LCHD is EOE.



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## Lee County News/From the Front

# 18th Back-to-School event set for Aug. 5

LEE COUNTY - It's that time once again, when the community unites to help students and families prepare for the upcoming school year. We are pleased to announce that the 18th Annual Back to School Festival will be held on Friday, August 5 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The event is free and open to the public regardless of income or school district. Backpacks with selected school supplies will be distributed for students pre-kindergarten through high school on a first come first serve basis. We are back to in-person this year. Students and families will have the opportunity to visit with area agencies and organizations as well as enjoy games, food, and ice cream floats.

"Area churches, organizations, and businesses donate

money, school supplies and volunteer time in order to make this a successful event" says Karen Siefken, Director at United Way of the Great River Region. "It's great to see the community come together to help families get ready for the start of the school year". In addition, Trinity United Methodist Church, United Way of the Great River Region, and Salvation Army of Lee County would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors who help to support this event and pack backpacks with school supplies. Stay tuned for more information about our sponsors.

Want to get involved? Become an event sponsor, purchase supplies, sponsor a backpack for \$20 each and/or volunteer your time on the day of the event. Contact Sue at United Way at 319-524-4504 for more information. Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/UWGRR/>

The 18th Annual Back-to-School Festival is set for Aug. 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church at 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk. Backpacks will be provided regardless of income and other information will be available as well.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**Back to School Festival**  
**Friday, Aug 5, 2022**  
**4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

**Trinity United Methodist Church 2330 Plank Road Keokuk**

**Backpacks Pre K-12, info booths, food, activities**  
**Free and open to the public regardless of income**





**For sponsor and volunteer opportunities, call 319-524-4504**

# Former Humphrey jewelry building sold on tax certificate

**STREET** - Continued from Page 1

said Tuesday.

"We may look at closing that. It's moving still and we don't have any significant movement (on the building), so I have to do something about it. We're probably going to take that step in the near future."

Krogmeier said the vacant building behind Pilot Grove Savings Bank with the damaged garage has been sold to another firm.

"It's one of those companies that buys tax certificates and gets ownership and sells. I don't think they've even physically seen the building, but they have a picture now, so I think they'll be intrigued by it," Krogmeier said.

Krogmeier said the the firm paid quite a bit for the building and, aside from the garage, the building is still in good shape.

"If they take the garage down and maybe make some parking there, the rest of the building is in pretty good shape," he said.

He said the firm is out of Des Moines and he hopes the close proximity will yield positive results on the building.

Fort Madison took possession of the Block building at 732 Avenue G in March on an order from District 8B Judge John Wright.

The building was ordered vacated in the summer of 2021 due to deteriorating and unsafe living conditions.



In the spring, environmental work was being done on the building to ready it for possible transfer or sale for future rehabilitation.

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**Rudie Castagna**, Fort Madison volunteer for more than 40 years

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- Greeting and escorting
- Waiting areas
- Music
- Gift shop
- Hospice
- Senior Health Insurance Information Program
- Clerical work

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**July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>**

(no meals July 4<sup>th</sup>)

**FM**

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



**10:45-11:05**

- **Lincoln Elem**  
14<sup>th</sup> St & Ave E  
(playground)

**11:15-11:35**

- **FM High School**  
20<sup>th</sup> St & Ave C  
(by pool)

**11:00-11:30**

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

**11:50-12:10**

- **Victory Park**  
23<sup>rd</sup> St & Ave F  
(playground)

**12:30-12:50**

- **Richardson Elem.**  
33<sup>rd</sup> 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  
each flight. Door prizes and silent auction for all.**

*All proceeds go to the Central Lee Sports Boosters*

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Send Registration to:

**Eric Van Ausdall**

1692 Hwy 2  
Donnellson, IA 52625

217-430-4650

[eric@myconnectionbank.com](mailto:eric@myconnectionbank.com)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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