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Golliher missing almost a year

HELP NEEDED: FMPD, Iowa DCI looking for help in missing person case

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
Pen City Current Editor

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Police Department, along with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), are seeking the public's assistance investigating the disappearance of Christopher M. Golliher, age 36, of Fort Madison.

Golliher was last seen February 1st, 2022, at his residence in the 2000 block of Avenue E, and was subsequently reported missing after several days by a concerned family member.

Golliher, Jr., of Fort Madison, was reported missing by his

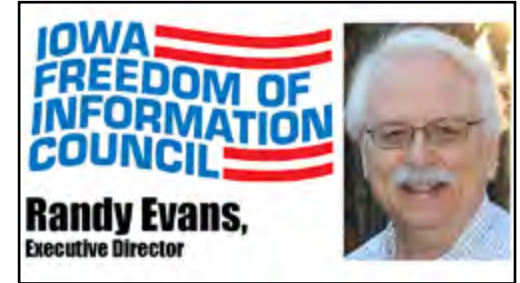
mother Michelle Shelton of Keokuk, on Feb. 7, after hearing from his roommates that herson had left his home without a coat, his wallet, or any belongings.

At that time, Golliher's father Chris Sr. said his son had run into some trouble with drugs, but said the disappearance with all the other evidence wasn't in character.

Golliher, Sr., said there has been no activity in his son's bank account since his disappearance. He said he wasn't notified by family or the police until the middle of March about their son's disappearance.

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OPINION



When does reasonable become unreasonable

The Legislature wrote Iowa's public records law 55 years ago, and one of the tenets of the statute was the belief people deserve to know how state and local governments spend their tax money.

Another important concept in the law is that fees for copies of government records must be reasonable and cannot exceed the actual cost of providing the documents.

That brings us today to Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, where administrators appear not to grasp what "reasonable" means.

Here's the background:

In 2000, the college began talking with New York sculptor Molly Mason, a Cedar Rapids native, about creating a large piece of art for the Kirkwood campus. Those discussions led to Mason receiving an \$80,000 contract to design, fabricate and install a large metal and glass sculpture in 2008 in the atrium of the building that houses Kirkwood's convention center and hotel.

Mason's 14-foot-tall stainless-steel structures are titled, "Before the Sun Speaks." They originally stood in a middle of pool of water, with an array of small fountains around the sculptures' base that gently sprayed water.

In the summer of 2020, a friend alerted Mason that changes had been made to her artwork. The fountains had been shut off, the water was drained, and the basin around the sculptures was filled with potted plants.

"My beautiful sculptures and water features at Kirkwood have been turned into an overgrown planter," Mason wrote to Kirkwood after learning of the changes. "This intentional

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Attorney Carelle Stein talks with fellow attorney and Lee County property owner John Hayes Monday afternoon at Quality Inn and Suites in Fort Madison. Hayes was arguing to the IUB in opposition to eminent domain proceedings to acquire part of his property north of Fort Madison for the NuStar pipeline.

AG NEWS

USDA makes moves to improve ag production

SAN JUAN, P.R., January 9, 2023 — Today, at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced several major developments at the U.S. Department of Agriculture that will benefit farmers, ranchers and producers across the nation.

"At USDA, our goal is to provide all farmers, including new and underserved producers, with the opportunity to receive the assistance they need to continue farming, to build and maintain their competitive-edge, and to access more, new, and better markets," said Vilsack, who spoke at

the American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention today. "Working together we can ensure American agriculture is as resilient as ever and will do so by implementing a holistic approach to emergency

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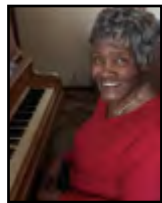


Obituaries

OBITUARIES

ESTHER BROOKS

Esther Brooks, 95 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Thursday, January 5, 2023 at her home. She was born January 16, 1927 in Argyle, Iowa, a daughter of Dwight HV and Bertha (Crowson) Dawson. She married Jesse Theodore Brooks, Jr. on July 10, 1948 in Farmington, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 2, 2016.



BROOKS

She was a 1945 graduate of Argyle High School. She was an accounting clerk for 16 years at Chevron Chemical, retiring in 1984. She was a member of Holy Spirit Baptist Church. Esther enjoyed music. She was a proud member of Sweet Adaline's Port City Pearls. She was an accomplished pianist, and played for her church and accompanied her husband, Jesse. She was an avid Cardinals fan, a wonderful cook, and loved spending time with her family.

Esther is survived by three children: Ted Brooks of Fort Madison; Estine Wilson of Goldsboro, North Carolina and Rosann (Richard) Nelson of Fort Madison; two siblings, Leo Dawson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Vivian (Bill) Smith of St. Charles, Missouri; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; one great great grandson; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons-in-law, William Wilson and Garry Thomas, four siblings: Chester, Edith, Marceine, and Nellie and one grandson.

Visitation will be 9:30 - 11:00 am Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. The funeral service for Mrs. Brooks will follow and begin at 11:00 am on January 14, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel with Reverend Bartlett Wilkerson officiating. A private burial will be Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison at a later date. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Brooks family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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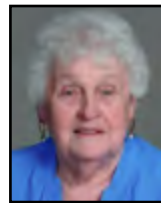
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CAROLEE WILHITE

Carolee Wilhite, 86, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 3:00 a.m. Friday, January 6, 2023, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born on December 15, 1936, in Kirksville, Missouri, the daughter of John Elmer and Margie Bernadine (Jacobs) Harris. On March 12, 1955, she married Ronald A. "Pappy" Wilhite in Kirksville, Missouri. He preceded her in death on March 6, 2007.



WILHITE

Survivors include her two sons: Ronald (Paula) Wilhite of Wever, Iowa and Lennie (Stacie) Wilhite of Donnellson, Iowa; two granddaughters: Jessica Major of North Liberty, Iowa and Ashley (Brent) Wilson of Washington, Iowa; two grandsons: Austin Wilhite of Donnellson, Iowa and Adam Wilhite of Donnellson, Iowa; five great grandchildren: Westin, Luke, Blake, Ryland and Carsten and one sister: Joyce Wait. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Ron and sister: Dana. Carolee was a member of the Donnellson United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She retired from Borg-Warner. She then worked at Raisin' Em Up Day Care. She enjoyed reading, camping, traveling, gardening and her cat "Keyto".

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 13, 2023, at Maple Hills Cemetery in Kirksville, Missouri with Carolyn Pundt officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Hills Cemetery in Kirksville. A memorial has been established in her memory for Donnellson Fire and Rescue or PAW Animal Shelter.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Parents offered reward last year

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"I don't expect the outcome to be good," Golliher said. It's the money. There's been no movement at all in his bank account, Golliher said. Nearly a year has now passed without any contact, and despite enlisting the resources of the DCI, all current traceable leads have been exhausted.

We are now asking property owners in the city, and those on the near edge of town, to check accessible areas and buildings on their premises for anything of possible evidentiary value. This would include unused buildings, sheds, vehicles, or houses that are unoccupied. It is reminded to only enter or check these items if they are owned by you.

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Fort Madison Police Report

12/30/22 - 1:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of 37th Street.

12/31/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tonja Kay Nichols, 48, of West Point, at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue A, on a charge of OWI - 1st offense. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/31/22 - 10:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Elizabeth Norine Bowen, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue D, on warrants for domestic abuse assault and violation of a no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/31/22 - 10:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 16th Street and Avenue A.

01/01/23 - 11:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Isaaq Emanuel Phillips, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 5200 block of River Valley Road, on a charge of domestic assault - bodily injury - 1st. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/02/23 - 4:50 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tina May Dalton, 41, of New London, in the 1900 block of Avenue N, on a charge of trespassing. She was transferred to another facility.

01/02/23 - 5:32 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Cody Dale Kussman, 34, of Davenport, in the 2800 block of Avenue A, on a warrant for probation violation - harassment 2nd degree. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/02/23 - 8:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

01/02/23 - 9:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Kyle Dean Seneca Meredith, 21, of Burlington, in the 5000 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.

01/03/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Ashley Michelle McKenzie, 28, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue I, on a charge of driving under suspension.

01/03/23 - 11:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 600 block of 8th Street.

01/03/23 - 1:51 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of 34th Street.

01/03/23 - 2:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

01/03/23 - 5:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

01/03/23 - 6:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Karmen Eileen Higdon, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

01/03/23 - 10:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joseph Howard Orr, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue N, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/04/23 - 4:09 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Avenue G.

01/05/23 - 8:34 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3300 block of Avenue L.

01/05/23 - 2:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 11th Street and Avenue F.

01/05/23 - 11:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Mathew Rohan Boon, 37, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 30th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff Report

12/29/22 - 11:55 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 16-year old male juvenile, of Montrose, at the intersection of 215th Avenue and White Plains Road, Keokuk, on a charge of OWI - 1st offense. He was referred to juvenile court.

12/30/22 - 8:55 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Edward Jones, 60, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognition.

12/31/22 - 10:30 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Bryan Lee Woodley, 49, of Donnellson, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for domestic abuse assault - 1st and

simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

01/01/23 - 9:40 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christine Anne Clark, 62, of Keokuk, at the intersection of 340th Street and 243rd Avenue, Keokuk, on charges of OWI - 2nd offense and failure to maintain control. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

01/02/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cody Dale Kussman, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue A, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/02/23 - 5:04 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrew Michael Schiedel, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Hwy. 2, Donnellson, on a judgment hold warrant and charges of driving while barred and provide proof financial liability. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/03/23 - 3:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Shelby Kobra Kelly, 28, listed as homeless in Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/03/23 - 7:06 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jason Joel Rudd, 54, of Montrose, in the 200 block of 10th Street, Montrose, on a charge of 4th degree theft greater than \$300 less than \$750. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

01/04/23 - 2:43 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Hector Ernesto Garcia, 31, of Minnesota, in the 1200 block of Hwy. 218, Houghton, on charges of possession of controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, drug tax stamp violations, and controlled substance schedule IV/V. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

01/04/23 - 8:40 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 near Bluff Rd. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Crystia Lynne Blair, 33, of Burlington, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 61 near Bluff Rd. when the vehicle lost control, entered the median striking the North-bound bridge, continued down

the hillside end over end, striking a bridge pillar and rock wall, coming to rest on its wheels. Blair was transported to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center by EMS with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. No citations were reported.

01/04/23 - 2:33 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Faheim As-Salaam Warren, 19, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/04/23 - 5:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 bypass exit ramp to X32. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Amanda Gail Gida, 34, of Fort Madison, was traveling south on the U.S. 61 bypass when the vehicle left the roadway to the right, traveled down a steep embankment, struck a rock drainage trench, went airborne, bottomed out and struck another embankment, where it rolled over to its top and came to a rest. Gida was transported to a nearby hospital by EMS. Her vehicle sustained severe damages and was towed from the scene. No citations were reported.

01/05/23 - 5:50 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident on U.S. 61 North. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Harold Lee Curtis, 71, of Montrose, was traveling on Hwy. 61 when it slid off the roadway and into a ditch due to icy road conditions. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained minor damages and was left at the scene.

01/05/23 - 1:14 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ian Anthony Keefe, 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct-fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/05/23 - 1:17 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Roman Lee Lay, 36, of Kahoka, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/05/23 - 1:21 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zahmere Devon Virgil, 18, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's of-

fice, on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

12/01/2022 - MILLER, JOSHUA A (45 of Warsaw, IL) Domestic Battery

12/01/2022 - WALKER, WILLIAM L (48 of Wayland, MO) Hancock County Warrant x2

12/02/2022 - No activity to report

12/03/2022 - No activity to report

12/04/2022 - GRAYBILL, RAY W (69 of LaHarpe, IL) Criminal Sexual Assault

12/07/2022 - KAMINSKI, COOPER J (17 of Dallas City, IL) Failure to Wear Seat Belt

12/07/2022 - TANNER, TYLER E (17 of Dallas City, IL) Failure to Wear Seat Belt

12/07/2022 - KRAWCHUK, RICHARD A (66 of Burlington, IA) Speeding - School Zone

12/07/2022 - TULLY, WILLIAM P (17 of Carthage, IL) Failure to Wear Seat Belt

12/07/2022 - TALTON, CONNER J (25 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant

12/07/2022 - ANDRADE-ALVAREZ, JOSE A (26 of Carthage, IL) Hancock County Warrant

12/07/2022 - HEMPHILL, JUSTIN M (29 of Bethalto, IL) Hancock County Warrant, Lee County Warrant x2

12/08/2022 - HAYNES, COREY T (43 of Quincy, IL) Hancock County Warrant

12/09/2022 - No activity to report

12/10/2022 - No activity to report

12/11/2022 - BEHYMER, NICOLE J (40 of Niota, IL) Criminal Damage to Property

12/12/2022 - HAYNES, COREY T (43 of Quincy, IL) Driving While License Suspended, Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol

12/13/2022 - AVERY, CODY R (29 of Warsaw, IL) Driving While License Suspended

12/16/2022 - TOCKER, FRANCESCA C (29 of Fairfield, IA) No Valid Driver's License, Operate Uninsured Vehicle

12/17/2022 - BARRETT, DUSTY (40 of Bowen, IL) Domestic Battery, Douglas County Warrant

12/18/2022 - VINCENT,

EARL D (52 of Niota, IL) Domestic Battery

12/18/2022 - EVANS, ALFRED (35 of LaHarpe, IL) Driving While License Suspended

12/18/2022 - PITTMAN, TIAL M (30 of Plymouth, IL) Domestic Battery

12/20/2022 - STEWART, MADELINE H (26 of Fort Madison, IA) Driving While License Suspended

12/23/2022 - MCKAY, MATTHEW R (34 of Keokuk, IA) Hancock County Warrant

12/23/2022 - IRISH, ALEXANDER M (31 of LaHarpe, IL) Violation of Bail Bond

12/24/2022 - LAND, DAKOTAR (32 of Hamilton, IL) Driving While License Suspended, Operate Uninsured Vehicle

12/25/2022 - WILSON, TIMOTHY D (44 of Camp Point, IL) Criminal Trespass, Driving While License Revoked, Possession of Controlled Substance

12/27/2022 - SEAY, ISAAC I (40 of Keokuk, IA) Driving While License Revoked, Possession of Controlled Substance

12/27/2022 - HORTON, TONYA L (45 of Hamilton, IL) Operate Vehicle with Suspended Registration

12/28/2022 - WAGLER, JESSE A (44 of Burlington, IA) Driving While License Revoked, Henderson County Warrant

12/29/2022 - MARTIN, QUINTON J (18 of Keokuk, IA) Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

12/29/2022 - MOTT, JAKOB N (17 of Keokuk, IA) Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

12/29/2022 - WASHBURN, ZACHARIAH J (19 of Keokuk, IA) Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

12/29/2022 - DAVIS, MICHAEL D (20 of Keokuk, IA) Possession of Alcohol by a Minor

12/30/2022 - NORVELL, AUSTIN S (22 of Warsaw, IL) Domestic Battery, Criminal Damage Property

12/31/2022 - LOGSDON, GABRIELLE D (22 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant

12/31/2022 - CARROL, DAVID A (60 of Carthage, IL) Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Crash

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Sports/Education News



Cross Country

Above, freshman Avery Rump gets presented her state cross country drawing that will hang in the Fort Madison MPR following her 8th place finish last fall. Below, Nolan Guzman and Jacob Shottenkirk unveil the 2023 boys' cross country state banner. Both events happened during half time of the Friday basketball game at the Hound Dome.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



LADY CRUSADERS

Crusaders falter in loss to MP

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Nothing could go right for Holy Trinity's girls basketball team in Monday's 34-26 loss to Mount Pleasant High School at Shottenkirk Gym.

The Crusaders couldn't make shots, couldn't make free throws, and were out-rebounded by the more physical Panthers.

It wasn't a good combination.

"We were flat," Holy Trinity coach Tony Johnson said. "We just came out flat, and never got going. We had a couple of good spurts there in the first half, but that was about it."

Holy Trinity (5-5) scored just nine second-half points and had just one field goal in the half — a layup by Mary Kate Bendlage with 2:59 to play.

It wasn't like the Crusaders didn't have chances to get points, though. They missed nine free throws in the second half.

"Third quarter, it felt like we didn't score any points at all," said Johnson, whose team had just two third-quarter points. "We've done that before. Someone misses a shot, or someone else misses a shot, and then we just quit shooting because we're missing shots. We've got to get over that."

"We always struggle with them for some reason. They're physical, and we didn't like it. We didn't run the offense very well. Lots of cross-court passes instead of getting the ball where we needed to."

What really hurt the Crusaders the most was the lack of rebounding. Mount Pleasant (6-7) got four 3-point attempts on one possession in the second quarter, with Tristian Shull finally hitting a three from the top of the arc.

"I told them at halftime, they're going to be taking threes from five feet from behind the arc, so the rebound is going to be long and we have to be ready for it," Johnson said.

Holy Trinity trailed by as much as 12 points in the second half, but had chances to rally by getting to shoot free throws. But the Crusaders were 5-of-10 in free throws in the fourth quarter, including missing two front ends of one-and-bonus attempts within a four-second span early in the quarter.

"If we make some of those, we have a chance," Johnson said.

Bendlage led the Crusaders with 18 points. No one else had more than three points.

Shull and Andrea Loprieto each had 10 points for Mount Pleasant.

New internship funding put forth by state

DES MOINES, IOWA – Governor Reynolds today announced a new round of funding that will soon be open to support Summer Youth Internship opportunities across Iowa. A total of \$379,000 will be available for Future

Ready Iowa's Summer Youth Internship Program grants, which support the creation of internship programs for Iowa's youth between the ages of 14 and 24 that help prepare them for high-demand careers in the workforce.

Applications for this year's Summer Youth Internship Program Grants will be accepted on IowaGrants.gov beginning January 16, 2023. The deadline for applications is February 28, 2023, at Noon.

Visit this link for infor-

mation on the application and grant process.

A webinar will take place on January 17 at 1:00 PM to highlight the grant and answer questions about the application process. Interested organizations are encouraged to register (RSVP link).

"One of the most important steps we can take as a state is to support our youth with meaningful opportunities that prepare them for future employment in Iowa," said Governor Reynolds.

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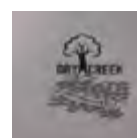
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CITY COUNCIL
1/3/2023**

The Fort Madison City

Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 1/2/2023, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Gray, Amandus, Rink, An-

draws, Roller and Bowker present. Council Member Cangas was absent. Mohrfeld gave the Oath of Office to Roller. On motion, Council approved the agenda.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/20/2022; Claims dated 12/29/2022, and Payroll of 12/30/2022. On motion, Council ap-

proved the third reading of Ordinance No. D-96, an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-452, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area #12 (a/k/a River Bend Subdivision TIF District) Plan Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. On motion, Council approved the third reading of Ordinance No. D-97, an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, Chapter 2, Misdemeanors, Chapter 47 to Loitering on or Near Roadways. On motion, Council waived the prior readings requirement of Iowa Code Section 380.3 and proceeded directly to the third reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-127, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area #7 Plan Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. On motion,

Council approved the third reading of Ordinance D-098, an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-127, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Urban Renewal Area #7 Plan Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-01, approving the following applications for a Three-Year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption: Michael E/Linda S Panther, 606 Crescent Lane and Asay Properties, LLC, 1036 Avenue C. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-02, setting public hearing for 1/17/2023 at 5:30 P.M. on the sale of City-owned property at 1410-1412 Avenue E.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointments of Danielle Neaves to the SEI Regional Planning Commission Regional Revolving

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Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

Fund Committee, term expiring 12/31/2024 and Miles Asay to the Airport Commission, term expiring 9/30/2024.
The meeting adjourned

at 6:07 P.M.
/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,
Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 16,329.22
Special Revenue	79,247.58
Road Use	5,648.21
Capital	38,125.91
Water	5,697.38
Sewer	6,482.96
Solid Waste/IWC	1,520.29
SW Utility	456.19
	<u>\$153,507.74</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$ 22,445.43
Special Rv	257,483.43
Road Use	120,662.44
Debt	1,064.79
Capital	10,445.23
Water	302,362.16
Sewer	316,466.39
Sld Waste, IWC	77,743.24
SW Utility	18,855.64
	<u>\$1,127,528.75</u>

CLAIMS - 1/3/2022

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECT..... 73.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS, COMPUTER LEASE..... 5,080.42
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, NOTARY STAMP..... 13.99
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM..... 347.51
B&B PROPANE, HEAT..... 303.27
BEN CHANEY, TRAINING..... 29.43
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, TIRE REPAIR.... 1,031.57

BROZENES HYDRAULIC SERVICE, RECEIVERS..... 452.86
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATES, PROF FEE - BROS SWAP..... 4,199.15
COOK APPRAISAL, APPRAISAL REPORT..... 4,000.00
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, WATER SURVEY/TRASH SCHEDULE..... 2,049.00
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE.... 2,767.69
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, VEHICLE SERVICE..... 50.00
EUROFINS ENVI-

RONMENT TESTING, SLUDGE SAMPLE..... 308.16
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, WINTER WEAR.... 403.80
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER..... 50.76
FOX VALLEY ROOFING, HANGER ROOFS..... 32,500.00
HUEBNER, CASEY, CLOTHING REIMB..... 117.59
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, OIL..... 236.47
ICMA, MEMBERSHIP..... 858.00
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, PROF FEE - AIRPORT LIGHTING..... 8,095.09
JUSTIN CAIN, TRAINING..... 86.25
KELTEK INCORPORATED, SCANNER..... 320.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/SHIPPING..... 1,324.81
KIMREY ELECTRIC COMPANY, PAY EST #4-AIRPORT..... 8,524.91
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY, CODE BOOK..... 125.00
LINOH2O, SCALE & METER VALIDATIONS..... 121.00
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., PROF FEE - NUISANCE..... 3,451.50
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, REAR WINDOW

..... 32.64
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT..... 4,070.22
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE..... 596.46
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, ELECTRIC WORK @ AIRPORT..... 3,504.37
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., RADIO READS..... 1,549.55
NAPA AUTO PARTS, FILTER..... 19.91
OMNI SITE, REMOTE MONITORING..... 304.00
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PLAN REVIEW..... 98.08
POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, WATER BILLS/PAST DUES..... 1,879.26

QUILL LLC, DEED ENVELOPES..... 122.39
RIVER CITY MOTORS PLUS, OIL CHANGE..... 2,299.61
SERVICEMASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE..... 1,311.50
STAPLES, CREDIT PLAN, INK..... 86.89
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, CHAIN SHARPENING..... 42.50
TRUCK REPAIR INC., ANTI-GEL..... 288.00
TRUELINE FIRE & SAFETY, SAFETY UNIFORMS..... 164.97
USA BLUE BOOK, SAFETY GLASSES/PLUGS/WIPES..... 336.16
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - 10TH

ST SWR..... 1,862.00
WALMAN OPTICAL, SAFETY GLASSES..... 150.00
WILLIAMS EXCAVATION, TERRACE WORK..... 26,868.00
TOTAL..... 153,507.74
GENERAL..... 16,329.22
SPECIAL REVENUES..... 703.37
ROAD USE..... 5,648.21
CAPITAL PROJECTS..... 38,125.91
WATER..... 5,697.38
WASTEWATER..... 6,482.96
SOLID WASTE..... 1,520.29
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STORM WATER... 456.19
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From the Front

Kirkwood making things difficult

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distortion and mutilation of my work is prejudicial to my honor and reputation.”

Mason sued the college, alleging Kirkwood infringed on her copyright on her sculptures and violated a federal law that provides legal protections to visual artists whose work is made part of a building.

The college tried without success last summer to get a federal judge to decide the case in the college’s favor. Before a trial on the merits of the lawsuit could be held, Kirkwood and Mason reached an out-of-court agreement to end the dispute.

The case was closed on Dec. 2. But the public has not been informed by Kirkwood how the case was resolved. The public does not know whether the college paid Mason to drop her complaint or whether the college agreed to remove the potted plants and restore the pool and fountains.

Under Iowa’s public records law, settlement agreements that resolve legal disputes must be made public upon request. Last week, as part of my duties as the executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, I submitted a formal request to Kirkwood President Lori Sundberg asking for a copy of that agreement with Mason.

College Vice President Jon Neff advised me that a copy of the document would cost \$100.

He said the cost includes one hour of an employee’s time, charged at \$50 per hour, for “data location services.” In English, that means it would take an employee making \$104,000 per year

one hour to locate a Microsoft Word document that President Sundberg reviewed and approved two months ago.

The \$100 cost also includes another hour of work, also payable at \$50 per hour, for “processing, formatting and data transfer” of the settlement document. In simple English, that means it would take 60 minutes for a \$104,000-a-year employee to either hit the “Print” button on his or her computer and drop the document in the mail to me or save the document as a PDF file and send that to me via email.

In plain language, Kirkwood’s fees are outlandish. We no longer live in a time when government offices are filled with rows of file cabinets stuffed with records. Before computers and computer searches, a clerk might need to spend an hour or more digging through file drawers to find a document like the one I requested.

Now, a clerk in President Sundberg’s office could locate the settlement document with Molly Mason and make a copy in a matter of minutes — if the college were so inclined.

But Kirkwood’s response to my request is an example of what I call “faux transparency.” This is where government officials appear to happily comply with the requirements of the public records law, while levying fees so high that the obvious purpose is to put the cost out of reach for Joe Average Citizen.

I have obtained similar settlement agreements through the years and have never had to pay more than a buck or two — if that much. For example, the Des Moines Public Schools provided such an agreement last year via email within minutes of receiving my request — and at no cost to me for “processing, formatting and data transfer.”

It is far from reasonable for a community college that is financed by the taxpayers of Iowa to think it is justified in charging \$100 for a document that might total 10 or 12 pages.

Kirkwood officials should be embarrassed to suggest with a straight face that it will take an hour to find that agreement and will take another hour to make a copy of it.

Randy Evans can be reached at DMRevs@gmail.com.

New programs aimed at higher capacities

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assistance, by lowering input costs through investments in domestic fertilizer production, and by promoting competition in agricultural markets.”

Secretary Vilsack announced that USDA continues to make progress in the following areas by:

Assisting producers facing high input costs to access domestic, innovative fertilizer capacity.

Improving risk protection for underserved producers.

Investing in new choices and meat processing capacity for livestock producers.

Providing relief for producers impacted by disaster and the pandemic.

These programs and efforts are part of the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to lower costs for producers, increase competition and access to market opportunities, and ensure equity in designing and developing programs to help all producers. Additionally, the announcements are a continuation of the Biden-Harris Administration’s focus on targeting assistance based on need, reaching everyone who is eligible, and removing the bureaucratic burden on producers.

USDA Moving Forward with Fertilizer Production Expansion Program; Publishes Comments on Importance of Increased Competition

USDA will soon begin accepting public comments on environmental and related aspects of 21 potentially viable projects to increase fertilizer production across the United States totaling up to \$88 million. These applicants have requested grant funding through the first round of the Department’s newly established Fertilizer Production Expansion Program. This program is one of many ways the Biden-Harris Administration invests in the agricultural supply chain right here at home. Investing in projects to increase fertilizer production will bring production and jobs back to the United States, promote competition and support American goods and services. Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA continues to create a competitive, resilient, secure and sustainable economy to support opportunities for local businesses and people across this nation. The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is a critical part of that effort.



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