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Barricaded again



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

City officials have once again cut off part of 8th Street to foot and vehicle traffic as concerns are heightened over the possibility of the former Humphrey building crumbling to the street.

CITY CONCERNS: Building Director, Fire Chief concerned of possible collapse

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The barricades that are up again on 8th Street in downtown Fort Madison are a visual reminder of the ongoing nuisance that the James Block building has become for the city.

Last week the city again put up the barricades, but unlike when the barricades were up last year closing off a lane, this time the barricades have the entire street shut off due to fears the deteriorating structure is going to fall.

Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren returned from a vacation and noticed the building had drastically changed, prompting the city to close off the street for safety of pedestrians and motorists.

"Since the time I left, there has been some drastic changes. There's a quite a bit of push out at the bottom and there are also some more windows shifting and breaking at the upper levels," Herren said.

"We're of the thought it may collapse, so we just shut the whole block down."

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COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors sponsor deal with PVPallets

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A growing company working out of the Lee County Economic Development Group got a boost from county officials Monday.

Back in April, the Lee County Board of Supervisors approved a \$70,000 loan to PVPallet Inc. A new contract which requires the county to sponsor an agreement between the pallet company and the Iowa Economic Development Authority under a High Quality Jobs Act.

The county's agreement to sponsor the incentive from the IEDA provides an additional \$175,000 in forgivable loan proceeds to the company in Montrose.

"Remember, the project will create 26 jobs in Lee County over the life of the contract and \$6.2 million in capital investment," said LCEDG President Dennis Fraise.



FRAISE

Supervisor Chuck Holmes said he read in the contract that if the company were to default on the agreement, the county would be responsible for the loan repayment.

Fraise said there's always that possibility.

"We've vetted this company and we have high confidence that this contract will be fulfilled," Fraise said.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the pallets that are being constructed in Montrose are reusable and there is a market for them.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said he's hearing that there is already talk of expanding the options for the pallets beyond using them for shipping solar panels.

"They're exploring other opportunities to utilize those pallets and I'm pretty con-

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THEATER

Youth production takes stage Friday at OFP

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The annual summer youth production at Old Fort Players will kick off July 29 in downtown Fort Madison.

A full cast of the city's youngest thespians takes the stage for a truncated version of

The Wizard of Oz and A Very Cold Case.

The timeless The Wizard of Oz clearly has the children's energy levels at full throttle. Sunshine Zioui plays the disillusioned Dorothy and Allema Kellum putters around without lines, but a critical role in revealing the Wizard, as Toto.

Zioui is incredibly good with lines and bringing some inflection to the role. Youth programs at times struggle with lines, but Dorothy comes off clean and well-rehearsed.

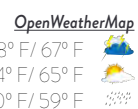
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WEATHER

TUE 26 Jul..... Cooler with Chance of Thunderstorms, 78° F/ 67° F
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

KIM S. MAPES

Kim Sheree Mapes, 58, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away at 2:20 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2022, at her home.

She was born on April 28, 1964, in Spokane, Washington, the daughter of J. Richard and Jean E. (Hogge) Rhodes. On March 11, 1989, she married Terry Mapes in Fort Madison, Iowa.



MAPES

Survivors include her husband: Terry Mapes; three children: Troy (Sydney) Mapes of Rapid City, South Dakota, Corissa Mapes of Mount Sterling, Illinois, Krystal (Devon) Fisher of Florence, Kentucky; one grandchild: Julie Mapes and baby Mapes on the way; one brother: David Rhodes of Nauvoo, Illinois; one niece: Danielle (Parker) Miller of West Burlington, Iowa and one great-niece: baby Miller on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

Kim was a 1982 graduate of Pekin-Packwood High School. She worked for WIN Magazine in Newton, Iowa. Kim loved going on cruises, having gone on eighteen in her lifetime. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting and spending time with her granddaughter Julie.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon Friday, July 29, 2022, at Schmitz Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, Illinois, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Schmitz Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, Illinois with Pastor Todd Vinson officiating.

Burial will be held in Oak Grove Cemetery in Hamilton, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oak Grove Cemetery Association or First Baptist Church of Keiser, Arkansas, for youth scholarships in her memory.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

SHARON M. BILLUPS

Sharon Merle Billups, 83, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Sharon was born on May 31, 1939, in Luray, Missouri, the daughter of Merlin Hollis and Alma Ethel (Dochterman) Billups. She attended both grade school and high school in Granger, Missouri. On September 12, 1958, she was united in marriage to Larry Wayne Bennett in Granger, Missouri. They were later divorced.



BILLUPS

Sharon was a member of Luray Baptist Church and was employed as a paramedic for twelve years for Lee County Ambulance. She also worked for seven years at Metzler in Keokuk. In her free time, Sharon enjoyed sewing, drawing in adult coloring books, embroidery, and antiques. In her younger years, she enjoyed camping and boating. She loved to bird-watch and hated seeing squirrels eat her birdseed.

Sharon is survived by her son James Hollis (Dawn) Bennett of Keokuk, Iowa, two daughters: Susan Lee (Jamie) Rettig of Donnellson, Iowa, and Sherry Lynn (Richard "Junior" Martin) Bennett of Keokuk; six granddaughters: Jamey Sue (Dave) Smith, Brandi Jo (Cory) Eid, Leah Ann (Josh) Kautz, Kimberly Dawn (Kris) Chamberlain, Taylor Grace Rettig and Natalee Grace Pedroza; three grandsons: Corey James (Lacy) Bennett, Ryan (Danielle) Pedroza and Naethan (Elizabeth) Pedroza; eighteen great-grandchildren; a sister Verna fey Billups, brother Walter Clyde Billup, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, her dear grandson Travis Lee Rettig and her son-in-law Steve Carlton.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, Iowa. Burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



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LOWELL R. MELTON

Lowell Richard "L.R." Melton, of Duncanville, Texas passed away July 18, 2022 at age of 82. Lowell was born in Milltown, Indiana on February 8th, 1940 to the late James Paul and Viola Melton. Mr. Melton owned and operated Melton's Automotive in Dallas City Illinois until 1980 when he relocated to Duncanville, Texas where he lived until his death.



MELTON

After he settled in Texas he enjoyed a 30 year career in the Automotive After-market Industry as a successful District Sales Manager,

After graduation from Dallas City Community High School in 1958, Lowell served his country as a Reservist in the Armed Forces from 1957-1964, In September 1958 he married the love of his life Dorla Churchill. Mr. Melton graduated from Nashville Auto Diesel College in Nashville, Tennessee in 1960. Lowell was a 32 degree member of the Masonic Temple - Valley of Quincy for 55 years. And a member of the Dallas City Lions Club.

He will be reunited with his wife of 52 years Dorla Melton and his son Douglas Melton who passed in May of 2021, his parents as well as his brother James Melton, in our heavenly after-life. He is survived by his siblings JD Melton and wife Marilyn of Dallas City, Illinois, Georgia Lauer of Burlington, Iowa, and Pam Orth of Dallas City, Illinois and Shirley Melton, widow of James Melton of Des Moines, Iowa. He is also survived by his children, Teri Nelson of Cedar Hill, Texas, Lori Melton-Dahl of Dallas, Texas, Richard Darin "Bo" Melton and his wife Rachael of Concan, Texas and Doug's widow Beth Melton of Midlothian, Texas, grandchildren Josh Melton and wife Kimberly, Beau Melton, Alex LaFleur and husband Jonathan, April Melton and husband Matt Schimek, Charles Melton and wife Emily, Karissa Melton and husband Chris, Ashley, Fawn and Cody Brown, Abbey Cain and Declan Cain, Hannah Kannady and husband Trevor, Nigel Nelson, Trevor Nelson and Jace Melton.



"Pop or Papa" Melton also enjoyed the company of his 16 great grandchildren.

Masonic Rites will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City followed by visitation with the family from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Mr. Melton will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Banks & Beals in Dallas City. Burial, with Military Rites, will be in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to the Illinois Masonic Children's Assistance Program ilmason.org. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit his obituary at banksandbeals.com.

DONNA M. SNYDER

Donna Marie (Bradford) Snyder, 65, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at her home.

Donna was born on December 25, 1956 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the daughter of Don Bradford and Sharon Burr.



SNYDER

Donna was a 1975 graduate of LaHarpe High School. Donna worked several jobs throughout her life, and many times, more than one job at a time. Most notably she worked as a Home Health Nurse for the Hancock County Health Department.

Donna enjoyed knitting, crocheting and especially enjoyed time spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors include one son: Alan (Dalene) Mowen of Dallas City; one step-son: David Snyder of West Burlington, Iowa; her mother and step-father: Sharon and Richard Reed of Terre Haute, Illinois; six grandchildren: Tifani, Jesse, Drake, Hailey, Nicholas and Damion; one god-daughter: Jamie; three sisters: Ronna Bradford of LaHarpe, Leesa (Carl) Swanson of Terre Haute and Joy Wilcox of Dallas City; one half-sister: Sadena Jackson and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father: Don.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 2022 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. Followed by a service at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Nate McCarter officiating.

Cremation will be entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home following the service. A memorial fund has been established for the family. Please visit Donna's obituary at banksandbeals.com to leave a condolence.

OBITUARIES

JIMMIE E. BOECKER

Jimmie E. Boecker, 71, of Montrose, IA, passed away at 2:30 a.m. On Saturday, July 23, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on January 29, 1951 in Keokuk, IA to Robert & Adeline Corley Kennedy Boecker.



BOECKER

He married Terry Ann Brentise and they later divorced. He then married Teresa M. Kane Lambert on April 5, 2004 in Keokuk, IA. She preceded him in death on January 12, 2019.

He retired from J.I. Case with 37 years of service and enjoyed fishing, playing pool, the St. Louis Cardinals, horseshoes, collecting coins and watching the Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune & Survivor. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Jimmie is survived by: 3-daughters: Connie Boecker of Farmington, IA, Dawn Lambert of Keokuk, IA & Teracea Lambert of Keokuk, IA; 1-son: James Boecker of Montrose, IA; 6-grandchildren: Brandy Jo, Jamie, Emma Jean, Patrick, Colby & Hailey; 2-brothers: Jerry (Joan) Boecker of Keokuk, IA & Donnie Boecker of Keokuk, IA; 3-sisters: Dixie Horsey of Mt. Pleasant, IA, Sandra (Jerry) Schaff of Hamilton, IL & Dee Ann (Tracy) Pierce of Hamilton, IL. He was preceded in death by: his parents, wife, 1-brother: Larry Boecker, 1-sister: Jackie Thompson, 1-niece & 1-nephew.

The visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 with the funeral service to immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. John Simpson officiating. Burial will be held at Montrose Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Jimmie's memory. Online condolences to the Boecker family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Sports/From the Front

County to join state road grant effort

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fident they're gonna go," Seyb said.

Fraise said the company shipped out more than 1,000 last week, and they've hired a facility manager and a national sales manager so they are moving very quickly.

In an unrelated issue, County Engineer Ben Hull asked the board to approve a resolution to participate in a Safe Streets For All (SS4A) statewide grant application for roadway safety funding.

"Our state organization is planning to move forward very quickly. There's a deadline by September and they're going to attempt to get all 99 counties on board," Hull said.

"If successful, it would generate 80% federal funding and the other 20% the Iowa DOT has offered to cover that match."

He said that would amount to \$30,000 to \$50,000 for Lee County.

In other action, the board approved:

- replacing 42-year veteran Treasurer's deputy Jeanne Cooper in September to allow for four months of training with Cooper before she steps aside at year's end.
- approved a first reading of an amended election precinct ordinance.

Twelve locals get 1st-team honors

EIGHT GIRLS: Central Lee and Fort Madison each get four girls on conference all-conference teams

LEE COUNTY - A dozen players from Lee County were named to their respective 1st-team all conference squads in post-season awards last week.

Fort Madison's Lexi Whaley, Erika Kruse, Neeley Rehm, Logan Johnson, Kane Williams and Landes Williams made up half the 1st-teamers.

Kruse led the Hounds in hitting with a .413 average and belted 12 home runs which was tops in the Southeast Conference, two ahead of Player of the Year Hannah Simpson of Fairfield. The Bloodhound junior also drove in 50 runs which was tied with Simpson for best in the

conference.

She also had eight wins in the circle which was fifth best in the conference, while striking out an even 50 on the season.

Rehm, also a junior, put up 11 wins on the year with a 2.21 ERA and 100 strikeouts. She hit .307 for the season.

Whaley hit .405 on the year which was 5th best in the Southeast Conference and her three homers were third best in loop play.

Logan Johnson hit .358 on the year with a home run and 19 RBI. The senior also led the Hounds with 28 runs and a .470 on base average.

Anna Sobczak was named to the girls 1st-team all conference as an

infielder. She hit .500 on the year, which was third best in SEI Superconference South.

Central Lee's Hopp hit .453 the fourth best average in conference. The senior had two home runs and 20 RBI on the season. She had six wins on the year and had the second best ERA at 1.89.

Turner led the Hawks with a 12-7 win/loss record and a 2.15 ERA, third best in the conference.

Shanna Buford and Kenna Sandoval were also named to the 1st-team for Central Lee. Sandoval made the team as a utility player playing as an 8th grader. She hit .373 with three homers and 23 RBI.

Buford hit .365 with 30 RBI and five home runs and made the team as an infielder.

Landes and Kane Williams dominated mound appearances for the Hounds. Landes earned 1st team as an infielder and Kane Williams made the team as a pitcher.

Kane Williams led the Hounds with a .343 batting average with 16 RBI and had 13 stolen bases good enough for fifth in the Southeast Conference. He had a 1.35 ERA with six wins against no losses in 41 innings of work.

Landes Williams had a 1.52 ER, fifth best in the league with a .500 on base average. Williams went 3-1 on the year with 32 strikeouts. The senior hit .322 with 12

RBI.

Central Lee's Alex Sandoval was the sole Hawk to make the SEI Superconference All-Conference team. Sandoval hit .444 with 5 home runs and 34 RBI both team highs.

The .444 was tied for third best in the conference as was the five dingers. His on-base-average of .556 was also third best in the league.

Central Lee's Corbin Pohren was named to the second team outfield, while Jonny Snider and Tanner DeMoss were named honorable mention.

The Lady Hawks' Bella Steffensmeier and Bailey Schwartz earned 2nd-team all conference, while Honorable Mention went to Marie Young and Jaci Hawk.

FMHS' Matt Hopper and Tate Johnson were named 2nd-team all-conference. Tanner Settles and Reburn Turnbull were named Honorable Mention.

Lauryn Helmick and Emily Steffensmeier were named 2nd team Southeast All-Conference. Elizabeth Tanner and Elle Ruble received Honorable Mention.

Logan Johnson, Steffensmeier, Mylah Blanchard, and McKenna Cashman received Academic All-Conference.

Tate Johnson, Landes Williams and Kane Williams all received Academic All-Conference.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes for the
Lee County
Conservation Board
Meeting
June 14, 2022
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Hwy61
Montrose, IA 52639

1. Called to Order at 4:00 p.m.
 Roll Call: Alton X Pollpeter X Moore X Patrick X VanPelt X Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Steele, Risser, Jacobs
 Supervisor: Absent
 2. Approve Agenda
 Motion by Moore to approve the agenda
 2nd: Alton
 Motion Carried
 3. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022
 Motion by Alton to approve the May 10, 2022
 2nd: VanPelt
 Motion Carried
 4. Public Input
 Ron Mace asked about the possible new pond at Wilson Lake Park to see if the Board had considered the runoff from Hinterland Dairy going into the pond. Alton responded that the engineer on the project has taken this into consideration.
 5. Approval of the Bills
 Alton asked about the log jam removal at Denning. Veihl reported that a neighboring citizen asked that it be removed.
 Alton asked about the cabin door purchase. Jacobs responded that a damaged door was replaced. VanPelt asked why LCC uses 2 different mowing services. Huebner and Jacobs explained that the main parks and outer areas are split up because there is too much for one lawn care service to cover. The LCC

seasonal staff mows the campgrounds and trails. Patrick stated that the mowing look great this year.
 Motion by Moore to approve the bills
 2nd: Alton
 Motion Carried
 6. Approval of the Financial Report
 Huebner stated that the budget amendment for the shed was completed and that LCC is on track for the fiscal year 2022 budget.
 Pollpeter asked if Huebner had a penciled out plan for the LCCB Trust money. Huebner responded that yes, there is a plan with \$200,000 budgeted to spend next fiscal year on the Pollmiller Trail and various other projects. \$115,000 of the trust money is for Denning Property improvements, only.
 Motion by Alton to approve the financial report
 2nd: Moore
 Motion Carried
 7. Take Possible Action to Approve the Purchase of the Following
 a. Used Mower- Up to \$9,000
 b. Trailer- Up to \$9,000
 Huebner stated that \$33,000 was left in the equipment budget for this fiscal year. She worked with John on what equipment was most needed.
 Discussion was had on the type of mower to be purchased. Huebner stated she would be working with the staff to determine what will work the best.
 Motion by Alton to approve the purchase of a used mower and trailer, each up to \$9,000
 2nd: Patrick
 Motion Carried
 8. Take Possible Action on French-Reneker

Agreement for New Wilson Lake Pond
 Stephen Pedrick, the French-Reneker engineer on the project, joined the Board over the phone to answer any questions on the agreement.
 Huebner introduced the phases of the New Pond Project - the first phase would be permitting, which would be covered in this agreement. Phase 2 would be the construction. The plan would be to apply for the Fish Habitat Grant for permitting this year, then construction in the following year. This grant would cover 90% of the project cost.
 Pedrick walked the Board through the permitting process and explained how it can either be quick and easy or complex and lengthy. It all depends on if the Army Corp considers the stream in their jurisdiction.
 Alton asked Pedrick to answer Ron Mace's prior question on runoff. Pedrick responded that he believes the runoff will not be issue, as some runoff can be beneficial and add nutrients to the pond. A more thorough survey would be done on this prior to construction.
 Pollpeter asked if making the dam smaller would decrease permit costs. Pedrick responded that it would, but it would also make it a much smaller pond. He would look into this further for the Board. More discussion was had on the New Pond Project. VanPelt questioned the need for another pond. Patrick highlighted how often people fish at Wilson Lake and how far people travel to utilize our parks. Huebner reiterated that the Fish Habitat

Grant would cover 90% of this project, and would be very little cost to the LCCB with a huge benefit to Lee County's citizens.
 The Board decided to move forward with the hourly permitting agreement, as it can still be changed in the future.
 Motion by Alton to approve the French-Reneker Agreement on permitting for the New Wilson Lake Pond
 2nd: Patrick
 Motion Carried
 9. Pollmiller Trail - Resolution
 Huebner explained that the Board needed a formal resolution stating their at least 10% financial commitment to the Pollmiller trail project in order to apply for the State Recreational Trails Grant. This grant was applied for last year, but was not received. The

county grant writer, Chuck Vandenberg, plans to reapply and focus on the big picture of the trail with West Point.
 Motion by Moore to approve this resolution
 2nd: Alton
 Motion Carried
RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 002
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST POINT-POLLMILLER PARK TRAIL
 WHEREAS, Lee County is a duly recognized municipal corporation acting under the laws of the State of Iowa, and appoints a County Conservation Board per Iowa Code Chapter 350

to have the custody, control, and management of all real and personal property of the county for conservation purposes; and
 WHEREAS, the Lee County Conservation Board recognizes that there is a significant need to upgrade existing bike and pedestrian infrastructure to ensure greater resiliency and a longer lifespan; and
 WHEREAS, reimbursement funds are available through the State of Iowa under this program, for the completion of the above improvements; and
 WHEREAS, in order to avail itself of possible reimbursement of funds pursuant to any grant under said program, an application must be filed by the Lee County Conservation Board; and
 WHEREAS, the filing



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of an application is in the best interests of the citizens of the Lee County, and should be approved. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Lee County Conservation Board fully supports the project to resurface the existing trail that extends from Pollmitler Park to South Park in the City of West Point, assures a minimum local funding match of 25%, and agrees to adequately maintain the trail for its intended use and maintain the total trail used to justify the project in public use for a minimum period of 20 years following project completion, and hereby authorizes County staff to submit an application for funding this project.

APPROVED and AD- OPTED this 14th day of June, 2022
 10. Discuss and Take Possible Action on 263rd Avenue Easement
 Huebner explained that she was approached by another county official about a new property owner at 2464 263rd Ave. This new owner requested a way to access their property when the road floods. The LCCB owns the entirety of the property surrounding their property. This road is gated off during flooding for safety and for this reason cannot be moved. A county official requested that the LCCB consider an easement on their property to allow for a new road to be built to the new property

owner's address.
 After discussion, the Board agreed that they did not wish to offer an easement and lose part of LCCB's North Heron Bend. They agreed that it was no mystery that this road floods every year.
 11. Staff and Director Reports
 Oldfield gave the parks report highlighting a total of 606 camping nights, 31 cabins nights, and 327 beach admissions in the month of May.
 Steele gave the education report highlighting 123 programs with field trips and other organizations. Huebner's director report highlighted the new Climax extern starting work on adding LCC trails to the AllTrails app, the near completion of the loop trail around Chatfield

Park, and the new Denning and Clark signs have been ordered.
 12. Board Member Comments
 Patrick highlighted the long range travelers he sees camping in our parks and even Wilson Lake being used as a destination for a wedding.
 Alton stated she enjoyed Lia's Rock Wrapping craft event.
 Moore asked about the No A TV signs possibly needing to state more clearly that side-by-sides and such should be included in this.
 13. Adjournment
 Motion by VanPelt to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.
 2nd: Alton
 Motion Carried
 Tom Pollpeter
 LCCB President
 Caroline Veihl
 LCCB Secretary

August 2, 2022, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison regarding a request to rezone property at 1629, 1633 and 1641 - 33rd Street from R-4, Single-Family Dwelling District to I-1, Limited Industrial District.
 You may obtain further information or express your views concerning this issue either in person or through an authorized representative at the public hearing, or prior to the meeting by fax at (319) 372-8661, by telephone at (319) 372-7700 ext. 206, by E-mail at dkrogmeier@fortmadison-ia.com or in writing to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on August 2, 2022.
 Melinda L. Blind
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12:00 p.m.
 Roll Call: Alton X Pollpeter X Moore X Patrick X VanPelt X
 Staff Present: Huebner
 Supervisor: Holmes
 2. Approve Agenda Motion by Moore to approve the agenda
 2nd: Alton
 Motion Carried
 3. Discussion and Possible Action on Increasing Lee County Conservation Board Commitment to Pollmiller Park Project for 10% Match for Nonprofit Innovation Infrastructure Fund Grant
 Motion by Patrick to increase the Lee County Conservation Board's commitment to the Pollmiller Park Project to \$200,000 for a 10% match for the Nonprofit Innovation Infrastructure Fund Grant
 2nd: VanPelt
 Motion Carried
 4. Adjournment
 Motion by VanPelt to adjourn the meeting at 12:14 p.m.
 2nd: Alton
 Motion Carried
 Tom Pollpeter
 LCCB President
 Caroline Veihl
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CLOSES: TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 AT 1PM



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From the Front

Wizard, Cold Case start Friday

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Isabelle Pranger takes on the role of the Cowardly Lion with ironic courage. Veronica Pranger plays Auntie Em. Pieper Terrell plays the Tin Woodsman and Sofia Gilbert is a bold Scarecrow.

The scenes fly by as if in a tornado and we quickly get to the heroics of the unveiling of the Wizard, the dismantling of the Wicked Witch played by Aubrey Davis, and the awakening of Dorothy and Toto back on their provisional Kansas farmstead.

Macy Anderson plays Glinda the good witch, while Oscar Bauswell belts out the commands of the frightening, but affable Wizard of Oz, restoring the hearts and minds and courage of the do-gooders of Oz.

After a brief 15-minute intermission, the stage is changed and the kids go into a more mature rendition of 'A Very Cold Case' in which a couple teenage girls missing for 15

years are reunited under the direction of a sleuth named Reggie Rathbone, a character eerily similar to Sherlock Holmes of old.

In an odd twist, the actor who played Sherlock in the 40s and 50s radio and cinema productions was named Basil Rathbone. But Xandra Abel smashes as the overachieving detective and is able to bring the cast together right along side the movement of story originally done by playwright Craig Sodaro.

The United Way of the Great River Region is Executive Producer for this year's youth shows. Richar Abel is the director of the production.

The show goes on July 29 and 30th at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and can be purchased by calling 372-9559 or visiting the OFP Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oldfortplayers>.

City working with developer to shore up building

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He said the city is still in talks with developers, while architects and engineers are looking at the ongoing issues. The city took control of the building in March because the private ownership hadn't made any court-ordered improvements. To date, the city hasn't made any repairs to shore up the building, a move Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said is coming as soon as plans with developers are finalized.

"As soon as possible," Mohrfeld said regarding when the city or any developers would make the repairs.

"As of Friday we have a developer with preliminary interest in the building. We need to have that group's key people and the city's key people in the room and finalize doing that and transfer the property."

He said the process will involve some time but it is in motion.

The scope of the breaches in the building and the short-term resolutions are what is front and center with the proposed developer. Mohrfeld said he was keeping the name of the developer confidential for now.

In May of 2021, the courts gave the city permission to vacate the building due to the unsafe standards, and to possibly make repairs. There has been no blessing from the city for City Building Director Doug Krogmeier to authorize any repairs on the building to this point.

"We've contracted with someone to go in and assesses the building and do a stabilization plan, but it's essential to me that a potential developer be involved in the stabilization, because if they have different plans for the building, I don't want to see money wasted on that," he said.

"So we've agreed on the person to do that assessment and that's where we are at now."

Mohrfeld said he has asked that additional assessments be done on different areas of the building so a top-level investigation is done.

When asked what the dollar value of those assessments and improvements look like, Mohrfeld said he had no idea.

"I don't know what that will look like, but what I can say is that I haven't given up on this building. It's part of the key to downtown. It's huge commercial space that plays right into about 20 of the 400 units we need to grow Fort Madison," he said.

"It needs to come back to life."

Courts ruled last summer that the building be vacated due to dangerous conditions. Then in November, the city filed a motion to assume ownership of the building to help secure it and then prepare it for future development after years of owner Bryan J. Humphrey failing to bring the building up to acceptable standards.



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