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# TURKEY DAY HOTLINE



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Volunteers work to put together meals at the Fort Madison Eagles club in 2021. The 2022 hotline for free Thanksgiving dinner is 319-316-8103 and is now open for calls for meals to be delivered or picked up.

## **HOTLINE:** Community Thanksgiving hotline now open for volunteers, meals

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The energy behind the annual Fort Madison annual Community Thanksgiving meal is peaking at the right time.

According to Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Director Savanna Collier, the community hotline number is as busy as ever and orders are still being taken for dinners this year.

The number to call for delivery of the free thanksgiving dinners is 319-316-8103. Those wanting to volunteer to help

put the meals together on Wednesday and Thursday can also call the number.

This year's meal includes the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, a dinner roll and a cookie for dessert.

Anyone wishing to stop by the Eagles Club in Fort Madison at 4821 Avenue O to pick up meals is also encouraged to call the hotline to let volunteers know ahead of time.

Sponsors of this year's event include Scotts Miracle-Gro, Huffman Welding and Machine, DuPont, Tri-State Rodeo,

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## **FUNDRAISERS**

### Nunez to crack up Old Fort Playhouse again Saturday

FORT MADISON - Regional comedy veteran Jeremy Nunez will make a stop at the Old Fort Players on November 19th at 7:30 pm, OFP as part of a fundraising effort for the playhouse.

"In 2018, Jeremy's comedy was a big hit with everyone and helped raise

money to support OFP. We're so happy to have him back," President Matt Abel said.

Often referred to as "Comedy's next great storyteller," Jeremy's unique show has been in demand for over 20 years. He's drawn rave reviews for his clev-

er observations, unique storytelling style, and ability to improvise with his audience.

After winning \$200 in a local comedy competition, the 6'6" comedian left the

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## **EDITORIAL**



## Long city walks and beef cheek in New York

I flew to NYC on kind of a whim over the weekend, so this is 2:20 a.m. version for this week.

I'm sitting, actually propped up in bed, in a DoubleTree hotel in the Financial District getting ready for a Sunday in the city with my family. I honestly don't know what that agenda is, but I'm excited about it.

You're reading this with your morning coffee, and the odds are very good, since it really is 2:20 a.m., that I'm actually asleep right now.

But I sat up after a nap from 10:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and thought to myself, "I wasn't gonna write this weekend, because it's kind of a mini vacation - but it's right here in my face."

I fired up the laptop.

I wanted to tell you all about this, my third trip to the city. The flight was a Dramamine-Xanax-assisted flight. I booked my tickets about five days ago. I always choose my seat so I can be on the aisle and in the middle so I can get the hell off the thing when it lands.

I was feeling nervous as I sat at the gate and took my physician-prescribed dosage to keep me light on the plane. I had downloaded Mr. Baseball to my phone and was ready for the hour-and-35-minute flight to LaGuardia from St. Louis.

The gate usher started calling seat groups and the first person I saw get to the ticket stand looked eerily like The Wizard, Ozzie Smith. I leaned over to the guy sitting next to me and said, "Was that Ozzie Smith that just got on our plane?"

"Uh.... I'm sorry? I wasn't actually watching anyone."

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# For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

11/09/22 - 12:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

11/10/22 - 7:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

11/10/22 - 7:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 21st Street and Avenue C.

11/11/22 - 12:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

11/11/22 - 1:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

11/11/22 - 5:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Edwin James Hartman, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/11/22 - 10:12 p.m. - Fort Madison

police cited Charles Franklin Bruner, 60, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 22nd Street and Avenue I, on a charge of driving while barred.

11/11/22 - 11:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Rachel Lynn Reynolds, 41, of Burlington, at the intersection of 28th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/12/22 - 1:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Donald James Hillman, 45, of Burlington, in the 1100 block of 19th Street, on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/12/22 - 2:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Tresha Aliza Denij Danzy, 27, of Burlington, at the intersection of 31st Street and Avenue K, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/12/22 - 2:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 5th Street.

11/12/22 - 2:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 48th Street and Bluff Road.

11/13/22 - 2:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kimberly Nicole Smith, 30, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of 19th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/13/22 - 6:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of 26th Street.

11/13/22 - 7:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue H.

11/13/22 - 8:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue G.

11/13/22 - 11:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kenneth Kyle Pierce, 38, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 17th Street and Avenue M, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/14/22 - Fort Madison police had no activity to report.

11/15/22 - Fort Madison police had no activity to report.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

11/11/22 - 1:06 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sarah Grace

Matthews, 23, of Kahoka, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/11/22 - 1:56 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brittany Nichole Saltzman, 31, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for a pretrial release violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/11/22 - 2:28 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Crystal Ann Horn, 25, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.

11/11/22 - 5:18 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Melissa Marie Skinner, 38, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

11/12/22 - 4:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of 228th Street and Hwy. 16. Accord-

ing to the report, a vehicle driven by Dayne Lawrence Riesberg, 23, of New London, was traveling eastbound in the 2200 block of Hwy. 16, when the vehicle left the roadway and became airborne, landing on the east side of the road. Dayne was flown by helicopter to University of Iowa Hospitals. The vehicle sustained severe damages. No citations were reported.

11/12/22 - 6:57 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Scot Andrew Flora, 53, of Carthage, at the intersection of Hwy. 218 and 340th Street, Keokuk, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and eluding - injury, OWI, 2nd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/13/22 - 7:34 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joyce Eugena Smith, 79, of Donnellson, in the 2400 block of 263rd Avenue, Fort Madison, on a charge of OWI - 1st offense. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pretrial release.

11/14/22 - 9:05 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3500 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Kerry Kirk Heisel, 67, of Stockport, was traveling northbound on

Hwy. 218 and attempted to merge into the lefthand lane of travel, and struck the driver's side quarter panel of a vehicle driven by Judy Ann Wilson, 73, of Keokuk. No injuries were reported. Wilson's vehicle sustained minor damages. Both vehicles were driven from the scene. Heisel was cited for improper lane change.

11/14/22 - 9:41 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christian Anthony Martinez, 18, of Quincy, at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Fairfield, on 2 warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a court-ordered release.

11/14/22 - 4:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kevin Eugene Bower, 62, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for unauthorized credit card use less than \$1,500. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/22 - 6:59 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrew Walter Heins, 30, Donnellson, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

*Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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## Obituaries

### OBITUARIES

## SAMANTHA E. CURLEY

Samantha Erin Curley, 39, of Burlington, died Sunday, November 13, 2022, at her home, surrounded by family.

Born June 15, 1983, in Burlington, she was the daughter of Timothy E. and Deana A. Jacobs Scott. On May 20, 2006, she married Richard Joseph Curley in Mosquito Park Burlington.



CURLEY

Sami graduated in 2001 from Burlington High School, then attended SCC, graduating in 2012.

Sami loved writing, music, dancing and singing. She loved elephants and was known to be very smart and quick witted. She was very involved with the MS Warrior support group, and often took a leadership role. Sami had volunteered for experimental treatments and research studies for her MS.

Even after her passing, Sami wanted to continue to help others by donating her body to science to help aid in Multiple Sclerosis Research.

Survivors include husband, Joe of Burlington; parents, Timothy and Deana Scott of Burlington; two sons, Connor and Cohen Curley; daughter, Charli Curley; brother, Justin (Christina) Scott of Burlington; two sisters, Amanda Scott of North Liberty and Mallory (Mike Craig) Scott of Burlington and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by paternal and maternal grandparents, her mother-in-law, Jan Curley and Max her dog.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory.

Sami requests all those wishing to attend the service, to dress casual and wear orange in support of MS.

Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 1:30 PM with the family to receive friends Friday, November 18, 2022 at Prugh Funeral Service, 3940 Division St.

The memorial service for Sami will be 1:30 PM Friday, November 18, 2022, at Prugh Funeral Service, 3940 Division St., with Pastor Dean Graber officiating.

A memorial has been established for the family.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

### OBITUARIES

## LEROY G. KNOCH

Leroy Glenn Knoch, 77, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison.

He was born on December 12, 1944 in Fort Madison, IA to Charles & Helen Wharton Knoch. He married Delores "Susie" VanVelkinburg on December 19, 1964 in Fort Madison, IA. He worked for Feinburg Scrap Metals in Fort Madison for more than 50 years and always enjoyed operating the excavator. He enjoyed woodworking and puzzles. His passion for puzzles was so great that he completed an 18,240-piece puzzle over the course of 7 years. He made scrollwork clocks for his children and many other people.



KNOCH

Leroy is survived by: his wife: Susie Knoch of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Glenda "Pebbles" (Paul) Schneider of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Fred (Stephanie) Knoch of Fort Madison, IA; 5-grandchildren: Austin Post, Denver (Sam) Gittings, Manuel Martinez, Liandra Martinez & Abigail Martinez and 6-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 3-brothers: Charlie, Richard & Don and 3-sisters: Faye, Shirley Ann & Darlene.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to the Knoch family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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# Thank You for your vote November 8<sup>th</sup>

*I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me  
and I am looking forward to working  
for the people of Lee County  
for the next 4 years.*

**- Chuck Holmes**  
**District 3 Lee County Supervisor**

*Paid for by Chuck Holmes*

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# Lee County News/From the Front

## Volunteers still needed to help with dinner

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Pilot Grove Savings Bank, JJD Contracting, Dawn Hall, and Silgan Containers.

There is no charge for the meals or the delivery of the meals. The meals are delivered cold and simply need to be safely heated in an oven or microwave. After the pandemic, the committee decided to go to pick and up delivery only to prevent exposure to possible virus activity.

This year they said serving the dishes cold makes the process quicker and more efficient for volunteers and reduces workload.

Collier said volunteers will be on site until 2 p.m. putting together meals, so anyone can drop in or call to get a meal until then.

She said volunteers are still needed especially on Wednesday when a lot of the food preparation and clean up is being done. Additional drivers, set-up and clean up volunteers are needed for Thursday as well.

Collier said volunteers are expecting heavy call volumes over the next 11 days

“Typically the week before Thanksgiving and the week of we get a lot calls. Calls are a little low right now, but we expect things to really pick up this week and next,” Collier said.

The Iowa State Penitentiary continues to be a big partner of the event cooking the turkeys and the mashed potatoes this year, as they did last year.

But the prison has been involved in the community dinner for most of the years the event has been taking place.

## Argyle, Keokuk men get prison terms

### SEPARATE CRIMES: Men get prison for robbery and weapons charges in separate crimes

LEE COUNTY - Two men from southern Lee County were sentenced to prison last week after being found guilty of separate 2022 robbery incidents.

On September 9, 2022, Hunter John West, 18, of Argyle, plead guilty to Robbery in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony, and Intimidation with a Dangerous Weapon, a Class C Felony, Assault Causing Bodily Injury a Serious Misdemeanor, and Solicitation of Tampering with a Witness and Aggravated Misdemeanor.

The Robbery in the 2nd Degree charge stemmed from an incident that occurred in Fort Madison, North Lee County, Iowa on January 21, 2022 in which West entered the home of another person for purposes of committing a theft. The homeowner came home while West was in the home and was assaulted by West while West was attempting to flee the scene.

The Intimidation with a Dangerous Weapon charge stemmed from an incident that occurred in Keokuk, South Lee County, Iowa on January 19, 2022 in which West discharged four shots from a 6 mm rifle into an occupied residence on South 7th Street.

Sentencing was scheduled for November 4, 2022

where West was sentenced to two ten year prison terms to run consecutive to each other, for a total of twenty years to be served within the Iowa Department of Corrections. Each offense carried a mandatory minimum sentence.

The Intimidation offense carried a mandatory five-year prison term before eligibility for parole and the Robbery 2nd carried a seven-year mandatory prison term before eligibility for parole, for a total mandatory minimum sentence of twelve years before eligibility for parole.

The Fort Madison Police Department and The Keokuk Police Department were the responding and investigating agencies in these matters. The matter was prosecuted by the Lee County Attorney’s Office.

Casey Alexander Young, 38, of Keokuk, plead guilty to Theft in the 1st Degree, a Class C Felony and Assault While Participating in a Felony, a Class D Forcible Felony with a mandatory prison sentence in the Iowa District Court in and for South Lee County on Tuesday November 8, 2022.

These charges stem from an incident that occurred on April 26, 2022 at Two Rivers Bank in which Young wore a mask and demanded money from the teller.

Young proceeded to immediate sentencing and was sentenced to 10 years within the Iowa Department of Corrections.

The Keokuk Police Department was the responding and investigating agency. The matter was prosecuted by the Lee County Attorney’s Office.

## Nunez tour has included ‘Bob and Tom’

**FUNDRAISER**- Continued from Page 1

rural, Southern Illinois life behind to explore the comedy scene in Chicago. Once in Chicago, it was at The Second City Comedy Theater that he first developed the “front porch” comedy that is now a staple of his act. Jeremy’s Dry Bar Comedy Special, Neighborhood Sasq-Watch, is one of the highest rated episodes on the platform. Nunes also released an Amazon Prime special titled Who’s With Me?!

He has appeared in The Layover, The Break-Up, Last Comic Standing, Final Witness, 2 PBS mini-series, Comcast on Demand, a National Geographic Special and heard on ESPN Radio. Nunes is also one of the most requested comedians by Sirius/XM Satellite Radio listeners.

He has since returned to his rural hometown where his parents manage a trailer park. Though he really wants to cash in on that gold mine, he continues to tour instead. Well, he tours when he can, because he got elected mayor of that town! He even wrote a best-selling book about his experiences called You Can’t Write City Hall.

Audiences are treated to observations of rural life, working as a small-town Mayor, tales of marriage and raising kids, and plenty of stories about his wisecracking Dad. Plus, hear the jokes that put him on the Bob and Tom radar! This one-of-a-kind act is a must see... Who’s with me?!

All tickets for this show are \$16. Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.purplepass.com/ofpnunes](http://www.purplepass.com/ofpnunes) or at the door. You can reserve a seat with a phone call, Facebook message or email, but your spot will only be held until 15 minutes before the show starts.

Also going on at the theater ... Auditions for “Drinking Habits 2: Caught in the Act” will be held on November 9 & 10 at 6:30 pm and the 13th at 4pm. “Miracle on 34th Street, The Play” performs Dec 2-4 & 9-11, 2022. “Drinking Habits 2: Caught in the Act” performs February 17-19 & 24-26, 2023.

Old Fort Players is located in downtown Fort Madison at 725 Avenue G. Send a Facebook message, send an email to [oldfortplayersfm@gmail.com](mailto:oldfortplayersfm@gmail.com) or call 319-372-9559 for more information. Like them on Facebook (Fb@oldfortplayers) or visit [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) to keep up with everything that’s going on at the theater.

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## Sports/Local News

### VOLLEYBALL HONORS

# Bendlage named 1st Team All State in Class 1A

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Holy Trinity junior Mary Kate Bendlage was a first-team selection on the Iowa Girls Coaches Association Class 1A all-state volleyball teams announced Tuesday.

Teammate Presley Myers, a freshman, was an honorable-mention selection.

Bendlage led the Crusaders with 369 kills and 374 digs. She also had 47 blocks and was a 93.6 percent server.

Myers was second on the team with 307 kills and led the Crusaders with 82 blocks. She had 52 digs and was a 94.4 percent server.

Bendlage, Myers and teammate Brooke Mueller were named to the Class 1A Southeast all-district team on Monday.

Mueller, a senior, had 168 kills and 332 digs. She had 25 blocks and a team-high 76 service aces, leading the Crusaders in serving at 95.6 percent.

Central Lee's Makayla Morrison was named to the Class 3A Southeast all-district team. Morrison led the Hawks with 291 kills and was second on the team with 296 digs. She was the team's best server at 100 percent.

Notre Dame's Gabby Deery was named the Class 1A player of the year. Notre Dame's Mike Davis was named the Southeast district coach of the year.

## Bloodhounds get honors at gridiron banquet

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - The 2022 Fort Madison High School post season awards were handed out Sunday night during the team's annual season banquet.

The Bloodhound's Tanner Settles, Daniel Sokolik, Hayden Segoviano, Isaac Thacher, Teague Smith, and Henry Wiseman were all named to the Class 4A District 3 1st team.

Being named to the 2nd team all-district were Aiden Boyer, Kane Williams, Mateo Lozano, Leif Boeding, and Brody Cashman.

Making the All Academic Team were Kane Williams, Xander Wellman, Teague

Smith, Henry Wiseman, Cade Denning, Henry Morris, Leif Boeding, Nathan Bowen, Ben Ramatowski, Isaac Thacher, Oliver Santiago, and Aiden Benda.

Local team awards were as follows:

Stephen B. Saunders Outstanding Scholar-Athlete Award: Xander Wellman.

Coach Tom Walljasper Leadership Award: Teague Smith.

Jeff Pieper Top Defensive Lineman Award: Daniel Sokolik.

John "Pete" Peters MVP Award: Tanner Settles.

Chris Faulkner Unsung Hero Award: Cory Arnett.

## Tree of Love is back for 2022

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Lee County Health Department - Hospice is continuing with the 30th annual Hospice Tree of Love Project.

The 2022 ornament, "Sunflower," is designed by Mystic Images. Ornaments can be purchased for \$16.00. The name of the person to be honored or remembered will be printed on a decorative tag and attached to the ornament. Those who want their ornament(s) mailed to them are asked to add \$1.50 per ornament to their order for mailing.

After a hiatus from the pandemic, the Tree of Love Ceremony will return! The unveiling ceremony will be Thursday, December 1st at 4:00pm in the LCHD lobby (#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison). Masks are required.

For those who are unable to attend, the ceremony will be posted to the LCHD Facebook page and website ([www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org)). If you would like to have your loved one's name read during the ceremony, please be sure your order is placed by November 22nd.

"After the past couple years, we are excit-



ed to be able to have the unveiling ceremony back," states Jeri Giebelhausen, LCHD Support Services Coordinator. "I know it has been missed by many, and we are happy to still be able to share it with those who aren't able to attend in person."

Order forms can be found in the "Tree of Love" section of the LCHD website ([www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org)) or picked up at LCHD offices. Orders can be requested online, however payment will need to be mailed to LCHD before the order is processed.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE NO. D-92**

**AN ORDINANCE  
VACATING A PORTION  
OF RIGHT-OF-WAY  
LOCATED BETWEEN  
AVENUE B  
AND 117 – 16TH  
STREET**

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby vacate a portion of the platted right-of-way between Avenue B north to 117 – 16th Street, described as:

Being a Part of Outlot 1134 and Part of 16th Street all in the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 4 in Outlot 1134 of Cattermole Place, being a subdivision of part of Outlot 1134, thence East 2.16 feet along the South line of Lot 4 to the true point of beginning; thence continuing East 50 feet, thence South 66.12 feet to the North right of way line of Avenue B; thence West 50 feet to the East line of the former C.B. & Q. Railroad right of

way, as surveyed, thence North 66.12 feet along the East line of the former C.B. & Q. Railroad right-of way to the point of beginning, being subject to easements of record or prescription.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 1st day of November, 2022.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor  
City of Fort Madison, Iowa

ATTEST:  
/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE**

The Fort Madison Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 4: 00 p.m. in the Hillview community room and virtually. The link to join is listed below.

**Regular meeting of the Board of commissions tentative agenda. (Meeting to be held in person and virtually)**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

(Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the agenda.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2022:

(Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Minutes.

E. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND INVOICES:  
(Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the bills and invoices.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. RFP OR COST ESTIMATE BASED ON CURRENT CONTRACTS

FOR FIRE DETECTION ETC IN OFFICE AREA  
H. NEW BUSINESS  
1. CAPITAL FUNDS  
2019 CLOSE-OUT ACTIVITY SUMMARY  
2. INTERVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR ED POSITION  
3. CLOSED SESSION IF REQUIRED AND RE-

QUESTED  
I. NEXT BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 21, 2022.  
J. ANY OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD  
K. ADJOURNMENT  
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## From the Front

# New York City a respite of drama, wine, and good food

**NYC** - Continued from Page 1

First of all, I knew he and I couldn't be friends. If you don't people-watch you're just a nerd.

Secondly, I've been watching baseball since Joe Garagiola on Saturday's NBC Game of the Week. I'm a ridiculous Reds fan so I know the damned Cardinals and that was Ozzie.

The thing about Xanax is it kind of takes the governor off our sense of humility - just a bit. Nothing narcotic at all. It's very manageable without side effects as long as you don't pour cocktails in on top of it.

As I ducked uneasily from the jetway into the American Airlines plane and looked to my left, right there was arguably the best defensive shortstop in history. You have to take the whole body of work, but you can make the case. He was traveling with someone and I said to the woman, "That's Ozzie right?"

Thank God she didn't say she wasn't "actually watching anyone." She nodded and crinkled her nose. He looked up. "Care if I grab a picture?"

"Go ahead," and I did. Very gracious. I then wanted so badly to tell him I'd hold the rest of the boarders back so he could back-flip down the aisle, but they make these planes really narrow... and I only had .25 mg of Xanax.

The flight was as good as it could have been. We flew in to watch our daughter in the SOOP to Nuts fall play competition in the small town of Pelham, New York.

It was incredible - the play, the city, the people, and this small Italian restaurant called Sergio's where I had the house Sauvignon Blanc and four pieces of baked

shrimp with crab meat - and an awkwardly large pile of massaged spinach in the middle.

Buono.

Our daughter's play was a short drama about two women whose dog has died, and they take a 24-hour swing to an Airbnb in the Adirondacks to spread the ashes in a frozen lake.

The stink of it is they can't bear to part with the ashes and end up taking them back home. But the battle over how to negotiate the death of their pet, which seems a test-run for adopting children, helps clear the path of some underlying tensions.

I sat leaned forward in this small theater with uncomfortable chairs, completely rivoted to the first time I've ever seen Taylor on stage. It was Tony-worthy even if it wasn't. She brought all the emotion of a young woman grappling with the loss of death, and the happiness of love - all in the time it takes to bring up the lights and take them back down.

Goosebumps doesn't even describe what I was feeling sitting next to her mother, watching our daughter's first Off-Off-Off-Off-Off-Broadway gig. Whether there will ever be another one or not will have absolutely no bearing on the memory. But we hope for more.

On Saturday we went back to the theater for the second showing. It was a neat concept where the playhouse picked 24 screenplays out of about 200 from around the country. They brought the productions to this little community about the size of Fort Madison on the north side of New York City, and the guests score the day's six shows. The theater company sets aside two weeks for the productions.

The top six plays get invited back to put on their show for a cash prize. That weekend is judged by professionals from the industry. Really a cool concept that could be done locally with the right energy.

Saturday night after her final show, which I forgot to bring flowers for, we brought a Lyft back to our daughter's apartment, had a short moment with her cats while she picked up fresh clothes, and then headed out to dinner.

We stopped at a place called WarrenPeace, an eclectic gastropub on Warren Street, just a quick Subway ride from our hotel. One of our daughter's roommates, Kenny, whom she met at the acting conservatory she attended, invited us down for his shift. He went to Saturday's performance with us.

With a glass of red I ordered an Albanian fergese. This is a cheese dip with herbs, olive oil, some regional spices and beef cheek.

I enjoyed the grilled, seasoned bruschetta that you pulled through the clay pot of fergese. I'm not sure this is the norm for others, but Lee and Taylor and I rarely eat our own meals. The plates get moved around and we sample each other's food.

It's not just a dessert thing - but it is a dessert thing.

Anyway, as we shared the meals, Taylor leaned in to me and whispered, "This is really good, but I think I got a piece of fat."

I looked down at the heavy polished wooden bar and chuckled.

"It's beef cheek," I said. She looked at me puzzled and tilted her head slightly with a pause.

"That just a cute name for rump...?" she quizzed.

"No - rub your tongue on the inside of your cheek," I replied and she did. Her eyebrows lifted and the look on her face was one of "Nooooooooo."

I laughed and we checked with Kenny. "Yeah."

Taylor had two incredible lamb sliders with herbs, topped with a toothpick of pearl onion and petite pickles. Top shelf. Lee had sausage ravioli.

I taste-sampled a Japanese whiskey that was eerily similar to Jameson, and a smoky, or 'peaty' scotch. Not a big fan. It was just a touch easier than an Ardbeg. If you don't know Ardbeg, think of drinking in the smoke of a wet campfire. That'll do it.

We shared a pistachio creme brulee for dessert and headed to Bryant Park for a waffle. That may seem like a lot of food, but if you've been to the city you know that the walking involved in getting from point A to point B definitely makes two desserts doable.

Needless to say a couple of Achilles blisters into the hour-long walk-about in the district resulted in us just stopping for Van Leeuwen ice cream and heading back to the hotel.

Sunday will surely be a unique breakfast and Bryant Park for more sampling at their Christmas festival with hot cider, donuts, chocolate and... people watching.

The thing about New York City is they're so busy looking at their phones, they don't know you're doing it... or they simply don't care. Either way is fine with this cheeky Midwestern boy... But that's Beside the Point.

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