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## Thursday accident

A collision involving a Fort Madison School bus and an SUV held up traffic Thursday morning at 33rd Street and Avenue L. Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren said no one was injured in the accident.

# Patel opens redemption center in FM

**QUICKER LIQUOR OFFSHOOT:** New facility opens next to Quicker Liquor on west side

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The idea of a redemption center in Fort Madison has been missing the mark for the past 10 years, but a plan out on the west end of town just might work.

Ankit Patel, who's family owns Quicker Liquor has opened a location in the same strip mall just a unit west of the liquor store to start taking cans and bottles.

Currently the only options are to travel to Burlington or Mt. Pleasant as repeated attempts to sustain a center in Fort Madison have failed.

Patel said with his connections to distributors the system will run smoother as reimbursements would be more frequent than other ventures have seen.

The state has also increased the reimbursement rate by two cents with legislation passed this year. Patel said that could be the difference that makes the venture worthwhile.

Patel's Redemption is now open with limited hours to see how the business would cash flow.

He said the state is very reluctant to get rid of the redemption program because not everyone recycles and every can

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## P.O.R.T.

# Spooktakular run this month to support city trail system

FORT MADISON - PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails) of Fort Madison will be holding their eighth annual Spooktakular fundraiser for recreational trails in Fort Madison. The Spooktakular Boo-athlon will be held on

Saturday, October 29, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center pond trail.

The 2022 route will incorporate Phase III from the hospital to 48th Street, travel up Avenue L to Ivanhoe Park, catch Phase I at the park

and then follow Phase II back to 48th Street and Phase III back to the hospital pond. Registration and the start of each race will take place at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medi-

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## OPINION



# Health care industry is sick and we are the cure

Get out your tennis shoes and knee braces and block off some time, because we are in a health care crisis and the best advice may be to take the bull by the horns.

In the last month, Blessing Health System pulled up "anchor" as State Rep. Martin Graber said, and left Keokuk without much of glance back.

Then the very next week, they laid off 150 employees in the system.

CEO Maureen Kahn said the reduction in force was "in response to rising business costs caused by inflation and challenges specific to the health care industry that are reducing reimbursement and changing patient demand for care."

That's business 101 for "We're not making enough money."

Welp.... They brought on a new COO, Brian Canfield, in January, and he's certainly having an impact on local health care services.

Canfield was the one who told Lee County that Blessing wouldn't subsidize a county EMS service to any degree, after Kahn said the hospital foundation should contribute to the county ambulance service, which now is saddled with being essentially a mobile ER.

We know who wears the pants in that organization.

Several corporate staffers, including Kathy Hull, the chief of rural hospitals for Blessing, said the company wanted to be part of the solution, not the

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MON 17 Oct.....Sunny and cool, 42° F/ 24° F  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### PAUL ENGELMEYER

Paul Engelmeyer, 82, of Keokuk, Iowa, formerly of Quincy, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at his home in Keokuk.

Paul was born on November 23, 1939, in Quincy, Illinois, the son of Joseph B. and Frances (Schroeder) Engelmeyer. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1957 and graduated from Quincy College in 1961 with a Chemistry degree. In October of 1961, he was united in marriage to Nancy Stupasky in Quincy, Illinois. She preceded him in death on June 11, 1983. In 1985, he was united in marriage to Bonny McNaught, they were later divorced.



ENGELMEYER Paul was employed at Hubingers for thirty years, retiring in 1992. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and loved boating and golfing. He taught many people how to waterski and made many pieces of crafts and woodworking to sell. Nancy was the love of his life, and on his first date he couldn't wait to kiss her before they pulled out of the driveway.

Paul is survived by five daughters: Theresa (Chuck) Kindig of Brooklet, Georgia, Julie Lefler of Keokuk, Cheryl Wells of Keokuk, Nanette (Monte) Beckinger of Newburgh, Indiana, and Karyn (Jake) Kramer of Keokuk; nine grandchildren: John (Kara) Kindig, Amanda (Evan) Patrick, Joshua (Jessamine) Dockum, Jacob Wells, Jessa (Padyn) Wells, Trenton (Caity) Beckinger, Jennifer (Preston) Wells, Caleb Kramer and Hannah Kramer; ten great-grandchildren; his sister Jean McKinney of West Burlington, Iowa; his brother-in-law Paul Stupasky; six sisters-in-law: Dorothy Klinge, Sally Giles, Anita Eberhardt, Bonnie Heming, Debbie Davis and Irene Engelmeyer; and many wonderful nieces, nephews and cousins.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Nancy; his granddaughter Hope Nancy Kramer; four siblings: Joseph Engelmeyer, James Engelmeyer, Arlene Futrell, and John Engelmeyer; and two sisters-in-law: Janet Falter and Mary Kientzle.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sandusky Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to Pre-Born.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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

## OBITUARIES

### KAREN K. BUSBY

Karen Kay Cochenour Busby, 71, of Luray, MO, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2022 at her home.

She was born on December 3, 1950, in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Wayne Franklin and Reba Eileene Stott Cochenour. She graduated from Clark County R-1 High School with the Class of 1968.



BUSBY

On June 30, 1990, Karen was united in marriage to Ronnie Busby. She has always been so proud of her wedding where she and Ronnie exchanged their vows on horseback in Clark County, MO. She and Ronnie weren't just husband and wife, but truly best friends. Ronnie survives.

She is also survived by a daughter, Linda Kay Scovern (Tim), two sons, Clint Wayne Boatman (Angie) and Jason Ira Boatman (Tina Robertson), seven grandchildren, Asia, Seth, Lexy, Koby, Chaz, Takoda, and Kyndon. She is also survived by her step-children, Niki Wardlow (Jake) and Dawn Wood (Gorden), six step-grandchildren, Shannon Hoenig, Cheyann, Samantha and Sidney Wood, Blaine Wardlow and Madison Wardlow, several great grandchildren, two brothers, Bobbie Cochenour and Jerry Cochenour (Brenda) all of Arbela, MO, three sisters, Mary Crader of Topeka, KS, Shirley Lay of Lake Havasu City, AZ and Glenda Marley (Gary Whitaker) of Revere, MO, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Dorothy June Cochenour, Rosa Lee James and Julie Ann Watts, brother-in-law, Dean Crader, father-in-law, Buzz (George) Busby, mother-in-law, Juanita Busby, one grandchild, Gorden Wood, Jr., two nieces, Tereasa Crader and Carmen Cochenour, and four nephews, Larry Stark, Kevin Stark, Travis Stark and Ricky Anderson. Karen had been employed at Motorola in Quincy, Swift & Company and Sheller Globe in Keokuk. She retired after thirty-three and a half years at Sheller Globe. Following her retirement, she worked for McAfee and Hayes Auction Service and Ayerco Convenience Store in Kahoka. She was a member of the Long Riders Club, the Quilt Club and the VFW Social. She was also a Union member of Local #444 and served on the Safety Committee and Swat Team at work. Karen enjoyed quilting, gardening and canning the bounty of her garden. She loved horses and rode them most of her life. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

A gathering of remembrance will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka, MO.

A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Arbela. The procession to the cemetery will leave the funeral home in Kahoka at 10:15 a.m.. Following the graveside service everyone is invited for food and fellowship with the family at the CARE building in Kahoka.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be made to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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### BRADLEY M. DETTMERS

Bradley Michael Dettmers, 58, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:25 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022 at the Danville Care Center in Danville, IA. He was born on February 18, 1964 in Fort Madison, IA to W. J. "Dub" & Janna C. Dettmers Hull. Prior to his accident, he was a construction worker and painter. He married Becky J. Eid on October 5, 1984 in Fort Madison, IA. He was an Iowa Hawkeye & Chicago Bears fan, but his greatest joy in life were his grandchildren.



DETTMERS

Brad is survived by: his wife: Becky Dettmers of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Jessica Dettmers of Burlington, IA; 1-son: Bradley Dettmers, Jr. of Fort Madison, IA; 5-grandchildren: Paige Dettmers, Kyler Dettmers, Ava Fuget, Liam Brown & Tyson Dettmers; 3-sisters: Brenda Dettmers of Fort Madison, IA, Paula (Steve) Burdette of Fort Madison, IA & Adella (Dusty) Boeding of Franklin, IA, his mother in law: Norene Eid of Fort Madison, IA and 1-sister in law: Sharon Dettmers Kemp of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by: his grandparents, parents and 3-brothers: Steve & Greg Dettmers & Jerry Hull.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A funeral service will immediately follow at 5:30 p.m. A memorial has been established in Brad's memory. Online condolences to Brad's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### DONNA J. JONES

Donna Jean Jones, 66 of Keokuk, IA died Monday, October 10, 2022 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

She was born February 20, 1956 in Keokuk, IA the son of Donald Ray and Betty Jean Mead Jones. Donna graduated from Central Lee High School with the class of 1974.



JONES

Donna had been employed by Gleason in Ft. Madison for ten years and later as a bartender at Eagle's Nest and Franklin Tap. Donna enjoyed bowling, listening to live music and dancing. She also enjoyed traveling and going on car rides. Donna was a people person and loved having a good time with her friends.

She is survived by two daughters, Miranda Jones and Marlana Jones both of Bennett, IA, three grandchildren, Haley Jones, Emmitt Garrelts and Cole Garrelts and one great-grandson, Jesse Glasgow. She is also survived by her mother, Betty Jones of Keokuk, one uncle, Gerald Mead (Sue) of Montrose, IA, three cousins, Barb Beaird, John Jones and Amy Jones Savage all of Keokuk and a close friend, Ronnie Philp of Ft. Madison, IA.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Marly Mae Jean Jones, her father, five aunts and her grandmother, Barbara Estella Mae Mead.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 1-3 p.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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

## OBITUARIES

### KARRIE L. KEESTER

Karrie L. Keester, 56, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:16 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the West Point Care Center. She was born on January 1, 1966 in Fort Madison, IA to Bradley W. & Jeanne M. Moline Keester. She was an office worker for many years and graduated from Fort Madison High School, S.C.C. and the American Institute of Business. She enjoyed doing counted cross stitch. She loved her pets and being a momma to Faith.



KEESTER

Karrie is survived by: 1-daughter: Faith Dains of Fort Madison, IA; her mother: Jeanne Keester of Fort Madison, IA; her significant other: Doug Dains of Fort Madison, IA; 1-brother: Larry (Carol) Keester of Fort Madison, IA and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. with Heather Fuger officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences to the Keester family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Sports

# Bloodhounds extinguished quick in loss to North Scott

**LANCERS ROLL EARLY:** Potential playoff spot on the line next week when Burlington comes to town

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - It took North Scott 32 seconds to make a statement.

Kyler Gerardy's 67-yard touchdown run on the first offensive play of the game spoke volumes as the Lancers rolled over Fort Madison 49-14 on Friday night.

His 66-yard touchdown run on the second play of North Scott's second possession was also just as loud.

"That was bizarre," Fort Madison coach Derek Doherty said. "We knew that their quarterback was good. But the way that he took off..."

Gerardy later had a 49-yard touchdown run that gave North Scott (6-2) a 28-7 lead.

Gerardy would finish with 196 yards rushing on just five carries on a night when the Lancers consistently moved the ball against the Bloodhounds (6-2), who were set back by those early big plays.

"I felt like we had a good warmup, we were dialed in, and then that happened," Doherty said. "It was strange. Big momentum their way right away, and this is a game of momentum sometimes. Felt like we could never get ahead."

The Bloodhounds did get early points on an 18-play, 80-yard touchdown drive that cut North Scott's lead to 14-7. Hayden Segoviano's 5-yard touchdown run capped the drive in which Fort Madison converted on two third downs and one fourth down.

"It was just execution," Doherty said

of what made the drive work. "That's been our problem — the execution. It's never been about effort. It's been about executing, doing the small things. It was awesome to see that come to light."

"We had a pilot light, but it got blown out really quick."

North Scott answered with a 10-play, 88-yard touchdown drive finished by Dylan Marti's 9-yard run. Gerardy was 4-of-4 passing for 45 yards on the drive, with Marti having five carries for 25 yards.

"I don't want to assume, but it was like, 'Hey, we scored,'" Doherty said. "We talked about that at halftime, the mental side of this. We felt like our scheme was solid, it was there, there were things open. We prepared well, we scouted well. I felt like our game plan was solid, we didn't execute it."

Marti's 26-yard touchdown run gave North Scott a 35-7 halftime lead, then Gerardy scored on a 3-yard touchdown run to open the fourth quarter.

Aidan Boyer's 35-yard touchdown pass to Leif Boeding got Fort Madison to within 42-14, then North Scott closed the scoring with a touchdown pass from Drew Kilburg to Payton Yaddof.

Fort Madison closes the regular season with next Friday's game at home against Burlington, still with a chance to get into the Class 4A playoffs.

"Burlington's a thorn in our side," Doherty said. "We're going to have to go play the football we know we can, that we've proven that we can."



Photo by JOHN LOVRETTA/Special to Pen City Current

Fort Madison High School's Nathaniel Swigart (13) moves the ball down the field during their game against North Scott High School Friday, October 14, 2022 at Fort Madison's Richmond Stadium.



Photo by JOHN LOVRETTA/Special to Pen City Current

Fort Madison High School's Hayden Segoviano talks with head coach Derek Doherty during their game against North Scott High School Friday, October 14, 2022 at Fort Madison's Richmond Stadium.

## Big Reds roll Central Lee boys

CENTERVILLE - The Central Lee boys wrapped up their regular season Friday night with a loss on the road at Centerville 44-7.

The Big Reds put up two touchdowns in the first quarter, the first on a 1-yard touchdown and the second on a 12-yard pass play to jump out to quick 14-0 lead.

The Hawks defense couldn't get squared up as Centerville scored three more times in the second quarter, one on a 51-yard fumble scoop and run with 8:58 left in the half.

A 4-yard pass play with 2:18 left put the Red up 36-0.

The running clock was kicked in quick in the third

quarter when Centerville returned the 2nd half kick 81-yards for a score to make it 44-0.

Central Lee would finally get on the board when Cory Jones found Kegan Damico from 13-yards out to avoid the shut out.

Jones finished with 3 of 10 passing for 35 yards and the score.

Cayden Kalfee was 4-10 for 47 yards.

Jones also led the Hawks on the ground rushing for 58 yards on four carries, and had two catches for 39 yards.

Sophomore Chase Johnson had the attention of the Reds' defense getting just 30 yards on 12 carries.

Hunter Gregory had six tackles on the night. Braedon Barlow had the Hawks' only sack and James Hemingson had 2.5 tackles for loss.

The Hawks fall to 3-5 overall and 2-3 in Class 2A District 6 action. They will travel to Monticello on Friday night to open Class 2A post season play at 7 p.m.



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**District**  
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**10/17/2022 - 06:00 PM**  
**Central Office**  
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Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures.

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**Agenda**

- I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- II. Recognition of guests
- III. Reading of Foundation document
- IV. Monthly communications
  - A. Student Representative Report
  - B. PK-6; 7-12 Renovation and Construction Update
  - C. "Did You Know?"
  - D. Superintendent Goal Report
  - E. District Presentations
  - V. Approve the agenda
  - VI. Consent Agenda
    - A. Minutes
      - 1. September 19, 2022, Public Hearing
      - 2. September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting
      - 3. October 3, 2022, Work Session/Special Meeting
    - B. Financial Reports
      - 1. September Balance Sheet
      - 2. September Revenue Summary
      - 3. September Expenditure Report
      - 4. September Student Activity Report
    - C. Accounts payable
      - 1. September General Account Board Bills for Approval
      - 2. October General Account Board Bills for Approval
      - 3. September Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
      - 4. September Nutrition Fund Board Bills for Approval
      - 5. September AMEX Board Bills for Approval
    - D. Consider personnel resignations
      - 1. Ron Walker, MS Basketball
    - E. Consider employment of personnel
      - 1. Shayla Gustafson, Class 1 Associate, LE
      - 2. Brittany Harris, HS Asst. Volleyball Coach
      - 3. Kaleb Heidbreder, Custodian, HS
      - 4. Keith Helling, MS Football Coach - REVISED
      - 5. Cameron Heltebran,

- Tech. Asst/Building Tech, HS
  - 6. Stephanie White, Associate, HS
  - 7. Kyle Doherty, HS Girls Wrestling
  - 8. 22-23 Beyond the Bell staff
- F. Consider contract modifications
- G. Consider leave of absence
- H. Open Enrollment Data
  - I. Other reports
    - 1. 22-23 Donation
    - 2. 22-23 Fundraisers
    - 3. MS/HS Renovations and Additions Project Summary
  - VII. Action Items
    - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services
      - 1. Consider approval of 22-23 Grandwood Consortium Agreement
    - B. Superintendent
      - 1. Consider approval for FFA to travel to Indianapolis, IN for National Convention Oct 25 -27
      - 2. Consider approval for Show Choir to travel to Wahoo, NE Feb. 17-19, 2023
      - 3. Chronological Policies for Approval
        - a. Consider approval to adopt Exhibit 501.09-E-1 Request for Remote Learning Form
        - b. Consider approval of changes to Policy 501.10 - Truancy - Unexcused Absences
        - c. Consider approval to adopt Policy 501.10-R(1) - Truancy - Unexcused Absences Regulation
        - d. Consider approval of changes to Policy 501.09 - Student Absences - Excused
        - e. Consider approval of changes to Policy 501.14 - Open Enrollment Transfer - Procedures as a Sending District
        - f. Consider approval of changes to Policy 501.15 - Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Receiving District
        - g. Consider approval to delete Policy 501.17 - Exclusion form School Programming or Activities
        - h. Consider approval to delete Policy 501.18 - Rights, Responsibilities, and Limitations
        - i. Consider approval to delete Policy 501.21 - Student Involvement in Decision Making
      - 4. Chronological Policies for Review
        - a. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.04 - Student Complaints and Grievances
        - b. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.05 - Student Lockers
        - c. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.06 - Weapons
        - d. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.07 - Smoking - Drinking - Drugs

- e. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.08 - Search and Seizure
  - f. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.08-R(1) - Search and Seizure Regulation
  - g. Consider approval of minor changes to Policy 502.08-E(1) - Search and Seizure Checklist
- C. Business Manager/ Board Secretary
  - 1. Consider approval of the Special Education Supplement for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
  - 2. Consider approval of the Annual Transportation Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022
  - 3. Set Public Hearing Date for November 7, 2022 6:00 p.m. for the PK-6 Middle School and 7-12 High School Renovations and Additions Project - Bid Package 9A
  - 4. Consider approval of the purchase of a Special Education bus from Blue Bird in the amount of \$140,455.
  - 5. Consider approval of the Farm Lease with Thomas Hoenig
  - 6. Consider approval of SBRC request for Limited English Proficient Allowable Costs in the amount of \$253.84
  - 7. Consider approval of the purchase of a van for the maintenance department not to exceed \$42,000 in cost
  - VIII. Discussion Items
    - A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services
      - 1. Board Instructional Tour Date and Time
      - B. Superintendent
        - 1. Review Policy 502.03 - Student Expression and Student Publication
        - 2. Review Policy 502.03-R(1) - Student Expression and Student Publications Regulation
      - 3. Review changes to Policy 507.02 - Administration of Medication to Students
      - 4. Review changes to Policy 607.02 - Student Health Services
      - 5. Review changes to Policy 607.02-R(1) - Student Health Services Regulation
    - C. Business Manager/ Board Secretary
    - D. Board Member Attendance
    - E. Staff Attendance
- IX. Comments from the audience
- X. Legislative update
- XI. Announcements
  - A. November 7, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - Work Session/ Special Meeting
  - B. November 16 - 18, 2022 IASB Convention, Des Moines, IA
  - C. November 21, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Regular Meeting, Boardroom, Central Office

XII. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**October 17, 2022**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**(CDT)**  
**LOCATION:**  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 10:01 a.m. Public Hearing for FY23 County Budget Amendment

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving FY County Budget Amendment

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Appropriations for FY23 Public Input

Consider Approval of Renewal of Flex Benefits with Midwest Group Benefits

Consider Approval to Replace Deputy in Sheriffs Office

Consider Approval of Resolution Abating Taxes on 5001 Avenue O (Meller Property)

Consider Approval of Monday, October 10, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Personnel Actions:  
 A. Step Increases (2)- Attorney's Office

Reports:  
 A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected

B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected

C. Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Possible workshop to follow

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**FORT MADISON**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Date: Tuesday,**  
**October 18, 2022**  
**Time: 5:30 P.M.**  
**Place: City Council**  
**Chambers, City Hall**

INVOCATION  
 ROLL CALL  
 VISITORS AND APPEARANCE 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.

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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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of October 4, 2022;
- Liquor License

Renewal: Simple Table, 617 – 7th Street, effective October 1, 2022 – Special

Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;

- Claims dated October 13, 2022; September
- Manuals & September Financial Report; and
- Payroll of October 7, 2022.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED

to approve the second reading of an ordinance vacating city right-of-way located between Avenue B and 117-16th Street.

3. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances and Agreement, appointing Mark Boussetol as the City's Title VI Coordinator and naming Mark Boussetol and David Varley as designated signatories for the City of Fort Madison. (COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2022-58)

4. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for November 1, 2022, at 5:30 P.M., on the sale of City right-of-way located between Avenue B and 117 – 16th Street.

5. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #6 for Public Improvement Project 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 6th to 10th Street. (COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2022-59)

OTHER

6. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to receive and file the City's audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND CITY MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

- The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

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## From the Front

# 5K to benefit PORT trail

**5K RUN** - Continued from Page 1

cal Center starting at 7:30 a.m.

This multi-faceted event is sure to bring out all the ghosts and goblins who run, walk or stroll. Events include Kid's Race; 5K Run/Walk, and a 10K Run/Walk. There will be prizes, refreshments and fun.

Participants are encouraged to wear costumes- prizes will be awarded for different costume categories. Registration forms can be found online at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com) under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page.

Registration includes a long-sleeve spooktakular t-shirt (while supplies last). The Spooktakular is a community focused fundraising event. Matt's Greenhouse will once again be our premiere sponsor and the exclusive sponsor of the Kid's Runs. Many other corporate sponsors support this fundraising event for recreational trails.

PORT of Fort Madison received multiple grants and donations to fund the first three phases of the trail and a generous donation from the Great River Health Foundation to fund the Rodeo Connector Trail. The next phase along 48th Street, running along the Baxter Sports Complex is in the planning and funding stage.

PORT of Fort Madison operates as a subcommittee under the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of Fort Madison with the mission to improve and promote the walkability, run-ability and bike-ability of Fort Madison. The committee is made up of a volunteer group of community members. For more information or to make a donation go to the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page.

# Distributor relationship could make Patel's center more efficient

**CANS** - Continued from Page 1

or bottle that gets thrown away, the state keeps the deposit.

"They're making bank on this. They're not going to do away with it, but they had to make it more profitable to be redemption center because people were getting so mad about paying it and not being able to redeem them," he said.

His relationships with the distributors makes the reimbursements every three days because that's how often they would be onsite for deliveries. Pop will be a little different in the reimbursement times.

He said the same routes his delivery drivers are on creates consistency that stand alone redemption centers didn't have.

"My money is rotating and I won't be sitting on cans as long as they had to," he said. "And I won't wait as long on reimbursements."

Patel said he wanted to open at the beginning of October, but said the space wasn't ready.

He said the redemption center will have stipulations about the cans being clean and organized. He said if you bring all the same brand in a bag with 240 cans in the bag, the customer will get \$12 on the spot.

He will also be doing 10-can audits on bags to make sure no out of state cans are being hidden. He said if he finds more than two in the audit he can reject

the bag, because the state will conduct similar audits on his bags.

"If I'm caught turning in out of state cans they can put me on an audit list and I don't want that."

"240 cans of the same brand and they're clean, the bags not full of liquid or dripping. \$12 on the spot. No IOUs like they used to do," he said.

Patel is starting with a certain amount of cash per day for can redemption, but said he will probably have to add more as the business grows. He said every day they are opened they will will accept cans until the cash is gone, then they will stop accepting cans for the day.

If the business starts to show a good profit margin, he could expand the daily amount, or even the hours.

He said he is also a recommended redemption center for Fareway and Hy-Vee who Patel said are happy to have the redemption center back open. He said he hasn't found anyone to take the Hy-Vee cans so those have to go back to the retailer currently.

The state requires that any redemption center be open 20 hours a week with at least four hours on the weekend or evening hours.

His starting hours will be Monday through Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Monday and Wednesday 6-8 p.m. to satisfy the state requirements.

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## Opinion/From the Front

# No taxation without dessert representation

**HEALTHCARE** - Continued from Page 1

problem.

The county is to be commended for absorbing the costs, but ultimately the taxpayers may be asked to pony up to keep the system solvent.

On Friday, at about 2 p.m., Great River Health System CEO Matt Wenzel resigned from the system. We're hearing it may have been more than a resignation, but the hospital was 'mum' aside from a brief press statement released Friday.

On Jan. 1, 2024, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) will implement a definition for "lowest possible reimbursement rate" on Part D drug coverages. That will, in all likelihood, force pharmaceutical enterprises to charge more for those drugs.

That's a bit complicated, but will be felt at the point of sale.

So, what does all this mean.

Really, from the time Obamacare was implemented, health care has been in a state of decline. The policy itself was meritorious, but what was forgotten in the mix was that corporations were going to protect their bottom line, so the cost of insuring families went through the roof.

Employers shifted gears and focused on taking care of just their employees and not their employees' families, because the cost of doing that skyrocketed as the government tried to move masses to the health care marketplace.

The real answer lies in taking better care of ourselves. Covid has taught us to wash our hands more and be cognizant of those sick around us.

But with health care shifting gears and downsizing, the best answer is to take better care of yourself.

Eat healthier. And that's a wicked cycle, because for some reason groceries and food suppliers charge more for healthier options. Seen the price of grapes lately? Almost \$7 a bag! And grapes are one of the best things you can eat to curb appetites.

Shifting to healthier proteins, (you know - the fewer legs the better?) isn't cheap either. One of my



favorite things is blackened salmon. Put that with some shaved brussels roasted with olive oil, red pepper flake, and a little salt and pepper, and you've got a nice meal with heavy Omega-3 fats, which are good for you.

But a good piece of salmon is now in high demand and that price is going through the roof.

Grocers should switch and make the junk food the more expensive option. They would generate more money. Many of my friends and family will hate this, but beer should be more expensive. We did it with tobacco.

People will drink less, just like they are driving less due to gas prices, and smoke less due to the cost.

Why are healthier options the more expensive option? We should encourage healthier eating by reducing the price and those that want the Ho-Hos and potato chips and candy bars should pay more for those.

An orange should be cheap, grapes should be cheaper. Yes, it's all based on supply and when supplies run low, prices climb, but I haven't seen a shortage of grapes on the shelves. I've seen more. The meat counter always has nice displays of salmon and chicken and turkey. The price just keeps climbing.

Cost of transportation is in there as well. I get all the pieces, but wouldn't putting a surtax on donuts help offset some of the costs associated with the manufacturers' increased costs, and curb the amount of people eating donuts?

England has a surtax on desserts to discourage consumption. Like a cigarette tax discourages smoking. That industry is doing okay.

We go through fast food drive-thrus and the prices keep rising - so don't go. It used to be a cheaper option, but it's not really, anymore. Fire up the grill and make your own cheeseburger.

Then it comes to exercise. I'm noticing in my older age that smaller bursts of exercise are having more of a noticeable impact than 60 minutes at the gym three or four times a week.

I have bands and a yoga mat. I did one exercise 108 times and it felt like I was trying to lift a car — and I was using no weights at all.

I've been battling back pain for about six months now and what's helping relieve what has been described as a disc "anomaly" that spasms my sciatic horribly, is strengthening my core.

So I found my abs again. They were hiding under about 20 years of pizza and beer. I still have a ways to go, but I'm at my high school weight. It's shifted a bit, but we're getting there.

My blood pressure has been better these past four weeks than it's been in two years. And I'm going through a divorce and the loss of a child.

Exercise and healthy eating isn't about moving mountains. It's just about taking steps and maybe taking them a little quicker than normal.

It's about blocking off time to cook something a bit healthier and avoiding all the junk. You don't have to eliminate it, we all need a Cheez-It every now and then, or a Peanut M&M, but moderation works just fine.

My daughter Taylor tells me to take a handful and not sit down with the box, or a bag. That works. But she's also dead set against a Little Debbie tax. No taxation without dessert representation.

But the direction of health care is ominous and leadership will be the salvation. In the meantime, lace up your shoes, engage your body, and bypass the dessert cake aisle and candy sections.

And do not go to the store hungry. That's a killer, but that's Beside the Point.

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## Blood moon highlights 7th anniversary at Empty Nest

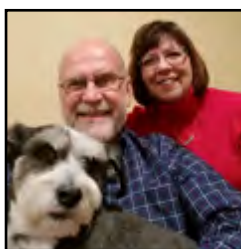
There was a blinding light in the night sky above the Empty Nest Farm. It was like we had a second yard light. I looked up to see the fullest moon beaming proudly and majestically over our house and back yard.

It was 5:00 am on October 9th, and I had trooped out to the mail box to retrieve our Sunday morning newspapers. I had to stop and behold the scene displayed in front of me: the stunning full moon, our house aglow in the darkness, and the tree that Ginnie and I had said our wedding vows under seven years earlier.

The next day, Monday, October 10th, would be our lucky seven-year-wedding anniversary. Seven years ago, Ginnie had strolled out of that house to the pianist playing, and the wedding party singing, "Going to the Chapel" by the Dixie Cups. I think Ginnie and I sensed our lives were about to change for the better. And our lives have. In this seven years I have written three books and expanded my Empty Nest newspaper column to fifty some

### EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



newspapers in three states. I'm always the happiest when I'm writing. And Ginnie, my editor, as noted recently by her 95-year old father, "Radiates happiness."

Little did I know, not only was the moon full on this Sunday morning, October 9th, but it would also be full the next day, Monday, October 10th, our wedding anniversary. The moon being full two days in a row at the same time is a rare occurrence. This moon is called a Full Double Blood Moon, or a Hunter's Moon, and also a Harvest Moon. I interpreted it all to be a good omen for our seven-year wedding anniversary. The name, "Blood Moon," indicates its color, reddish, as it is rising. Higher in the night sky it is more golden.

How did we spend our seven-year anni-

versary? Well, Ginnie went to work (she still works part-time and had forgotten to take the day off), guided by the full moon all the way to Ottumwa, where she is a lab technician at the Ottumwa Regional Hospital. The moon put a smile on her face and a warmth in her heart, she told me by text.

I mowed. The weather forecast was for rain the next day, so I wanted to get the, hopefully, last mowing of the year out of the way. I was in such a huff to get to mowing that I completely missed the nice anniversary card Ginnie had left for me on the kitchen island.

While I was mowing, an old college friend, Shane, called. I hadn't seen or heard from Shane since college. It was great talking to him and we made plans to get together. I shut the mower off, sat in the shade of a maple tree, observed the crystal clear blue sky, and thought how lucky I am. Great life, great wife, blue sky, and good friends. What more could I want?

Monday night, being Monday night, there wasn't much going on so Ginnie and I had made no plans for going out and painting the town. Monday Night Football was on (groan, I know) and it was the Raiders against the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. Ginnie graduated from high school in KC so she has followed the Chiefs all her life. I have always been a Chief's fan. We watched the game together and yelled ourselves hoarse.

The game was incredible. Everyone, myself included, figured the 4-1 Chiefs would mop up on the 1-4 Raiders. Nope. It was a nail biter, with the Chiefs barely edging out the Raiders, 30-29. A couple of blown field goals here and there made all the difference. Shows to go you, there are no sure things in sports, life or marriage.

The Full Double Blood Moon seemed to bless our seven years of marriage and assure us of good things to come, as long as we take it one day at a time, trust in God, and don't yell at each other unless the teepee's on fire.

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