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Changing Partners



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Group Benefit Partners announced a change in name during a ribbon cutting Friday in Fort Madison. The group has merged with Assured Partners, headquartered out of Orlando, Fla. The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce held the ribbon cutting with partner Justin Pieper cutting the ribbon in front of the offices on Avenue G.

Absentees must be at Auditor's office by 8 p.m. Nov. 8

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Auditor Densie Fraise is reminding residents that absentee ballots must be in the Auditor's Office by 8:00 p.m. Election Day, November 8th in order to count.

You may hand deliver your ballot to the Auditor's Office in Fort Madison at 933 Avenue H or to the Courthouse in Keokuk at 25 N 7th St. The only people who

may return a voted absentee ballot to the County Auditor's Office other than the voter, are someone living in the voter's household, an immediate family member or a delivery agent if a voter is unable to return a ballot due to blindness or other disability.

Drop boxes are not being used at this time due to legislative changes.

HAWKEYE DAY

Chamber sets FM Carver-Hawkeye Day for Sept. 17

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FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce has once again partnered with the University of Iowa Athletics to secure premium seating for the community to enjoy an Iowa Men's Basketball game.

This year, we will cheer on the Iowa

Hawkeyes as they take on the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks on Saturday, December 17th at 7:30 pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 7th at 9:00 am at the Fort Madison Partners office, located at 614 7th Street.

Several businesses in the community have stepped up but we are seeking more sponsors to help us provide a

t-shirt with every ticket purchase. "We are excited to have the community sitting in the stands of Carver Hawkeye Arena all sporting a Fort Madison Day t-shirt!" exclaims Savanna Collier, Chamber Director. Tickets will be available for \$15 for youth and \$20 for

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EDITORIAL

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Monroe vet putting trauma behind him

There was an explosion and AK-47 bullets ripped through the tent. John rolled out of his cot. Before he hit the ground a bullet nicked him in his left buttock—like Forest Gump, he would jokingly tell people years later. There were three GI's in the tent. John's buddy had made the mistake of zipping up his sleeping bag. While fumbling with the zipper, he took a couple of bullets in the leg. John, not wounded that badly, went for a medic, and being a radio man, had the distinction of calling in his own wound. Command thought that was ironic. John's buttock turned black and blue. His buddies took pictures of it.

After discharge, John had some recurring dreams of rolling out of his cot, being shot, and hitting the ground. As a civilian, he rolled out of bed several times, once hitting his head pretty hard, possibly giving himself a concussion.

He's 75 now and hasn't had one of those dreams in maybe 15 years. He co-leads a senior exercise group three days a week and belongs to a hiking club. He just returned from a trip to Ireland and Scotland with his church group. His wife died one year ago. He posts marvelous travelogues with great pictures on social media. Next year he plans a trip to Italy.

John Duncan grew up in Monroe, Iowa and now lives outside of Nashville where he is retired from a very successful career as a regional underwriting manager for a major insurance company. After the Army and his tour of Vietnam, he married a college friend, Diane, and completed his BA Degree in sociology and psychology at UNI.

He doesn't read books or go to movies about Vietnam. They bother him too much. He does read about World War II, Korea

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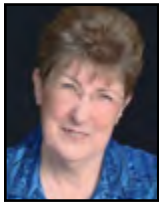


Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CAROL L. WILLIAMS

Carol Lynn Williams, 81, of Keokuk, passed away on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.



WILLIAMS

Carol Lynn Hartman was born on March 6, 1941 to Chester Lee and Hila (Creason) Hartman in their farm house "a mile and a half north of Gorin, Scotland County, Harrison Township, State of Missouri." When she would say this, one of her grandfather's friends would give her a nickel so she could buy an ice cream cone at Jr. Creason's Café in Gorin.

At the age of 9, she joined the Gorin-Go-Getters 4-H club where she was an active member, winning may blue ribbons at the Scotland County Fair and the Missouri State Fair. She was awarded the coveted 4-H Key award.

Also at the age of 9 in 3rd grade, the Gorin school started a band program for all grades which she joined and played her trumpet all through her life.

At the age of 14 she started teaching piano lessons to Reva Kraus Triplett and soon to two of her cousins. Many of her students became piano teachers, church choir directors and organists.

Carol Lynn professed her faith in Christ on Easter Sunday in 1951 and was baptized by the Rev. George Ramsey on

Mother's Day in the Gorin Christian Church. She became the church pianist in 6th grade and continued through college.

She graduated from Gorin High School in 1959. She always attended the Gorin Alumni Banquet and enjoyed visiting with her classmates, her mother's classmates and other Gorin friends.

With the encouragement of Ray and Mary Jane Goeke, she majored in music at the Kirksville State Teachers College in piano and trumpet. She was honored for being the first to participate in all three honor bands (varsity, concert and symphonic wind ensemble) for 5 years. After the death of her parents, Richard and Cleta Mae Kraus included her in their family. They became Hila's Gorin grandparents.

After college, she was hired as the Elementary Music Supervisor for all the seven elementary schools in Keokuk, Iowa for 5 years. She also taught 7 years in Hamilton, Illinois, and 10 years at Running Fox Elementary in Clark County where she taught music, 2 choirs and 2 bands. She may have moved away from Gorin, but her heart remained close to Gorin, her friends there, her child home church, and White Shrine of Jerusalem.

She was a member of the K. Tones, ACES, past president of AAUW and Chapter U, PEO. She was a 60+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star where she served as Worthy Matron, secretary and all the Star Points. In 2018 she was appointed as Grand Representative to Pennsylvania Order of the Eastern Star. She was an active member of the Keokuk Concert Association since 1965 and served as treasurer 35+ years.

On November 23, 1968, she was united in marriage to

Charles Allen Williams in the Gorin Christian Church by the Rev. David Stout.

In 1969, she was baptized again in the Burlington Baptist Church by the Rev. George Keppner. They were also members at Bel Air Baptist Church. In 1973, they became members of First Baptist Church in Keokuk. At First Baptist, she was very active in the music ministry serving as church pianist for 30 years, Sunday School pianist and choir. She and Charles formed the church band for several years and played numerous duets, trios and ensembles throughout their 40+ years.

She started the Effie Linquist Morning Circle and served as chairman for many years.

They also played in the Keokuk Municipal Band and almost 50 years in McNamara's Band, where she was the first woman instrumentalist to be allowed into the band.

In 1976 they adopted a precious baby girl, Hila Lynn. Their family was complete and more involved in her school and band activities.

She is survived by her husband Charles Allen Williams, daughter Hila Lynn (Mike) Cook and grandson Christian Michael Allen Cook.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant sister and a very special (almost) sister, Reva Kraus Triplett.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, Iowa, with burial to follow at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Gorin, Missouri. The funeral will be live-streamed at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, November 1, from 3 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Concert Association, The Gorin Christian Church or the Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

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

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

VERA DAVOLT

Vera "Lucille" (Jones) DaVolt went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, October 27, 2022, surrounded by family.

Lucille was born in Vincennes, Iowa, on January 23, 1927, to Jesse Walter Jones and Nellie Bell (Cochenour) Jones. While working for Shaeffer Pen Company in Fort Madison, Iowa, she met and fell in love with Floyd (Sug) Leroy DaVolt and they were married on March 8, 1945. They were soul mates for life and spent their entire lives on the family farm in Clark County, Missouri. Lucille absolutely loved living and working on the family farm and being a wife and the mother to her children; four daughters, one son, and one set of twin sons. In their retirement years, Lucille and Sug travelled in their camper, going to Alaska in the Summer and Texas in the Winter. Lucille was also a Charter and Lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary in Kahoka.

Lucille was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and participated in many Fall dinners. She was always a hard worker, including working outside the home at numerous places until retiring from Sheller-Globe.

Lucille loved cooking and her delicious homemade angel food cakes were always anticipated by family and friends. She also always looked forward to her time with The Red Hat Ladies. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lucille is survived by her daughters; Connie Dochterman, of West Point, Iowa, Sherry Brunton, of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Rhonda Troutman (Dave) of Springfield, Missouri. She was a proud and loving Grandmother, Grandma, Granny, and Mema to 18 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Sug, of 59 years, as well as her parents, one brother, two half-sisters, one daughter; Linda McKinney, two sons; Kent DaVolt, and Jeffrey DaVolt, and one infant son; Timothy, one son-in-law, and two grandsons.

Funeral Services honoring the life of Lucille will be conducted at 2:00pm, on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at the Wilson & Triplett Funeral Home in Kahoka. Chaplain Carroll Davenport will officiate. Visitation will be held from 1:00pm until the time of services.

Interment will follow at the Oakland/Sand Cemetery in Vincennes, Iowa.

Memorial contributions in memory of Lucille are suggested to the Clark County Nursing Home Activity Fund, or to the Oakland/Sand Cemetery.

You are invited to share your memories of Lucille and leave a condolence at www.wilsontriplett.com.



DAVOLT

Fire chief announces open burning regulations

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Fire Department Chief Joey Herren made the following announcement regarding leaf burning and disposal, effective immediately.

The City of Fort Madison Fire Department will allow the controlled burning of leaves only from October 25, 2022 to December 3, 2022 without application for a temporary burning permit, subject to the following restrictions per International Fire Code:

1. The open burning of leaves shall only be allowed from one hour after sunrise, to one hour before sunset.
2. No open burning will be allowed on any Public Street, alley, or sidewalk.
3. The location of the burning area is not less than 50 feet from any structure or not less than 15 feet from any structure if an approved waste burner is used.
4. A competent person shall constantly attend all fires until the fire is completely extinguished.
5. A working garden hose or other fire extinguisher is readily available for use.
6. Any fire causing a nuisance or reported discomfort shall be immediately extinguished.
7. The Fire Chief may prohibit any or all open burning when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make

open burning hazardous.

Applicants for temporary fire permits for any purpose must be obtained from the City Fire Department.

Adherence and conformance with these procedures outlined should be of positive benefit to the citizens of Fort Madison.

The City of Fort Madison hereby notifies the citizens and property owners of the proper procedures for disposal of the fall accumulation of leaves.

According to City Code Title 6, Chapter 3, Section 14:

LITTERING: No person shall throw, rake, deposit, drop, or spill leaves, litter, solid waste material or foreign material upon the streets, sidewalks, or other public rights of ways within the city.

This section of the City Code prohibits the raking of leaves into the street or alley for the purpose of disposal. The Primary reason for this prohibition is to keep the leaves from entering the storm drain system. An accumulation of leaves can block the storm drain inlets or clog the storm drainage pipes that could result in flooding.

Residents have the option of bagging leaves in approved yard waste bags for pickup by city crews or to haul the leaves to the Landfill for composting. There is no charge for dumping yard waste at the Landfill.

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Sports

Freesmeier says HTC girls just need to believe

TOURNEY: No. 6 Crusaders take on 3rd seed Gladbrook-Reinbeck in first round tonight

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - New site, but basically the same Crusaders

Holy Trinity is back at the Class 1A state volleyball tournament, a year after making it to the semifinals. Almost all of the key players from that run are returning to make another bid at a state championship, beginning with Tuesday's 8 p.m. match against Gladbrook-Reinbeck.

That experience, junior hitter Mary Kate Bendlage said last week, is going to matter.

"The rest of us having been there, we'll help everyone else calm down," Bendlage said. "Just let them know it's the same game. The court is still the same, all the fundamen-

tals are still the same."

But it will be at a new site — Coralville's Xstream Arena, ending a 31-year run in Cedar Rapids.

Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said that, too, shouldn't make a difference.

"A lot of these kids have played there, with club (volleyball) and stuff," Freesmeier said. "It's a new site, but it's the same people running it. So it's going to be a class act, like it always is. It's a state tournament, so there will be energy all over. It will be fun."

The Crusaders (29-15), the sixth seed in the eight-team field, are playing their best volleyball at the right time. They have won 22 of their last 30 matches after a 7-7 start, and are coming off a week in which they gutted out four-set wins over WACO

in the regional semifinals and over two-time defending champion Notre Dame in Wednesday's regional final.

"It was good for us," Freesmeier said of being tested. "We played two solid teams and came out with a victory. I think our kids feel good about where we've come from the beginning of the season to now. And I think they are really starting to get that chemistry we've been looking for all season, and starting to believe in each other and doing their job."

The Crusaders have been without junior Natalie Randolph, a key part of last year's team, all season after she suffered a knee injury. It took a while for the Crusaders' offense to get accustomed to Randolph's absence, but that has changed in the closing weeks.

Sophomore Anna Bendlage, who became the Crusaders' primary setter, has 937 assists. Mary Kate Bendlage has 369 kills, while middle

hitter Presley Myers has 307. Add Brooke Mueller (168 kills) and Kayla Box (139 kills) to that mix, and it's hard to defend against what Holy Trinity does offensively.

That, Freesmeier said, has been a key to their recent run.

"I think we have to do like we did against Notre Dame and WACO, and that's keep pressure on them, take different shots, give the ball to different players, and just continue to be tenacious on defense," Freesmeier said.

Gladbrook-Reinbeck (32-9), the third seed, has won nine consecutive matches without losing a set. Ava Wyatt leads the Rebels with 409 kills. Middle hitters Megan Cooley and Kennedy Brant have combined for 447 kills.

"(Wyatt) swings well, plays defense well," Freesmeier said. "She's definitely the kid on the team they like to go to."

"They've got two pretty good-sized middles. They're big. They block well. So we're going to have to be ready to go."

The Crusaders are thriving on their current momentum.



Courtesy photo

Anna Bendlage puts up a set in the 4th game last week against Burlington Notre Dame. Bendlage will be looked on to keep things moving in Tuesday's state tourney opener for the Crusaders.

"We've played pretty much together the last few weeks, gotten into a good rotation," Freesmeier said. "I think these kids are hungry. We've got three more. They're not ready to quit."

"I think it was just

about gaining confidence in themselves and in their teammates. That's been the big thing. They have skills, they have the ability to play volleyball. Just to believe they can do it is the big thing right now."

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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lee County board chair supports Amandus

Dear Editor

As Chairman of the Lee County Board of Supervisors I am asking the residents of Supervisor District 2 to please support Donna Amandus on Nov. 8.

Donna is a leader with a level head, and an unwavering ability to communicate with people with kindness and empathy. Those are incredibly important traits which will make her a successful board member in conquering the many serious issues we are facing here in Lee County.

Donna has proven herself to be a vital member of the Fort Madison City Council by going the extra mile to make quality of life improvements for the city and I am confident she will bring that experience and energy to the Board.

Her involvement in city tourism has gained her a wealth of knowledge and she continues exploring more opportunities that will showcase our many attributes to folks looking to visit and possibly relocate here.

Donna's experience, enthusiasm, and vision will be a welcome addition to the Board. Donna has already reached out to all members of the board - regardless of party affiliation - to gain from their expertise and knowledge, she is a team player. I ask you to vote for Donna to set our new board up for success!

Matt Pflug,
Chairman Lee County Board of Supervisors

Former FM mayor says Schulz is best choice

Dear Editor:

What an interesting world and time we live in. With everything that's happened in the last couple of years, many times I've just had to shut it out and focus on what I can control. If we block out all the national clutter, we are fortunate to see that Southeast Iowa is onto something. Strong leadership with a shared vision, a regional approach, invested business and industry and community support have made for a potent approach to a successful outcome. Tom Schulz understands this. He offers a sensible, simplified and pragmatic approach to governing. With "all politics being local", this is what people care about and it becomes even more critical for Lee County's future with uncertain economic times ahead. I look forward to Tom continuing to serve the residents of Lee County by relying on his extensive background and business experience along with his understanding of what we need locally by providing a hands-on approach to moving our county forward. I'm voting for Tom Schulz for District 2 Supervisor

Brad Randolph

Keokuk couple endorses Graber for State Rep.

Dear Editor

Did you know this about our Republican Representative Martin Graber? Introduced a bill to invest monies in the Veteran's Trust fund yielding higher returns for Iowa Veterans in need.

Works with the Iowa Insurance Division to update the Iowa Code for better insurance practices in our state.

Supported "Back the Blue Law"

Works with economic development authority for high quality job programs and the housing tax incentive program to improve the lives of Iowans.

Supported excepting retirement income from individual income tax.

Supported AGAINST mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for employers, child-care centers, and K-12 and higher education levels in Iowa.

Supported the creation of the Second Amendment Preservation Act in Iowa.

Supported creating free trade between U.S. and United Kingdom and a bilateral trade agreement between U.S. and Taiwan.

Supported U.S. Congress to oppose expanding the U.S. Supreme Court

Supported AGAINST dispensing abortion-inducing drugs within the state.

Supported eliminating obscene materials in school or public libraries.

Martin Graber is a well-rounded candidate for reelection with his exemplary military background and expertise in the investment field and as a financial planner. He is vice chairman of Veterans affairs and sits on the Commerce, Economic Growth and Ways & Means Committees respectively. In less than 2 years Martin immersed himself and supported the best interests of Iowans. Martin will continue to work for all of us in his district. Please support Martin Graber for reelection.

Lane and Jill Cox,
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501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 20, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, one absent, and one At Large vacant. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills, Housing Enforcement Casey Barnes and Fire Chief Gabe Rose.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of upcoming events in Keokuk and surrounding area.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Dustin Cackley had questions regarding agenda and election process. Amanda Rogers from Best You Coalition gave an update on upcoming events. Joe Shuman updated on City of Christmas and requested volunteers.

Motion made by Altheide, seconded by Helenthal to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of October 6, 2022;

- **RESOLUTION NO. 134-2022:** Approving a Liquor License for Southside Boat Club, 625 Mississippi River Drive, effective October 31, 2022 – Class A Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales;

- **RESOLUTION NO. 135-2022:** Approving a

Liquor License for Los Tapatios Restaurant, 706 Main Street, effective November 1, 2022 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Services;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5301-5303; Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:41 p.m. on a request to vacate & dispose of a portion of a platted unimproved alley in Block 11, Hawkeye Addition, City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on October 14, 2022.

COMMENTS: Broomhall gave overview. No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Andrews to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 136-2022:** "A RESOLUTION TO VACATE A 20'X240' PLATTED UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF THE ALLEY IN THE HAWKEYE ADDITION AND CONVEY AID PROPERTY TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:44 p.m. on a request to amend Title 20, of the Keokuk Municipal Code Section 20.30.030(6) fences. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on October 14, 2022.

COMMENTS: Broomhall gave overview and slideshow of photos. Citizen Tory Rhea addressed council regarding the fencing already constructed on his property.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:55 p.m. for the consideration of an applica-

tion for a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization planning grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing was published in the Daily Gate City on October 14, 2022.

COMMENTS: Sara Hecox from Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission discussed the housing needs assessment with council and the public.

Need For The Activities Was Identified:

The City of Keokuk needs to rehabilitate existing housing stock, remove blighted structures, improve infrastructure, and improved blighted neighborhoods. The grant would benefit the City in a planning study of the neighborhood and determine which activities will be utilized.

How the Proposed Activity will be funded:

Community Development Block Grant – Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Grant

Date Application is Due: The CDBG application for Comprehensive Neighborhood Revitalization Planning Grant is due November 1, 2022.

Requested Amount of Federal Funds:

City of Keokuk will request \$25,000 from the Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant. There is a 15% local match from the City.

Federal Funds That Will Benefit Low-and Moderate-Income Persons:

The planning funds will determine what activities need to be completed in the neighborhood. It will take into consideration that the revitalization grant will benefit Low-and Moderate-Income persons and blocks within the neighborhood. The US Census Data for the

City of Keokuk indicates that 61.9% of the community is LMI.

Where the Activity will be conducted:

The project will take place in the community of Keokuk located in Lee County.

Minimize Displacement of Persons:

During the planning project, there should be no residents that will have to be displaced.

Plans to Assist Persons Displaced:

City of Keokuk will adopt a Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance agreement to comply with Community Development Block Grant requirements and will update as needed.

Nature of the Proposed Activity:

The proposed activity would be to come up with a plan to address housing issues in a targeted area that will benefit LMI persons. The plan will also revamp that neighborhood and eliminate blight.

This year the planning portion takes place, then next year we apply for the actual grant portion.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 137-2022:** "A RESOLUTION HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A CDBG COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLANNING GRANT THROUGH IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve the second reading of amended ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2018, granting

to Interstate Power & Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the city and its inhabitants and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the city.

Miranda Goings, plant controller at Amsted Rail, is concerned what the effect a 2% franchise fee would have on the company. After discussion, Helenthal motioned to table, second by Greenwald. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried to table. 8-4.5

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 138-2022:** "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN MISSION SQUARE." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 139-2022:** "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN T. ROWE PRICE." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried. Nick Bronson of Two Rivers Investment Services introduced himself for questions.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 140-2022:** "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF A US EPA BROWNFIELD GRANT APPLICATION." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant approving bid for

Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester cleaning. Adam Johnson, manager at CCS Contracting addressed council concerned that the bidding was not fair as his bid was disclosed at a prior meeting before bidding was closed. After discussion, motion defeated.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to appoint Shelley Oltmans to At Large Council Member. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Final notification for Jason James to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2025. Final notification for Diane Kearns to the Grand Theatre Commission, 3-year term to expire 11/5/2025. Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Monica Winkler and Mike Greenslaugh to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, 3-year term to expire 11/2/2025. First notification for Amanda Rogers to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, fulfilling a 5-year term to expire 10/22/2025.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Greenwald informed Cultural, and Entertainment District is in need of volunteers for Rollin' on the River as currently the number is dwindling, and they are re-evaluating the event.

STAFF REPORTS: O'Donnell updated on hospital and EMS, Southeast Iowa Development Center, development of the 600 Main Street buildings, and council adopted goals. Additionally, informed of 2022 final activity statement for the aquatic center.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Tillman to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

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From the Front

Duncan makes most of life after Vietnam traumas

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and the recent war in the Middle East. He's a little jumpy around sudden noises and always sits with his back to the wall. If people notice a nervous twitch, his pat reply is, "That twitch saved my life." That shuts them up real quick.

Was Vietnam worth it? John doesn't mince words, "We just went and did what we felt we were obligated to do. I don't know that we really accomplished a darn thing in Vietnam other than we killed 55,000 of our own people. And they're still dying of Agent Orange. I don't know how in the world I managed to avoid it." He sidesteps the issue of veteran suicide.

John talks about the indigenous people of the Central Highlands: Montagnards (French for mountain dwellers). The GI's slang term for Montagnards was "Mountain Yards" or, "Yards." John describes their living conditions: "The huts of the Mountain Yards were built on stilts. They had thatch roofs. The hut itself was made of vegetative material. You could tell if they were home or not. They had a log ladder that had steps cut into it. If

the steps were facing out, they were home. If the steps were turned in, they weren't. We often went on medical missions in the villages. There were always people standing alongside the road, waving. We'd throw candy to the kids. We had these Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bars that were basically inedible. We called them, 'Yard Bars.' We'd throw them to the kids. Sometimes we thought they were going to throw them back. The Mamasans would kneel alongside the road. Their teeth were stained black from chewing betel nut, a mild narcotic."

There was a lot of marijuana use. John helped one of his medic friends come down from a morphine addiction. Medics had a tough job patching up people, therefore they were rotated out of the field every six months.

After a mad minute, John had to go out and take Polaroid pictures of dead Vietcong three days after the battle. As you can imagine, that was a very unpleasant task. A mad minute is when the whole platoon opened up with their fully automatic weapons and completely saturated an enemy position.

Having camaraderie and something to laugh at are things that kept combat soldiers going. John went out to

use the latrine. Unbeknownst to him, a tank had come in to bore sight and zero its main gun. There was a big boom. John's two buddies, George and "Tool Bag" yelled, "Incoming!" and rolled with laughter as they watched John run for cover trying to pull up his pants.

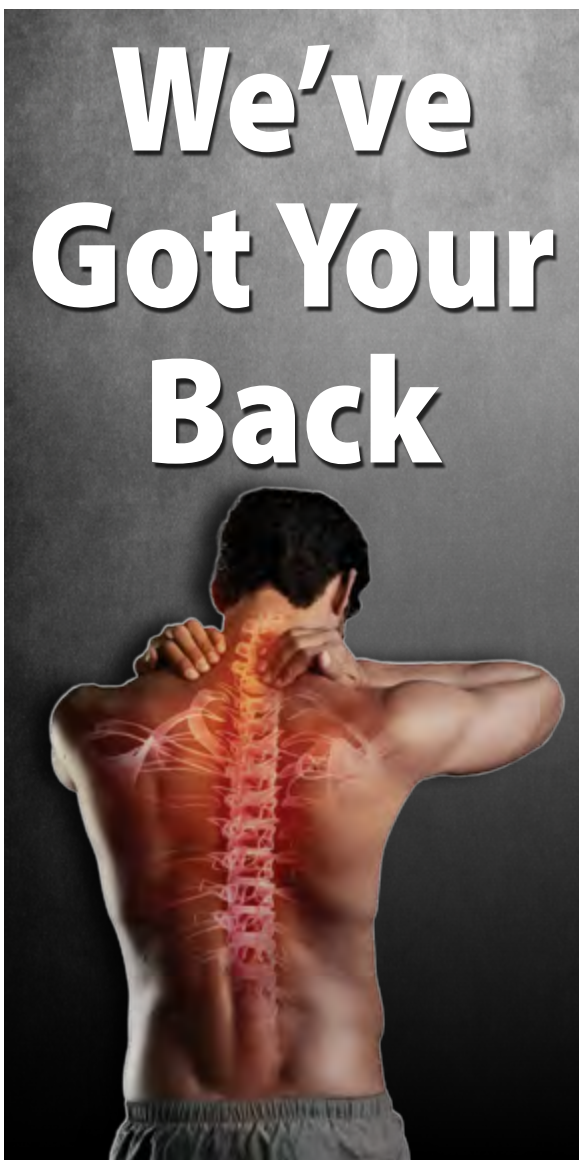
Their C-Rations were composed of 12 meals, 1 of which was edible. (The eggs were terrible!) The only thing John could eat toward the end of his tour was the meatballs out of the meatballs-and-spaghetti, sprinkled with cheddar cheese. The soldiers took a pea size pinch of C-4, set it on fire, and used that to heat their food.

They shot a peacock once, cooked and ate it. It tasted like tough chicken.

Fast forward to today—John has hope. Vietnam is out of his system, not completely, just back there somewhere. He has other, more pressing concerns, like the loss of his wife of 50 years, his three children and four grandchildren.

Upon returning from his trip to Ireland and Scotland he wrote on social media: "As I drive west toward my home I feel a lightness of heart, joyfulness and gratitude. I am changed. I've overcome my grief demons by exercising free will. Not sure when I crossed the threshold from grief and sadness to joy and gratitude. Doubt it matters where or when. What matters is that I feel it and it is real. I feel ready now to move on. That does not mean I forget, but a transition has taken place from sadness due to loss to gratitude for what we had. I look forward to the next chapter."

Vietnam does not define John Duncan. Life defines him, and he has a choice how to live it. Veterans Day is November 11.



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