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Event raises \$110K for PAW



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Cliff Dawley gets a leg shave from Fort Madison City Councilwoman Donna Amandus and PAW Animal Shelter Director Sandy Brown Monday afternoon, as Jordan's Way founder Kris Rotunda livestreams the event. The fundraiser raised more than \$110,000 since Aug. 1 and donations toward the grand total will be accepted through the end of the week.

CITY NEWS

City reopens 8th Street downtown with building secured

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - City officials have reopened 8th Street in the area where reconstructive work was being done on Block Building at the corner of 8th Street and Avenue G.

Fort Madison's City Council voted to make repairs to a portion of the west side exterior wall to secure the building from further crumbling and to entice potential developers into taking over the building and repurposing it into potential additional upper floor housing.

City Building Director Doug Krogmeier said for now work is being, but additional renovations may be required if someone doesn't take possession of the structure.

"For the time being work is done. If we don't see any movement on the developer we may look into reconstruction, but this repair removed the haz-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison city officials have reopened 8th Street downtown after securing the west wall on the Block Building at 8th and G.

AG NEWS

Vandenberg named to 4-H Hall of Fame

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON - Brad Vandenberg of Lee County was inducted into the 2022 Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 21. Ninety-eight Iowa counties participated this year and selected 133 inductees for their outstanding service and dedication to 4-H. Inductees or their surviving family members were presented a certificate by the Iowa 4-H Foundation President, Julie McGonegle, and State 4-H Program Leader, Debbie Nistler, as they were introduced on stage.

Brad is a lifelong resident of Lee County. As a young boy, he was active in 4-H and Saddle Club, participating in both the county and state fairs. His excitement and com-

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COUNTY NEWS

Seyb earns certified supervisor status from ISAC

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb has become a Certified Iowa County Supervisor. The Iowa State Association of County Supervisors (ISACS) honored its first class of Certified Iowa County Supervisors during a ceremony in Des Moines on August 25 that was held in conjunction with the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Annual Conference.

Seyb, a Republican, was elected in 2020 unseating Democrat Gary Folluo for the county's District 4 seat.

The Certified Iowa County Supervisor program was created and is administered by county supervisors for county supervisors to create a culture of Iowa county supervisor leadership development through

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

08/16/22 - 1:02 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue F.

08/16/22 - 1:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

08/16/22 - 8:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue A.

08/16/22 - 8:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

08/16/22 - 10:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

08/17/22 - 7:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

08/17/22 - 2:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue L.

08/17/22 - 3:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

08/18/22 - 8:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

08/18/22 - 9:38 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5100 block of Avenue O.

08/18/22 - 1:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue F.

08/22/22 - 3:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Halley Dawn Evermon, 29, of Keokuk, at the Fort Madison Police Department on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/22/22 - 10:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 100 block of 26th Street.

08/22/22 - 11:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue D.

08/22/22 - 4:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property accident in the 300 block of Avenue D.

08/22/22 - 4:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of 10th Street.

08/22/22 - 4:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Winter Ann Palmer, 23, of West Point, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of unauthorized credit card use less than \$1,500.

08/22/22 - 7:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Seth Thomas Wright, 30,

of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of Avenue C, on a South Lee County warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/22/22 - 8:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Matthew Joseph Fink, 32, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 38th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

08/23/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested James Eugene Martindale, 57, of Donnellson, at the intersection 34th Street and Avenue L, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while barred, and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/23/22 - 1:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Matthew Wayne Sly, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/23/22 - 8:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Robert Daniel Wagner, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for failure to appear and charges of interference with official acts, unlawful possession of prescription drugs, and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/23/22 - 8:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 13th Street.

08/24/22 - 9:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Charles Dean Meyer, 50, of Fort Madison, in Fort Madison, on a charge of possession of media exploiting a minor. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/24/22 - 12:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue E.

08/24/22 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.

08/24/22 - 6:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Charles Dean Meyer, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 37th Street, on charges of invasion of privacy, felon ctrl firearm - domestic ab, and possession of media exploiting a minor. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/24/22 - 8:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Harry Allen Thuleen, Jr., 58, of Fort Madison, in the 2400 block of Avenue L, on 2 warrants for failure to appear and a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/25/22 - 8:38 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tracy Leight Ann McDaniel, 36, of Wayland, in the 800 block of 24th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/25/22 - 9:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Donald Edward Clifford, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue B, on a charge of disorderly conduct - threat. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/25/22 - 10:18 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 9th Street and Avenue G.

08/25/22 - 4:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue H.

08/25/22 - 5:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Haleigh Elizabeth Yohn, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue E, on a charge of city: pet tags.

08/25/22 - 6:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of 12th Street.

08/26/22 - 4:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue E.

08/26/22 - 9:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 48th Street and River Valley Road.

08/27/22 - 12:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

08/27/22 - 1:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jessica Kay Allen, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/27/22 - 3:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

08/27/22 - 6:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

08/28/22 - 3:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jacob William Klesner, 37, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue M, on a warrant for 5th degree theft and charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/28/22 - 11:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael David Nelson, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue G, on charges of domestic as-

sault impede air/blood flow and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/28/22 - 2:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

08/28/22 - 6:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue A.

08/29/22 - 2:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 42, of Wever, at the intersection of 4th Street and Avenue D, on charges of eluding - police officer and driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/29/22 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 500 block of 48th Street.

Lee County Sheriff Report

08/22/22 - 10:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kenneth Lavern Soper, Jr., 43, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/22/22 - 1:38 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chad Andre Yager, 46, of Wever, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of sex offender registry - other off. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/22/22 - 2:52 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dyvon Michael Doyle Smith, 25, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Main Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear and charges of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/23/22 - 5:46 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 1800 block of 303rd Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Lisa J. Algrim, 53, of Fort Madison, was traveling southbound in the 1800 block of 303rd Avenue when a deer ran into the roadway causing Algrim to swerve and enter the ditch. Algrim was transported to the hospital by EMS ground. Her vehicle was towed from the scene. No citations were reported.

08/23/22 - 11:15 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joshua Isaac Daniels, 38, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's department, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/23/22 - 7:41 p.m. - Lee County

sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 3500 block of Argyle Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Rhonda Lynn Miller-Helenthal, 56, of Hamilton, was traveling southbound on Argyle Road uphill while entering a curve. The vehicle left the roadway and continued to drive through the ditch, striking an embankment and coming to rest against a culvert under the roadway. No injuries were reported. The vehicle sustained severe damage. Miller-Helenthal was cited for failure to maintain control.

08/23/22 - 8:22 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Rhonda Lynn Helenthal, 56, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Argyle Road, Keokuk, on charges of interference with official acts and failure to maintain control. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/24/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Eugene Martindale, 57, of Donnellson, at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue L, Fort Madison, on 2 warrants for failure to appear and charges of driving while barred, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/24/22 - 1:24 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jalen Keith Kutcher, 21, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/24/22 - 1:32 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Rick Keegan Tinder, 28, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/25/22 - 2:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brittney Dawn Helms, 30, of Mt. Pleasant, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/25/22 - 7:14 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zachary Ryan Sherman, 32, of West Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/26/22 - 8:54 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zachary Ryan Sherman, 32, of West Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for possession of drug parapher-

nalina and drug trafficking - 5gm-100kg meth, and a charge of drug tax stamp violations. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/27/22 - 6:18 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested John Edward Glasgow, 37, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for unlawful school bus pass. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

08/27/22 - 8:13 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 61 N. 3561. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Blake Alan Lindsay, 16, of Montrose, was traveling northbound on Hwy. 61 N. when the vehicle's front wheel and tire detached from the vehicle and rolled across the median into southbound traffic and striking a vehicle driven by Austin Dean Schuelka, 33, of Fort Madison. No injuries or citations were reported. Schuelka's vehicle sustained minor damages, but was able to be driven from the scene. Lindsay's vehicle was driven from the scene.

08/28/22 - 2:38 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Randy Anthony Stice, 44, listed as homeless from Keokuk, in the 100 block of South 12th Street, Keokuk, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/28/22 - 5:40 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jonathan Michael Jones, 47, of West Point, at the sheriff's office, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a court order release.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

08/18/2022 - WORLEY, ANDY J (41 of Lomax, IL) Driving While License Suspended

08/19/2022 - JONES, MCKENZIE J (26 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant

08/20/2022 - CARY, SHANNEN L (37 of Ferris, IL) Contributing to the Dependency of a Minor

08/21/2022 - DUNSWORTH, FRANZ G (61 of Carthage, IL) Domestic Battery

08/22/2022 - MCCALL, KIRBY L (67 of Hamilton, IL) Theft

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Local News

City vacant properties need registered by Nov. 16

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison recently adopted a new ordinance requiring all vacant buildings to be registered with the City. This program is designed to ensure vacant properties are being properly maintained. If you own property that has a vacant building, you must register the property with the City by November 16th, 2022.

Registrations require a fee, however if you register prior to October 15th, 2022 the registration fee for 2023 will be waived. Information and forms for registration can be found at www.fortmadison-ia.com or by contacting the Building Department at 319-372-7700.

According to the new ordinance, the owner of any building that has become vacant, shall within 90 days after the building becomes vacant or within 30 days after assuming ownership of a building that has already been vacant for 60 days, whichever is later, register the property with the City of Fort Madison.

Properties in foreclosure are required to register

within 30 days of filing a "Notice of Default" or "Intent to Foreclose" with the District Court. Any property owner who fails to register by the deadline will be subject to a late fee and any property that becomes non-compliant will be subject to a penalty fee each month the property remains non-compliant.

Registration with the City of Fort Madison is required for properties that meet the following criteria as outlined in the City Code:

- A building or 50% or more of a building as measured by total square footage of all floors above grade and including previously habitable below grade spaces that are unoccupied and meets one or more of the following conditions: (1) Records of the Lee County Recorder show the property is in lien foreclosure; (2) Windows or entrances to the building are boarded up or closed off, or one or more doors or windows are broken and unrepaired; (3) Doors to the building are damaged, smashed through, caved in, broken off, unhinged, or con-

- tinuously unlocked; (4) The building is without gas, electric, or water service; (5) Trash service has been discontinued; (6) Water service fails to use a minimum of one hundred (100) gallons per month; (7) Rubbish, trash, putrescible materials or debris has accumulated on the property; (8) Law enforcement agencies have received at least two (2) reports of trespass, vandalism or other illegal acts being committed on the property within twelve (12) months; (9) The yards on the property exhibit grass, lawn, weeds, and other vegetation which are not maintained to a minimum as required by code or to the standards prevailing in the neighborhood; (10) The structure meets any or all of the criteria which would support an action by the City under Iowa Code 657A.10B to obtain title to the property.

The purpose of the Vacant Building Registration Program is essential for the proper enforcement of the City's building, fire and zoning code and to safeguard persons, property and general welfare.

City, county offices to be closed Monday for Labor Day

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th, 2022 in observance of Labor Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022.

Fort Madison City offices will be closed Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday, September 6th, 2022. Monday's garbage route will be collected on Tuesday, September 6th. All other garbage, recycling and yard waste routes will be unaffected.

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Sports/Iowa News

Freshman Rump wins Lady Hounds' division at Prairie

CEDAR RAPIDS - Fort Madison freshman Avery Rump raced to a 19:50.9 mark at the Cedar Rapids Prairie Invitational Saturday.

Rump's mark was just 10.8 seconds off the pace of Cedar Falls Zoe Zylstra. Zylstra won the Black group for Cedar Falls.

Rump's twin sister Addison Rump almost broke the top 10 with a 21:38.6, while Paetyn Wiegand came in third for Fort Madison with 22:01.3. She finished 16th in the Orange Division and 36th overall.

The other top-5 runners for Fort Madison were Ellie Huebner finished 33rd in the Orange Division and 82nd overall with a time of 23:54.07 and Hadley Wolfe with a time of 24:13.07 who took 35th in the Orange Division and 86th overall.

Alexa Walz finished 43rd in Orange and 96th overall. Jordyn Burch finished 101st overall with a time of 27:37.9

Fort Madison boys scored 145 points for a fifth-place finish in the Orange Division.

Freshman Riley Tripp finished at 19:08.7 to lead the Fort Madison boys. That time was good enough for 24th place in the Orange division.

Junior John Contrell was 28th in the Orange with a time of 19:37.6 good enough for 81st overall.

Then freshman Mason McLey and Nolan Guzman came in neck-and-neck 19:40.3 and 19:41.9 for 30th and 31st in Orange. Jacob Shottenkirk rounded out the scoring for the Bloodhounds with a 19:42.2 which was 32nd in the Orange and 85th overall.

Peyton Lambert also ran for Fort Madison with a 20:05.6 and Cameron Shutwell raced to a 20:26.6 mark good enough for 96th overall.

Other runners for Fort Madison were Calvin Johnson at 21:01.6, Ben Thiele at 21:25.6 and Jackson Haessig at 22:32.2.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crews install covered docks at the Fort Madison marina last week. About half of the new docks being put in at the new marina will be covered docks. A fundraiser for the marina is set for Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Hedrick man charged with 20 counts of sexual misconduct

HEDRICK - On the afternoon of Friday, August 26, 2022, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agents, assisted by the Iowa State Patrol, arrested 31-year-old Matthew Rob-

ert Reynolds of Hedrick, Iowa. Reynolds' arrest came at the conclusion of an investigation which began in the fall of 2018 and resulted in the filing of 20 total felony-level sex abuse charges against Reynolds across Jefferson and Keokuk Counties. Reynolds is currently in custody at the Keokuk County Jail (Sigourney).

In Jefferson County,

Reynolds is charged with five (5) counts of Sex Abuse 3rd Degree (all Class C Felonies). In Keokuk County, Reynolds is charged with fourteen (14) counts of Sex Abuse 3rd Degree and one (1) count of Sex Abuse 2nd Degree (a Class B Felony).

A criminal charge is only an accusation, and criminal defendants are innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MONTROSE CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
4:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
MONTROSE CITY HALL
AGENDA**

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

CALL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLE-

GIANCE.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Council members vote on the motion.

1. Approve Agenda as written.
2. Approve August 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Approve August 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.
4. Approve Payment of Claims as presented.

PUBLIC FORUM: This is a time set aside for comments from the public on topics of City business other than those listed on this agenda. Please understand that the Council is not likely to take any action on your comments at this meeting due to requirements of the Open Meetings Law, but may do so at a future meetings. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language.

The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety, General Government & Enterprise, Culture & Recreation, Public Works, Economic & Community Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider and approve Thacher bid for tree removal.
2. Approve waiving second reading of an Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Montrose, Iowa, by deleting provisions pertaining to deleting ATV/UTV from golf cart ordinance. Roll call vote.
3. Approve third reading of an Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of the City of Montrose, Iowa, by deleting provisions pertaining to deleting ATV/UTV from golf cart ordinance. Roll call vote.
4. Consider and possibly approve Rudd Contracting proposal for watermelon stand repairs in the amount of \$5100.00.
5. Consider and poss-

sible approve bids for City Hall and Library light replacement.

6. Nuisance abatement update.
7. Consider and possibly approve Library and City Hall light bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and approve scheduling Beggars Night for Sunday October 30, or Monday October 31st from 5-7 pm.
2. Consider and possibly approve Access systems contract invoice in the amount of \$604.80.
3. Mayor to discuss raising sewer rates to help pay for treatment plant improvements.
4. Consider approving expenses for both City Clerks to attend SEICCA meeting in Brighton on September 12th.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT:

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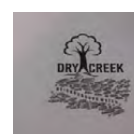
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Executive Director (ED)

For more information please go to <http://fortmadison-ia.com/390/Fort-Madison-Housing-Authority>

The FMHA ED serves as the primary source of housing expertise for the FMHA and reports directly to the Board of Commissioners.

Candidates for this position must possess strong leadership qualities, strong communication and collaboration skills, program management experience, and excellent planning and organizational ability. In addition, aptitude with both financial management and community relations is must as the FMHA ED must effectively and efficiently direct operational budgets, improve revenue, develop and implement the FMHA strategic plan as well as enhance relations with the community, internal stakeholders and vendors.

Education or Work Experience Requirements: Bachelor's degree, Associate's Degree and two years experience, or four years of related work experience.

To Apply: The Fort Madison Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Interested candidates must submit a writing sample and have the ability to discuss relevant experience during an interview. To submit resume and relevant writing sample, please email Rebecca Bowker, Chair Fort Madison Board of Commissioners, at Rejobo74@gmail.com.

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"I am extremely proud of the commitment that was made by the graduates of this program. They have put in a lot of time, energy, and effort on behalf of their constituents to become better public servants through education," said Tim Neil, ISACS President, Bremer County Supervisor, and Certified Iowa County Supervisor. "Certified Iowa County Supervisors are educated leaders!"

"When you get elected, there is no prerequisite to it so you come with the knowledge you have. But I said, 'Okay, now that I'm elected I want to make sure I'm qualified to be making the best decisions for the county,'" Seyb said.

"So I started looking at what to do to qualify myself, so to speak, as a supervisor. And ISAC had these classes."

Seyb said he originally thought the ISAC courses were required. When he found out they weren't he signed up anyway to increase

his base of knowledge on county business.

He said he was keeping an eye on the coursework and his progress for the first year, but things with the county got so busy in the second year that he lost track of where he was.

"There were in-person and zoom classes and I went to those to make myself smarter, but I had lost track and then they called and said I had met all the criteria to be certified with the first class and I was pretty happy and surprised about that," he said.

County supervisors in Iowa are elected to a four-year term by a vote of the public and serve as a member of a three or five-person board of supervisors. The board of supervisors is the governing body of county government. A county supervisor's duty is to "protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents."

More information about the program and a full listing of graduates can be found at <https://www.iowacounties.org/programs/certified-iowa-county-supervisor/>.

Vandenberg honored for 4-H advocacy

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mitment to both has only increased since then. He's been a strong supporter of the Lee County Fair, serving on the fair board for many years. Brad hasn't missed a county fair and can always be found helping around the fairgrounds, assisting with a livestock show, or grilling for a grandstand event. Brad has also assumed a role on the Extension Council the last several years and currently serves as the President.

Counties select inductees for their exceptional work in contributing to the lives of 4-H members and the overall 4-H program, said Whitney

Weisinger, ISU Extension and Outreach Program Coordinator. Many inductees serve as club leaders, youth mentors, fair superintendents or fair board members, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county council members, county youth council members, fair judges, financial supporters, chaperones or ISU Extension and Outreach staff members. The inductees have demonstrated dedication, encouragement, commitment and guidance to Iowa's 4-Hers through the years

"We are honored to recognize these special individuals, for their

advocacy and dedication to the Iowa 4-H program," shared Iowa 4-H Foundation Executive Director, Emily Saveraid.

"This is a great way to honor the volunteers and staff across the state of Iowa that generously give their time and talents to foster positive partnerships with our 4-H youth," said Tillie Good, Iowa 4-H staff and volunteer development manager.

The Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame was initiated in 2002 to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of 4-H. A summary of previous honorees was on display at the 2022 Iowa State Fair in the 4-H Exhibits Building.

City says building now ready for developers

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ard, buys us time and gets the road open which was paramount," Krogmeier said.

Going forward Krogmeier said the entire building is now salvageable.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld told the council in July that the building had negative value and the city wouldn't be able to sell the structure to a developer, but said getting the building saved and repurposed was the best option moving forward.

At one point Barker Financial Group has shown an interest in the building. Barker stepped in a finished off two construction projects in the city at the former Lee County Bank building and the Cattermole Library. The firm restored the building and renovated upper floor apartments.

Since that time Barker Financial has acquired several other properties in the downtown area and engaged in other development projects in Fort Madison.

However, in recent conversations, city officials have withheld the names of potential investors in the Block Building.

A lift and some barricades are still present at the site, but just off the sidewalk on the east side of the street between Avenue G and the south alleyway.

Bricks from the original structure removed during the renovations that were recently done by Shickedanz Construction of Fort Madison, about 10 pallets worth, were saved and stored and will be used to reconstruct the exterior wall at the appropriate time, Krogmeier said.

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