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City may act on Block

ABATEMENT: Settling causes city to vote on emergency repairs Tuesday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison City Council will consider action Tuesday night to authorize emergency repairs to a downtown building.

A resolution on the City Council agenda for Tuesday's regular meeting would authorize Mayor Matt Mohrfeld to order repairs to the building to avoid a potential of the west side of the James Block Building, formerly known as the Humphrey building, on the southeast corner of Avenue G and 8th Street.

City crews barricaded all of Eighth Street from Avenue G south to the alley between Avenues G and H last week after additional settling and damage had been noticed by City Building Director Doug Krogmeier and City Fire Chief Joey Herren.

Herren ordered the barricades be placed across the entire street a week ago.

The authorization will allow the city to contract for repairs

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Progress

Crews continue to rehab Avenue H through Fort Madison. Crews are finishing a good portion of the subsurface and new sewer line with hopes of getting some concrete down before Septem-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMAAA

Chicago artist moves pieces into FMAAA for August exhibit

LORI ILLNER GREEN

FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA Art Center is pleased to announce the Opening Reception on Friday, August 5 from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. of Shifting Matters, a solo exhibition of paintings by Chicago Artist Elisabeth Heying.

The Art Center hosts several activities in association with each month's exhibition. This month Heying will be conducting an Artist Talk to discuss her work in depth on Saturday, August 6 at 11 a.m. Lunch-ala-Art at the conclusion of the month on Friday, August 26 at noon will feature a Gallery Talk by visiting Curator,

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POST-SEASON HONORS

Rehm named **SE District** Coach of the Year in 4A

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FORT MADISON - The season-ending accolades continue to pour in for area summer sports athletes... and now coaches.

Fort Madison's Jared Rehm was named the Iowa Girls Coaches Association 4A Southeast District Coach of the Year after leading the Bloodhounds to their first Southeast Conference title in more than 12 years.

Rehm led the girls to a 23-13 record overall and a sparkling 18-2 mark in loop play. FMHS was eliminated by Burlington in regional play as the Grayhounds advanced to the state tournament.

See **SOFTBALL**, page 7

AG NEWS

Grassley, Baldwin tackle farmland security issues

WASHINGTON -- Today, Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), a lifelong farmer and member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) introduced the bipartisan Farmland Security Act to increase scrutiny over foreign investments in American agricultural land. The legislation ensures that the American people and Congress have the information needed to address the impact foreign investments have on family farms, rural communities and the domestic food supply

"I've been sounding the alarm on the increase in foreign-own farmland for decades and was the original author of the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclo-

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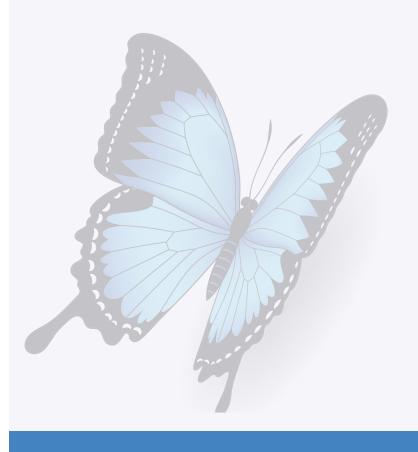
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL J. ORLANDINI

Michael John Orlandini, 64, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away unexpectedly at 10:58 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, IA. He was born on April 10, 1958 in LaSalle, IL to Louis & Josephine Ruszczyk Orlan-



dini. He married Lisa Ann Bell on October 10, 1980 in Metamora, IL. He was a proud conductor and safety coordinator for the BNSF Railroad with 42 years of service. He loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren and his loyal sidekick, Alfred. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, swimming, riding his new bike, eating, drinking beer & wine, the Chicago Cubs & Bears and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Mike is survived by: his wife: Lisa Orlandini of Fort Madison, IA; 3-daughters: Ashley (fiancé Branden Touch) Orlandini Hernandez of Burlington, IA, Holly (Kyle) Blood of Lisbon, IA & Hannah (fiancé Lucas Honadel) Orlandini of Cedar Rapids, IA; 6-grandchildren: Kellan (11), Cohen (10), Jax (7), Kroy (7), Maeve (2) & Wren (15 months); 1-brother: Harold (Phyllis) Orlandini of Benton, IL; 1-sister: Carol Orlandini of Bozeman, MT & 2-sister in laws: Noella Orlandini of Carbondale, IL & Mora Gregg of Ontario, Canada. He was preceded in death by: his parents and 2-brothers: Richard & Gary.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022 at Claypoole Cemetery in rural Fort Madison, IA with Pastor Jon Heyland officiating. A memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences to the Orlandini family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

WILLIAM B. BOEDING

William "Bill" Bernard Boeding, age 66, of Burlington, Iowa died at 6:00 pm Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born January 13, 1956 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of Harold and Ruth (Schroeder) Boeding. On

> October 20, 1979, he married Janet Holtkamp in Fort Madison, Iowa. After 37 years, he retired from General Electric, Burlington, Iowa. He enjoyed watching racing, collecting racing memorabilia, flea markets and auctions and listening to his records. He loved spending time with his family and taking care of his pets. He was a loved hus-

band, father and grandfather. Bill is survived by his wife, Janet Boeding, of Burlington, Iowa; his children: Eric (Krista) Boeding, of Norwalk, Iowa; Luke (Anna)

Boeding, of Mediapolis, Iowa and Ashlyn (Alex) Himan, of Omaha, Nebraska; one sister: Betty Stukerjurgen, of Fairfield, Iowa and three grandchildren: Alek, Landon and Corbin. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Richard Boeding and Tom Boeding and one sister, Mary Cooper.

Private family services will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at or mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Boeding family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE D.

Lawrence Dee Hopp, 84, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 10:44 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at his home.

He was born on April 30, 1938, in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Dee Lawrence and Marian Marie (Hierstein) Hopp. On May 30, 1959, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, he married Betty Marlene

Survivors include his wife: Betty; six children: Carrie (Kyle) Jenkins of Nauvoo, Illinois, Cindy Sanders of Nauvoo, Illinois, Michael (Melissa) Hopp of Burlington, Iowa, Diana Hopp of Fort Madison, Iowa, Jim Hopp of Nauvoo, Illinois and Brian Hopp of Terre Haute, Indiana; fifteen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; two sis-

ters: Victoria Newton of Nauvoo, Illinois and Connie (John) McCarty of Nauvoo, Illinois; two brothers: Danny Hopp of Conuello, California and Steve Hopp of Fort Mohave, Arizona. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son: Tony Hopp, sister: Judy Riesing; two brothers: Joe and Bill Hopp; one sister and six brothers in infancy.

Larry graduated in 1956 from Nauvoo High School. He retired from the United States Navy as a CTMCM after twenty years. Larry then worked as a maintenance engineer for Sisters of Saint Benedict for twenty-five years. He served on the Nauvoo Fire and Rescue, Nauvoo City Council and ran the Share Food Program. Larry was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, the Galitzan Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, a past Grand Knight of the Alleman Council Knights of Columbus and a member of the Nauvoo American Legion Post #711.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 31, 2022 at the Schmitz Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, where the family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. at the

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 1, 2022. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Tony Trosley as celebrant. After the Mass of Christian Burial his body will be cremated with burial at a later date in the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory for Saints Peter and Paul School.

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









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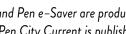
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Education News/From the Front

Carle's appointment to city housing authority on agenda

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without having to go through the regular process of advertising and going out for bids on the work.

The resolution reads in part, "an emergency abatement is necessary to provide for the safety of surrounding businesses, and the delay in advertising and a public letting might cause serious loss, injury, or damage to the James Block Building past the point of repair."

Mohrfeld said last week he's trying to get a developer involved in the remediations so as not to jeopardize the marketability of the structure, and not waste taxpayer dollars on something that doesn't fit future plans of the building.

He said a private investor has entered conversations about the building, but wasn't ready to release the name of the individual yet.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is a:

- first reading of an ordinance rezoning 1629, 1633, and 1641 33rd Street to I-1 limited industrial district from the current R4 residential district. The property is owned by Aaron and Bridgette Prado who are are looking to expand their business in the area.
- a resolution to apply for REAP grant for the Phase IV 48th Street Trail Connec-
- the second reading of an ordinance adding a \$750 per day fine for on-going egregious civil infractions, to city code.
- the mayor's appointment of Jamie Carle to the Fort Madison Housing Authority fo a term to expire June 3, 2023.



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Several leaders of the Central Lee FFA traveled to the St. Louis area for an FFA officer retreat. The group participated in a number of agricultural tours of business and industry and engaged in team building activities. Front (L-R) Kamryn Cox-committee chair, Jalyn Hawk-Sentinel, Kodi Moeller-Reporter, Sidney Gruntmeir-2nd Vice-President, Kennedy Wellman-3rd Vice-President, Shanna Buford-Committee chair, Tom Boeck-Ag-Ed Instructor/FFA Advisor. Back (L-R) Noah Altenhofen-Ag-Ed Instructor/FFA Advisor, Mya Lampe-Vice-President, Dustin Newberry-Committee Chair, Cory Jones-Committee Chair, Landon Rudd-Secretary, Andrew Underwood-Treasurer, Makayla Morrison-Chapter President, and Leo Thomas-Committee Chair.

Act looks for enhanced reporting

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sure Act. Foreign buyers, especially those backed by governments like China, buying up prime farmland here in the U.S. raises serious national security concerns - and the American people have a right to know about it. By requiring the USDA to report these purchases in real time, we can keep better track of the impact these acquisitions could have on our rural communities. The Farmland Security Act will also help protect domestic food production and our national security interests," Grassley

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act requires foreign entities to disclose their purchases of American agricultural land. Current reporting shows that foreign-owned agricultural acreage has nearly doubled in the past decade;

however, the data that has been collected is incomplete and inaccurate. In fact, investigators estimate that the foreign ownership of land is nearly double current figures.

To protect American farmers, rural communities and domestic food supply, the Farmland Security Act:

Requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to report to Congress on foreign investments in agricultural land in the U.S., including the impact foreign ownership has on family farms, rural communities and the domestic food supply;

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REGULAR MEETING
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August 2, 2022
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Chambers, City Hall

INVOCATION ROLL CALL VISITORS AND AP-PEARANCE REQUESTS: At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGEN-DA

1. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the agenda, as written.

CONSENT AGENDA 2. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of July 19, 2022;
- Liquor License Renewal: MOD Convenience Store, 1531 Avenue H,

effective August 12, 2022
- Class E, Class B Wine,
Class C Beer with Sunday
Sales;

- New Five-Day License: River Rocks, 318 Riverview Drive, effective August 24, 2022
- Class B Beer, Class B Native Wine with Outdoor Service;
- Claims dated July 28, 2022 and July Library Claims; and
- Payroll of July 29, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARINGS Concerning Rezoning 1629, 1633, and 1641 - 33rd Street from R-4, Single Family Dwelling District, to I-1, Limited Industrial District (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2022-49)

Open Public Hearing Close Public Hearing

3. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property at 1629, 1633 and 1641 – 33rd Street from R-4, Single-Family Dwelling District to I-1, Limited Industrial District.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

4. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 4, General Penalty, Section 2, Procedures and Penalties for Municipal Infractions to add a civil penalty for each day of an ongoing violation.

5. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for an Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) grant for construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV 48th Street Trail

6. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving property tax exemption for Asay Properties, LLC, for property located at 3206 Avenue H.

Connector.

7. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving Partial Payment Application #2 in the amount of \$94,807.40 to Kimrey Electric Company of Urbandale, lowa, for Public Improvement Project 2020-02, Airfield Lighting Improvements.

8. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the emergency abatement of dangerous conditions at the James Block Building.

OTHER

9. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the appointment of Jamie Carle to the Fort Madison Housing Author-

ity, term expiring June 3, 2023.

DEPARTMENT RE-PORTS AND CITY MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

OPEN DISCUSSION/ FUTURE MEETING ITEMS/ COUNCIL COM-MUNICATIONS

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From the Front

August slate for FMAAA full of art, music events

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Journie Kirdain also of Chicago.

Kirdain is exceptionally familiar with this body of work and will take attendees through a discussion of the concepts the works engage with and questions it presents. Reservations are recommended if you intend to eat lunch and can be made by contacting the Art Center. You do not need to eat lunch to attend the talk that commences at 12:30 p.m.

FINALE, a free performance series, will be held later that evening also on August 26 with open mic at 6 p.m. and a 7 p.m. musical concert by cello duo Mary Brockman and Madeline Taylor. Brockman and Taylor have been playing together and exploring cello duet repertoire for the past 4 years playing first desk together in the Nauvoo Community Orchestra.

Brockman has played in the cello section of the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra for over 25 years. The FINALE program will include early music, some sonata selections, as well as shorter period pieces. We are delighted to have them share their considerable talents with us as we celebrate the conclusion of this exciting exhibition.

Funding for this exhibition was made possible by Charles and Kathy Osmanski who are pleased to share artist work from outside the region with our community.

The FMAAA Art Center is located at 825 Ave G in Fort Madison, Iowa and the exhibition will be on display in the Main Gallery from 10am – 5pm Tuesday through Saturday until August 27.

Heying lives and works in Chicago, where she is an artist, material researcher and educator. The Art Center is very excited to welcome Heying and Shifting Matters to the Main Gallery for August where we can visually explore her unique painting and materials talents while considering the deeper ideas her work engages with.

"Matter endures until it doesn't, and then it becomes something else; we don't notice until we do, and then what becomes of us?," Heying said.

Shifting Matters is an exhibition of paintings exploring the transience of our surroundings, the fluidity of the stationary, and our ever-human response to change. This body of work investigates the material of paint and the materiality of the world around us as a negotiation of time, space, and energy."

Heying's paintings explore place, landscape and surface as records of and containers for human experience. The inherent identities of material, both within the landscape and within the painting process, serve as a reflexive key to unlocking connection between people and place. In her work, the painted surface plays different roles from one piece to the next to mirror the process of perception.

Paint is used as color and form to render pictorial space, it's accrued to physically evoke textured surfaces, and it's used in complement to the actual minerals and objects of the land. This varied approach to materiality engages ideas of truth and artifice, nature and construction, and entropy and control as poetic metaphor.

Born in Minnesota, Heying moved to Chicago in 2011. She received both her MFA in Painting & Drawing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) in 2022, and her BFA in 2015. She was the director of a state-of-the-art facility called StudioLab at SAIC, where she educated students on how to make and use traditional and modern painting and drawing materials for over six years.

She developed education resource collections including a Library, a Material Archive of historic pigments and materials and a Virtual Database of instructional videos. Elisabeth received the Roads Scholarship for Research and Travel in 2020, has exhibited widely in group exhibitions throughout the Chicago area and debuted her first solo exhibition, Ache of Erosion, at SITE Galleries in 2021

For further information, find Fort Madison Area Arts Association on the web at <u>fortmadisonart.com</u> and on Facebook, or by contacting 319-372-3996.

Kruse, Hopp, Whaley make 3A, 4A state teams

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"I'm honored with the SE Coach of the Year award, but never gave it much thought prior to receiving it," Rehm said. "When I received the email I was pleasantly surprised to receive such an award, which I wouldn't be able to do alone without the coaching staff that have and our dedicated players."

Also making the 4A Southeast squad were sophomore Lexi Whaley and junior Erika Kruse. Kruse led the Southeast with 12 homers and 50 RBI. She and Whaley both hit over .400 on the year.

Whaley was named 2nd team all-state by the IAG-CA and Kruse made 3rd team. Fairfield's Coty Engle and Hannah Simpson were both named to the first team all-state in 4A.

Central Lee's Meghan Hopp earned all-district honors in 3A and was placed on the 2nd team all-state. Davis County's Madeline Barker and West Burlington's Lauren Summers were named 1st-team all-state.

Fort Madison's Logan Johnson was placed on the All-Academic All-State team for the Bloodhounds.

Holy Trinity's Alesha Hellman earned one of the 2022 IAGCA's E. Wayne Cooley "YOU CAN" awards for her contribution and leadership to the Crusaders record-setting wins season.

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 23rd St & Ave F
 (playground)

12:30-12:50

• Richardson Elem.

33rd St & Ave L

(playground)

1:00-1:20

• Salvation Army
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Central Lee Sports Boosters

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Player 1: ______ Player 2: _____

Player 3: ______ Player 4: _____

GOLF OUTING

SPONSORED BY





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.



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