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Crews with Schickedanz Construction of Fort Madison take a mid-morning break from shoring up the walls on the Block building on 8th Street between Avenues G and H Wednesday afternoon. Fort Madison is paying for the work in hopes of securing an investor to rehabilitate the property.

CITY NEWS

FM Police arrest 50-year-old in sexual abuse of minor

Dept. of Human Services and DCI also involved in on-going investigation

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison police have arrested a 50-year-old man in connection with an investigation into a sexual abuse case involving a local juvenile.

Charles Dean Meyer, of Fort Madison was arrested on Aug. 18 in connection with the incident and is being charged with the purchase/possession of depictions of a minor in a sex act—first offense, prostitution,



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and 3rd-degree sexual abuse of a child. Meyer is currently being held at the Lee County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.

According to a criminal complaint filed in North Lee County

Court on Wednesday, five photographs were pulled from Meyer's phone, four of which allegedly show photos of the juvenile that are sexually explicit in nature. That complaint was the basis of the first charge.

Another criminal complaint filed on Aug. 19 outline the basis of the prostitution and 3rd-degree sexual abuse of a child charges.

That complaint indicates the Fort Madison Police Department and Iowa Dept. of Human Services began an

investigation of the same juvenile for the alleged sexual encounters between September and October where cash was allegedly exchanged between the juvenile and Meyer on one occasion.

Police have issued six search warrants since September, including four in the last 10 days on property owned by Meyer, and have discovered multiple instances of electronic sexual misconduct.

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff said at this point in the investigation everyone has been fully cooperative and the incident remains under investigation. The State Department of Criminal Investigation has also been called into assist with the case.

Meyer is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TRI-STATE RODEO

“Shoeloose” to marshal 2022 parade

Brockman was marshal in 2005; now alter ego to lead Tri-State Rodeo parade

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - What started as a “spur of the moment” turned into a 50-year adventure beginning in 1973.

“Shoeloose” the clown, Gregg Brockman, will be celebrating his 50th year in a row as the Clow of the Fort Madison Tri-State Rodeo parade.

“Shoeloose” was named the Grand Marshal of this year's rodeo parade. Brockman was named Grand Marshal in 2005, but this time his alter ego will wear the sash.

Brockman is a homegrown boy, born and raised in Fort Madison. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as part of the U.S. Army and then returned to Fort Madison. Brockman had originally planned on being a professional clown and wanted to attend Clown College operated by Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus in Florida. However, fate and cupid intervened and started dating his wife Beverly and the couple have two children.

Brockman, now 75, went to work and never became a professional clown, but did take some seminars including one in Davenport Iowa put on the Ringling Bros.

“It's the person behind the Clown make-up that matters more than the training or credentials. You gotta have a personality for it. You have to be a jolly, happy person to the type that likes to see others happy,” he said.

“Shoeloose” was born when Brockman and some of his friends on the night before the Rodeo Parade were at the Holiday Inn in Fort Madison where a band called “Herbies Little German Band” was



BROCKMAN

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RONALD L. BEELMAN

Ronald L. Beelman, (affectionately called Ronnie Lynn "Firecracker" Beelman by his family) age 64, Fort Madison, Iowa passed away Sunday, August 21, 2022 surrounded by his family at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa after a brief battle with cancer. He was born July 4, 1958, son of Carl B. and Lois M. (Wilson) Beelman.



BEELMAN

Ron welcomed his first son, Brent, with partner Karla McCormick. He later married Suzette Ellis (now divorced) and shares a son, Joshua. He loved his sons dearly.

Ron was a member of the Fort Madison High School class of 1976 and also attended Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Florida. Ron was employed many years by Stanley Steemer and also performed professional moving and landscape maintenance. He took great pride in his work. Ron was of the Christian faith. He enjoyed watching baseball and football. To say he loved music is an understatement, as he was an avid concert goer in his youth and could be described as a music aficionado. He had a huge caring heart and was always willing to help others; even at the end, he continued to be considerate of those around him.

He is survived by his two sons, Brent Michael Lee McCormick of Kingdom City, Missouri and Joshua Paul Ellis-Beelman of Fort Madison; eight siblings: Bruce (Diane) Beelman of Bismarck, North Dakota; Dan Beelman of Brimfield, Illinois; Richard (Rose) Beelman, Bonnie (Tim) Williams, Connie (Mike) Basham, Robin (Dave) Foehring, Michelle (Rick) Seager, all of Fort Madison; Sheri (John) Hawk, of West Point, Iowa; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Lois.

Family and friends are welcome to attend A Celebration of Life Service, 11:00 AM, at the fountain in Riverview Park, Fort Madison, Tuesday, August 30, 2022, with lunch and fellowship to follow at the Eagles Club in Fort Madison. A Memorial has been established in his name. Mail to c/o Robin Foehring 1236 Ave. D, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Beelman family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

JAMES A. RICHART

James A. Richart, 90, of Wever, died Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington.

Born August 26, 1931, in Vinton, IA, he was the son of Myron M. and Loraine Allen Richart. When James was young, his father was killed in a farming related accident. His devoted mother raised him with the help of his grandparents, Elmo and Myrtle Allen. He graduated from Vinton High School in 1949, where he participated in basketball and football for all four years. On April 28, 1950, he married Margery Lois Wilwerth in La Porte City, IA. She died on May 17, 2017.



RICHART

James enlisted in the US Marine Corp in January 1950 and served until 1954. He was with the first unit of Marines to serve in the Korean War in August of 1950. Jim was wounded twice and sent back to the US in April of 1951 and stationed in San Diego as a Drill Instructor. He was discharged from service in January of 1954.

After his time in the service, he was employed by Iowa National Mutual Insurance Company in Cedar Rapids until he attended the Police Academy to become an Iowa State Patrolman. Jim was an Iowa State Trooper from 1954 until 1967, serving in Washington and DeWitt, Iowa. Besides his duties as a Trooper, he also taught First Aid and was a D.I. at the Police Academy. He returned to Iowa National Mutual Insurance and later Allied Insurance Company until his retirement in 1996.



Jim was a member of Hamilton Walters Marine Corp League serving as Commander of Troops, The Marine Corps Association, The Marine Corps Heritage & Museum, The Korean War Veterans Association, The Chosin Few, MN and MO Chapters and The Military Order of the Purple Heart. Jim was also a member of Harmony Bible and attended local bible study.

He enjoyed camping, boating, showing his quarter horses, trail riding, traveling with the Hawkeye Area Wrestling Klub and following the Burlington Wrestling Team when his son Mike was the coach. He also enjoyed supporting his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren with their activities and spending time with them.

Survivors include his four children, Mike (Andrea) Richart of New London, Denice (Jack) Plakke of Holland, MI, Mary (Darren) Delzell, and Karen Burch both of Burlington; nine grandchildren, Kaci (Richard) Ford, Ross (Jessie) Richart, Shawna (Brandon) Massey, Dr. Michael Plakke, Megan (Jake) Glasgow, Carrie (Corey) Campbell, Jaime Brueck, Dillon (Nikki) Burch, and Kara (Luke) Douglas; 22 great-grandchildren and several cousins, nieces & nephews. Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Kenneth Richart, and daughter-in-law, Debbie Richart.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with the family to receive friends Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at Prugh-Thielen Funeral Home.

The memorial service for Mr. Richart will be 10:00 AM Thursday, September 1, 2022, at Prugh-Thielen Funeral Home with Pastor Danny Dingus officiating. Full military honors will be rendered by the Hamilton Walters Marine Corp League. A time of food and fellowship will be held in the community room at Prugh-Thielen Funeral Home following the service. Burial will be in Claypoole Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established. Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements. A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting James's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.



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MARTHA L. SIX

Martha Leona Six, 59, of Kahoka died Sunday, August 21, 2022 at her home after a long courageous battle of pancreatic cancer. She was surrounded by her children and husband.



SIX

She was born July 1, 1963, the daughter of Fred Eugene and Norma Jean Crutchlow Whitehead in Keokuk, IA,

She graduated from Clark County R-1 High School with the Class of 1981. She then graduated from Zoe's School of Cosmetology.

Martha was married to Clyde Brown; with this union she was a bonus mom to Krystal and Steve. Together they were the parents of Amber. They later divorced. On November 29, 1997, she was united in marriage to Steven Six in Kahoka. They were the parents

of Aaron.

She was employed with Dadants in Kahoka. She became a stay at home mom and raised her children. After Aaron graduated high school, she pursued her dreams of becoming a beautician and purchased the Main Attraction. She loved doing people's hair and making them feel their best.

Marty was a talented musician and could pick up an instrument and start to play it. She loved everything about music. She loved living on the farm especially watching the beauty of her horses and her family riding them, the highlight was being able to ride the horse she helped break. Most of all, her family was her pride and joy.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Six of Kahoka, a daughter, Amber Lapsley (Josh) of Kahoka, Aaron Six (Liz Shumway) of Columbia, MO, two bonus children, Krystal Barnewolt (Justin) of Mackinaw, IL and Steve Hamill (Holly) of Bates City, MO, two grandchildren, Casen Lapsley and Cooper Lapsley and bonus grandchildren, Kacie Lapsley, Caleb Lapsley, Emily Hamill, Ella Hamill, Tyler Barnewolt, Lance Barnewolt, and Jackson Barnewolt. She is also survived by two sisters, Susan Thompson (Bruce) of Long Grove, IL, and Mary Daw (Spike) of Canton, a brother, Patrick Clifford (Diana Weaver) of Memphis, a sister-in-law, Lillian Clifford of Kahoka along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Michael Clifford.

A gathering of remembrance will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. Saturday, August 27 at the Peaksville Christian Church. Burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the family.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

TIMOTHY A. EIDEM

Timothy A. Eidem, 62, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on August 20, 2022 at his home after a long battle with renal cancer.

Tim was born on September 9, 1959, to Dale & Carolle (Nelson) Eidem in Stanley, North Dakota. After moving to Park River, ND, where his sister Joni was born, the family moved to Keokuk in 1963 where his father accepted a job teaching chemistry/science at Keokuk Senior High Schools and Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.



EIDEM

Tim graduated with the class of 1977 from Keokuk Senior High and was looking forward to the upcoming 45 year class reunion. He later attended Southeastern Community College in W. Burlington, IA, where he was enrolled in the Agriculture Production OJT Program, graduating in 1979, while also working for Edward H. Holtkamp & Sons Inc., during the program.

After being laid off from Foote Mineral Inc. in just three short months, Tim joined The Hubinger Co./H.J.Heinz/Roquette America/B.C.T.&GM #48G in 1980, where he worked in nine different departments in forty one years, recently retiring January 2nd,2022.

Tim loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed a cold beer and a baseball game. You could always count on him. He was so kind, so generous, and true, on earth he nobly did his best, grant him, Jesus, heavenly rest.

He is survived by his mother, Carolle Grisham of Keokuk, his significant other, Michelle Hamilton of Keokuk, sister, Joni (Kevin) Crenshaw of Keokuk, niece, Bailey (Joe) Donahue of LeClaire and nephew, Daniel (Sadie) Crenshaw of Montrose. Also surviving are his great nephews, Conor and Rhys Donahue and Warren and Thatcher Crenshaw. The boys all looked up to him and enjoyed their time and his patient conversations immensely. His legacy will live in the hearts of those who love him by sharing photos, stories, and memories.

We know that Tim is enveloped by the love of his late father and grandparents, who passed before him.

Graveside Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Hickory Grove Cemetery in Keokuk with Father Tony Trosley officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service Friday from 11:30 a.m - 1:30 pm. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Mayo Clinic Department of Development in Rochester, Minnesota.

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Sports

BLOODHOUND 2022 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Veteran interior could be key to Hounds' 2022 season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC Editor

FORT MADISON - Four days are all that's left of a bitter 2021 Hounds football season that saw the Fort Madison just miss the playoffs with a last-second loss at Burlington High School.

Friday marks the kick off of the 2022 season with a the "County Seat" on the line as the Hounds travel to Keokuk to start head Coach Derek Doherty's fourth year at the helm.

The Hounds are counting on a solid front five on offense and a defensive front that is almost unchanged from the 6-3 2021 squad that moved into 4A-District 3 from Class 3A during last year's realignment.

No one will say the loss of Austin Ensminger to the Hound offensive line won't be felt, but the crimson and black are in as good of shape as they could have hoped. Senior Mateo Lozano returns and will move to center, while fellow seniors Tanner Settles and Daniel Sokolik, junior Ike Thacher, are all back to anchor the offense - and defensive fronts.

But it isn't just Ensminger that will be missed this year. Every year rotates out seniors and Doherty said he's very much a next-man-in coach, but some open spots are tougher to swallow.

All-state selection Tate Johnson at wide out and defensive back, Landes Williams at quarterback and Gavin Wiseman at wideout will be three spots the Hounds have to dig for.

Doherty said Aiden Boyer will step in as signal caller and has shown some potential in offensive coordinator Justin Menke's read offense.

The Hounds scrimmaged for about an hour with Mediapolis Friday night and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Hayden Segoviano (9), closes in on senior Kane Williams (38) in a kick-off coverage drill this week at a Bloodhounds' practice.

before storms rolled in Boyer provided a little lightning of his own moving the offense against a Bulldog squad with two top 100 players in the state according to the Des Moines Register.

"Aiden was reading extremely well," Doherty said. "He's worked so hard in the weight room and he's very fast. On Friday he had a nice read that had everyone, including us, faked out. It was a beautiful play," Doherty said.

"We like our quarterback to be a dual threat for sure and he's fully capable of doing that when we need it."

Replacing the overall speed at the ends the Hounds had last year will be tough,

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Sports

Hounds kick off regular season Friday night in Keokuk

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but Doherty said the 2022 Hounds are actually more balanced at the receiver position. Opponents last year had to blanket Johnson on deep routes, but this year they may have more options.

"We'll have a couple guys that can catch the mid stuff and short stuff and get up field. Both of them have blossomed, but we're not completely sure what we were looking there yet."

Doherty was talking about senior Nathaniel Swigert and junior Leif Boeding, but he said junior Henry Morris will also see time spread wide. And senior Kane Williams will handle some of the tighter routes.

"We're kinda deep at receiver but we've got some inexperience. We know we've got a dog inside with Kane. He's very dynamic and he's faster than you think," Doherty said. "Henry has been totally committed to our program and getting better by the day and Henry Wiseman will be a very cool replacement for his older brother Gavin."

In addition to the loss of Wiseman, the Hounds lost seniors Mikey DiPrima and Miles Dear and have lost junior Xander Wellman who played on both sides of the ball to a knee injury suffered during soccer. Wellman also handled the kicking chores for the Hounds.

The Hounds threw for 17 touchdowns and close to 1,800 yards last year. They rushed for close to 1,200 yards with Williams and Jakob McGowan accounting for 500 each. McGowan was also lost to graduation.

Junior Teague Smith will be the Hounds likely featured back. Smith rushed for 111 yards last year and one score on 28 carries. Smith was also the leading tackler in the district for the Bloodhounds with 57.5 total, 30 of them solo.

Ike Thacher recorded 29.5 tackles with 12 of those for a loss from the interior front in Defensive Coordinator Jason Crooks' system. Settles, a senior this year, racked up 43.5 tackles, second best on the team, with 11 for losses and 27 solo. Sokolik quietly had 34 tackles, five for a losses.

"Tanner Settles is the heart of our defense. He doesn't have a ton of stats because of our system, but I've never seen an edge setter like him in high school in all my time. He gets off blocks. Friday night he was taking on triple teams and winning some of those battles. That shows how tough he is."

Smith again will see action on both sides of the ball.

"He wants to play all three sides. This is a kid that doesn't want to come off the field. We'll run him a lot and he'll still go downhill. He ran track and has done things to pick up speed," Doherty said. "Not that he's slow - he's a thicker back and he's gonna run you over, but at the same time he can plant and make a



Courtesy photo

Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty watches technique in a one-on-one drill Monday afternoon at a Bloodhounds' practice.

cut."

Newcomer Tristan Marshall has caught the attention of coaches and Tate Settles could see time in the backfield as well.

"We moved Tristan from receiver to running back. He's a natural running back. He cuts and has vision. Even the other coaches were like 'wow.' I think he can be somebody that can stand out."

Sophomore Caden Barnes will also see time in the backfield. Barnes showed up as a freshman last year in track throwing the shot and discuss, and then was the Hounds' main catcher during the baseball season.

"We're still growing at that position. Caden ran the heck out of it Friday night. He was very impressive."

But Doherty said this year the staff is happy with personnel.

"The is a first time for us having four of five back up front," he said. "Usually we're trying to replace lineman like crazy. In the past we had a ton of skills guys and you can have a stud running back, but if you don't have anyone blocking you lose that."

Doherty said names like Brody Cashman and

Brant Booten will get playing time and junior Hayden Segoviano will see time at inside linebacker.

Looking at the district isn't something Doherty puts a lot of time into.

"I don't want to be hypocritic telling the kids to just focus on us, but yeah North Scott is always going to be a mountain. They do a great job building a program. But I have honestly tried to avoid reading and listening to the outside stuff," he said.

"Iowa City Liberty will be well-coached and they've got a big population of athletes to pull from. Burlington has a nice population of kids, too and (Jim) Krekel has some things rolling. It's crazy that we're in these bigger classes. They have updated populations to work with," Doherty said.

"But we're excited about the challenges this year. We're a bit different and we're going to be a fast and physical team."

The Bloodhounds have the exact same schedule of teams and weeks from 2021 with locations reversed. Fort Madison starts the year Friday at Keokuk and then hosts West Burlington for the home opener Sept. 2 on First Responders Night. The Hounds hit the road again for a trip to Fairfield in Week 3 and then come back home for a tilt with Washington in week 4 before district play begins.

Mount Pleasant comes to Jim Youel Field in Week 5 for the 4A-3 District opener and then Hounds head to Clinton and Iowa City Liberty in weeks 6 and 7. They wrap up the year at home with Burlington in week 8 and powerhouse North Scott in the regular season finale.

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From the Front

Brockman had thoughts of going to clown school

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playing. The group asked the band members if they would like to be in the parade the next morning and they agreed.

Later that night, Brockman and his friends went out to find a hayrack and some bales of hay for the band to sit on and play their music throughout the parade route. Brockman also went to his cabin that night and tore out a bar and back bar to be put on the the other end of the hayrack.

After just a few hours of sleep, the groups assembled at the parade route in Western attire, but Brockman showed up in a clown outfit. He would end up "Surfing" a wooden plank behind the bands hayrack riding over "anything" that might be laying in the road following a bunch of horses.

During the early years of Shoeless's time in the parade, the Brockmans helped build many floats, but Gregg remained the one and only clown. As such he was pulled along in many vehicles including an exploding house, a whiskey barrel, a bath tub, an inner tube, water skies, and a variety of skids.

In June of 2000 after having a 4-way bypass surgery, he rode in a covered wagon without any wheels. In 2005 as grand marshal of the parade, Brockman sat on a toilet seat as his grand marshal "throne".



Courtesy photo

"Shoeloose" the clown entertains the crowd at an earlier Tri-State Rodeo parade. Shoeloose is the grand marshal of this year's rodeo parade.

Brockman regularly jumps off of what ever is bringing him around the parade route to engage with fans along side the parade to perform rope tricks and entertain the kids.

As the original members of the Brockman's parade group dwindled, the family stepped in including Beverly. The couple's children, Nathan and Corinn, joined the effort in elementary school and both eventually became clowns themselves. Now the children's families including grandchildren have all joined in as clowns.

Michael Manka, Brockman's brother in law, who's been involved in designing and building parade entries throughout the years. Manka died in November.

"With Michael passing away last year, things will not be the same, but he will always be with me in my heart. You just might see him on one of our floats this year," Brockman said.

This year, Brockman's niece and nephew will also be joining.

Brockman has been known for sneaking back into the parade at several points and loves to sneak in and march with school bands along the way.

In 1975 Shoeloose joined the grand entry at the Tri State Rodeo. That started with Brockman and several friends on stick horses and one year that included a stick covered wagon that Brockman rode through the entry. Starting in 1980 Brockman started riding "The Gooney Bird" in every Grand Entry.

"I had a lady tell me years ago that did not like clowns until she met me," he said. "I always make sure to stop by to see them, they come every dyear to all the performances. They sit in the same section. I do see a lot of the same families every eyar and they always want a family picture taken with me and their family"

In 2000, with COVID dismantling the rodeo and the parade, Brockman got with the Fort Madison Police Department and ran the route as the only entrant, showing his commitment to the parade and its history and relevance to the community.

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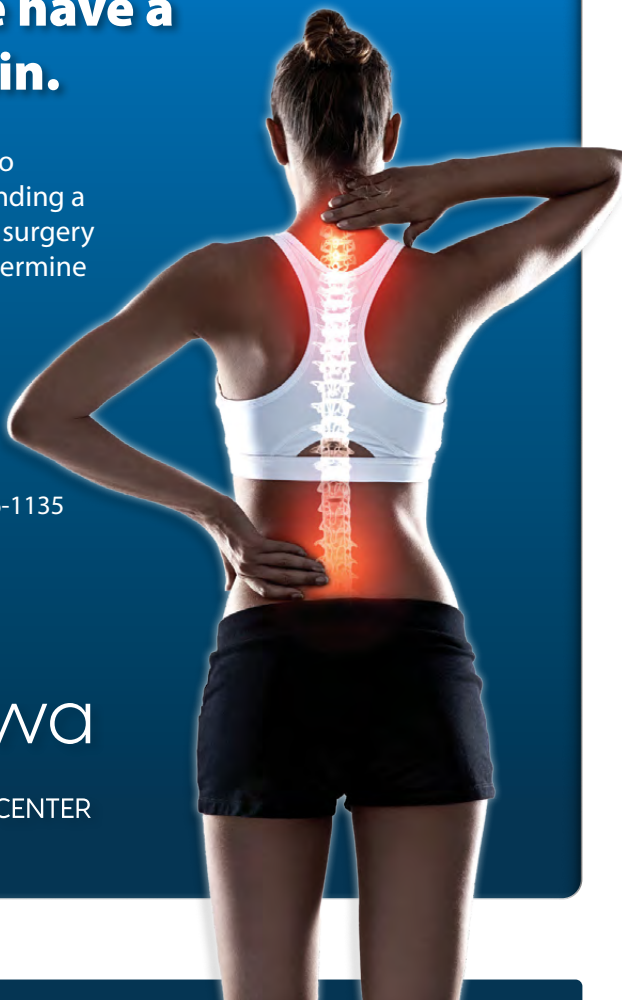
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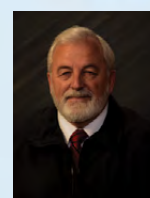


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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-89

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 4, GENERAL PENALTY, SECTION 2, PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS

Be it Enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 9, Chapter 7, Section 6 of the Code, entitled "Parking Prohibited" by removing the following:

1-4-2: PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS:

A. Generally:

1. A municipal infraction is a civil offense punishable by a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each repeat offense. However, notwithstanding Iowa Code, section 364.3, a municipal infraction arising from noncompliance with a pretreatment standard or requirement, referred to in 40 CFR section 403.8, by an industrial user may be punishable by a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day a violation exists or continues. (Ord. C-312, 5-4-1999)

And replacing with:
1-4-2: PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR MUNICIPAL INFRACTIONS:

A. Generally:

1. A municipal infraction is a civil offense punishable by a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation or if the infraction is a repeat offense, a civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each repeat offense, or in

the case on an ongoing condition, \$750 per day the condition continues. However, notwithstanding Iowa Code, section 364.3, a municipal infraction arising from noncompliance with a pretreatment standard or requirement, referred to in 40 CFR section 403.8, by an industrial user may be punishable by a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each day a violation exists or continues.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect

the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not judged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in effect following its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 16th day of August, 2022.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,
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ATTEST:

/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Lee County News/Health News

County chair worried about funding

SUPERVISORS: County's reserves at \$1.4 million, which is about half of what supervisors like to see

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Board Chairman Matt Pflug expressed concern Monday about the status of the county's operating reserves.

Pflug said the county is currently carrying about \$1.4 million in its operating fund, according to Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, and that's about half of what the county likes to have in reserves.

"I've talked to Cindy about this and I don't know that any of you are aware of it, but our reserves have gotten critically low," Pflug told the board at the end of Monday's regular Lee County Supervisors meeting in Fort Madison.

"What does that mean? We've gotten down to \$1.4 million. We don't like to get that low and really we don't like to get below \$3 million."

The county has absorbed the front end of costs associated with the start up of the Lee County Ambulance service, but Pflug said that fund should start evening out soon. He said county officials knew they would have to absorb costs

initially until reimbursements and payments started coming in for services.

"Keep in mind that the ambulance has done some of this. Getting that started up has caused some of this, but eventually we'll see more money out of that."

Pflug asked Renstrom if the county had ever been that low and she said maybe a couple times before she took over managing the budget.

Pflug said the county used to give to many groups but has since shut a lot of that funding off.

"This is kind of a snapshot of what can happen if your giving money to this group or that group. They all are viable, but we have to run this county as a whole. Going forward we need to really keep that in front of us," he said.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the current situation will get heavy consideration when the county takes up budgeting sessions again in 2023.

"This is going to make budget time come January very difficult," Fedler said.

Pflug said the county is starting to bring in tax revenue and things are starting to look a little better, but he said the county has to be careful not to run out of funds.

Renstrom said people don't realize when they see fund balances during budget times, that money is there to pay the bills until revenues come in.

Fedler said he was aware of the situation, but was glad Pflug brought it up during the public meeting.

FMCS D opens new mental health web portals

FORT MADISON - As back-to-school preparations get underway, student mental health is at the forefront of many school systems. Students at all Fort Madison schools can now access mental health care through dedicated telehealth portals during the school day, or via any device with an internet connection during after-school hours.

In May 2022, it was reported that 7 in 10 public schools saw a rise in the number of children seeking mental health services (NCES). To address the need, Fort Madison Community School District is investing in resources that support student mental health. With a significant provider shortage in the region, the District is leveraging telehealth technology to expand the network of mental health providers that are accessible to students. This effort enables the more than 1700 school-aged children in the District to access support.

"Our mission is to ensure all students learn the necessary life skills for personal success and responsible living and one of those key life skills is learning how to take care of your own mental health," said Kim Harmon, Director of Curriculum and Student Services at Fort Madison Community School District. "We're confident that the expanded network of providers paired with increased accessibility via telehealth will empower students to feel comfortable and confident enough to reach out and get the support they need."

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