

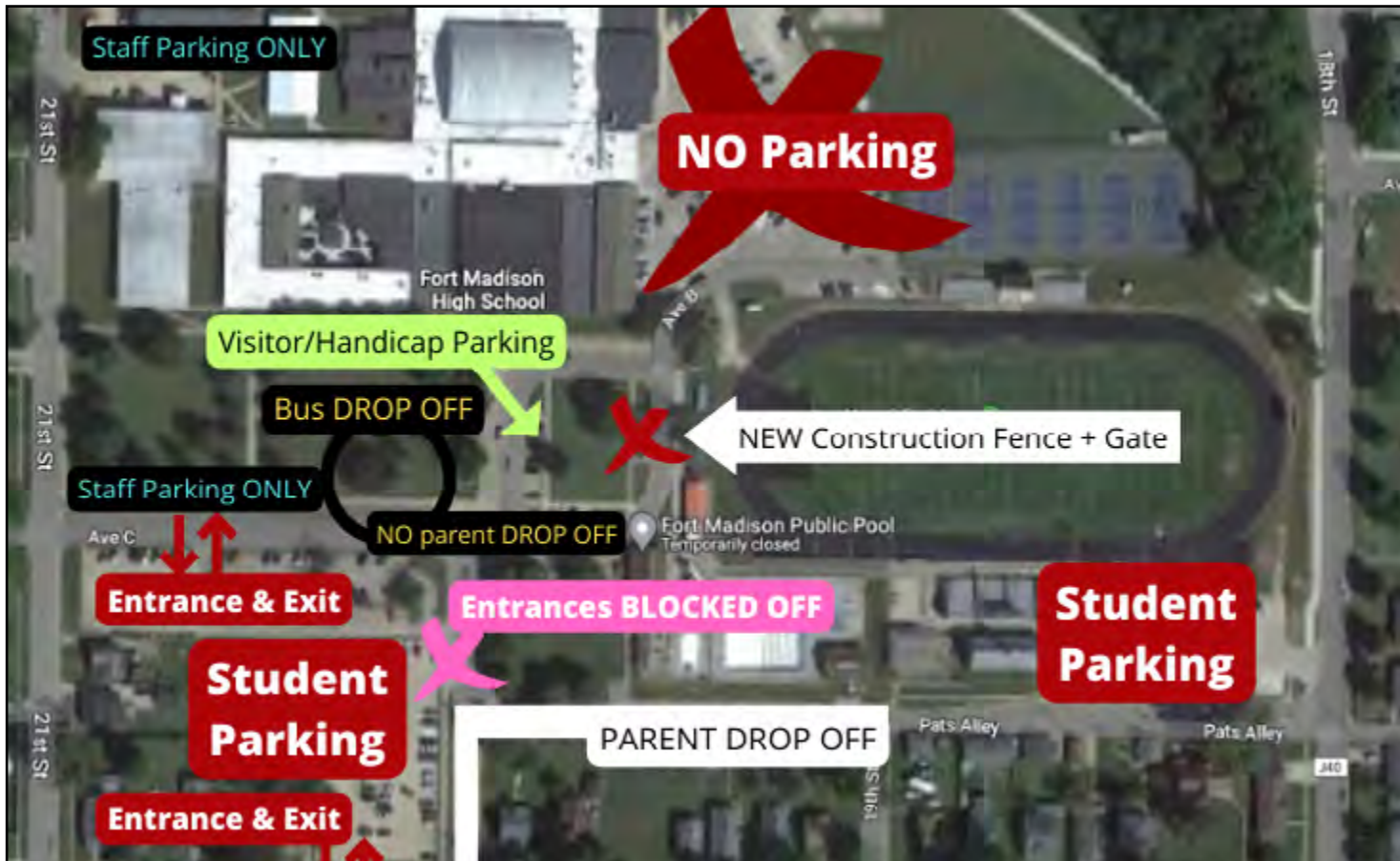
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Fort Madison High School officials will be closing much of the front area parking on Circle Drive as construction work progresses at the high school with warmer temperatures.

## FMHS construction project picks up pace

**CIRCLE DRIVE:** New drop-off procedures set as Circle Drive closes for work

FORT MADISON - Construction is picking up pace at the Fort Madison High School.

According to a release issued by the Fort Madison Community School District today, starting Monday, March 6th, the circle drive at Fort Madison High School will not be available for through traffic, as construction will begin on the north side of the circle, making it inaccessible to traffic.

A construction fence will be erected in the next several days that will identify the new construction area. The most notable of the changes that will occur is the high school is asking that parents use Pat's Alley coming from the east to drop their students off at the public pool entrance.

When exiting Pat's Alley, parents are then asked to turn left going south. The limited number of parking spots that will be available around the circle drive will be for visitors and handicapped parking only. Those spots will be needed for individuals doing business at the high school and for those with handicap permits.

If parents are picking students for school, the district asks drivers to use Pat's Alley, as the front of the building will be considerably congested during the school day.

Anyone with questions about the construction phase is encouraged to call, the high school and ask to speak to an administrator.

## LEE COUNTY NEWS

### County building review committee to set up Thursday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Several county officials will get together Wednesday to set up parameters for looking at county buildings and possibly divesting the county of some properties.

A committee was approved at Monday's Lee County Supervisors

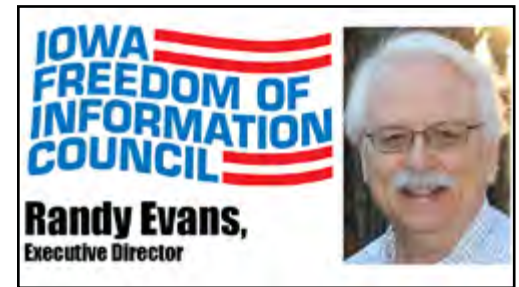
meeting to review several of the county's properties including both the Newberry and Heritage senior centers, several apartment facilities in Fort Madison and Keokuk, the county attorney building in Fort Madison, as well as the county's two courthouses.

An amendment attached to a property tax bill in front of the Senate,

if signed into law, would allow the county to consolidate both courthouses, and moreover, move to one county seat to help save costs.

The first meeting of the committee, according to an agenda released Wednesday, will be to review cost sheets on the building and set tasks

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## Not an easy time to be a librarian

This has not been an easy time to be a librarian.

Sixty-plus years ago, back when the library card was a coveted sign of my status as a young reader, Miss Botts and Mrs. Sager were never viewed as conspirators of controversy in the corner of the free world where I grew up.

I never remember a time when their domain, Bloomfield's library shelves, was a controversial place to be.

That was then. Now, too many people in Iowa have drawn targets on the backs of the librarians in Iowa's schools and town libraries.

Much of the controversy has come from people who want to block their own children and grandchildren from having access to certain books and who also want to block other people's children from reading those books, too.

But recent news out of Marshalltown shows library officials are creating some of the discord themselves — by neglecting to bring a dose of common sense to their work. And I am not talking about stripping controversy from the library shelves.

Allow me to update you about the controversy in Marshalltown. I think that will help you understand why that city's library dispute is so unfortunate and so unnecessary.

The Marshalltown Times Republican has reported on the strong feelings that have formed since John Worden of Green Mountain, a patron of the Marshalltown Public Library, first asked the library to purchase subscriptions to a couple of conservative publications, American Rifleman magazine and the Epoch Times

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THU 02 Mar ..... Mostly cloudy with late rain, 44° F/ 35° F  
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 SAT 04 Mar ..... Partly sunny, 41° F/ 25° F

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# Obituaries/Scene Around Town



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## Too cute

SCC has been working with FM Beyond the Bell program to host Health Careers fairs for the students. Students get to learn about all things health and careers through SCC. Pictured here are Scout Barnes, on the left, and Soren Schelich, on the right, from Lincoln Elementary with their SCC nurses' hats on.

## OBITUARIES

# JEROME K. SAYLER

Jerome "Jerry" Kenneth Saylor, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at his home. He was born on December 11, 1936, in Venturia, ND to Emil and Idalia (Wiedmann) Saylor. Growing up, Jerry often played baseball and basketball with his brother and friends; he also learned to play his father's saxophone. These inspired lifelong loves of sports and music. Jerry graduated from high school in Ashley, ND, in 1954, and went on to study Pharmacy at North Dakota State University, graduating in 1958. Soon after, Jerry moved to Grand Forks, ND, and met the love of his life, JoAnn M. Street, at the pharmacy where they both worked. He married JoAnn on June 4, 1961 in Grand Forks, ND and they were happily married for 60 years. Together, they had two children, Wayne (1962) and Debra (1964). Their family enjoyed many summers at their cabin on Maple Lake and, later, annual trips to Mazatlán, Mexico. Jerry especially loved boating, fishing, sunbathing, and simply watching the water. Jerry's professional dream was always to run his own pharmacy, and after working at Olson Drug in East Grand Forks, Minnesota for over a decade, he and JoAnn bought the store. Together, they ran Jerry's Olson Drug for 20 years (1983-2002), even rebuilding after the major 1997 Red River flood. On a lighter note: Jerry even won the award for "Most Colorful Beard" at the East Grand Forks centennial celebration in 1987. In 2003, Jerry retired after 45 years and moved to Fort Madison, IA, to join JoAnn in caring for Debbie's growing family. Over the past 20 years, he was a big supporter of athletics, music, and the arts at Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, even winning "Fan of the Year" along with his wife. In addition to HTC, Jerry was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and NDSU Bison. Jerry's faith was also very important to him,



SAYLER

accepting Jesus Christ as his savior in 1947. As young parents, he and JoAnn were highly involved at Grace Baptist Church, in Grand Forks, ND, where Jerry served on the Sunday School Board. He very much enjoyed the potlucks with the other young people of the church. Most recently, he attended Harmony Bible Church in Danville, IA.

Survivors include his brother, Milo (Ethel) Saylor of Mesa, AZ; sister, Marilyn (Alonzo) Boyle of Charleston, SC; son, Wayne Saylor of Grand Forks, ND; daughter, Debbie (Roy) Tinguely of Pagosa Springs, CO; seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Dan Dingu officiating. Burial will be at Nisbet Cemetery in East Grand Forks, MN. A memorial has been established for City Hope Foundation Food Pantry through Harmony Bible Church. Online condolences to the Saylor family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

# BACK PAIN?

**Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?**

**How 5 Lies About Low BACK PAIN May Keep You Hurting, Frustrated & Exhausted...Forever!**

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a **100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE** at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have been told about their backs. That's why it's important I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

**MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!**

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...



The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:

**MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!**

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy?") waded a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

**MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!**

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

**It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!**

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

**MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"**

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

That's why it's important to examine the spine AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control it. It's also why we've had such outrageous success with even the worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and together they deliver an outstanding way to help "bad backs". This ties in to Myth #5 and the diagram:



**MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!**

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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- Bent...crooked off to one side and can't stand up straight if your life depended on it
- Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creek and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### JUDITH A. ORR

Judith Ann (Senf) Orr joined her husband on his unknown adventure February 19, 2023. She was born in 1941 in Fort Madison, IA, the daughter of Howard and



ORR

Helen (Diton) Senf.

She is survived by sons Rob of Saint Louis, MO and Jeff of Los Angeles Co., CA, grandsons Cameron and Dyton Orr of CA, son-in-law Larry O'Donnell of WI, grandsons, Derrick (Sara), Brandon, and Ryan O'Donnell of Dane Co., WI (all three were WI state championship swimmers), and three great grandchildren, Kennedy, Tess, and Leo O'Donnell.

She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Bob, daughter, Angela LeAnne (Orr) O'Donnell, and brother Gary Senf.

Judi graduated from Denmark High School in 1959 where she played basketball and softball. She was gifted with a beautiful classical singing voice which she shared at weddings and local performances. One of her favorite songs was Ave Maria which she would often be heard singing around the house. She attended nursing school and also modeled for local stores.

Shortly after graduating from high school she was working at Dairy Creme in Denmark where she met her future husband. They married in 1961 and began life together in El Paso, Texas, where they started a family. They relocated to West Burlington after his service ended with the Army and expanded their family with Rob and later Jeff. Judi was a homemaker but worked in several Burlington area retail stores including J.S. Schramm's. Later she and her family owned and operated the Restaurant at the Depot in Lincoln IL and several other properties, including the remodeling of a 1913 Baptist Church which was featured on HGTV. She was a doting grandmother and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

There will be no funeral. She was interred with her husband at Kossuth Cemetery, Mediapolis. Honorary pallbearers include Derrick O'Donnell, Brandon O'Donnell, Ryan O'Donnell, Cameron Orr, Dyton Orr and Bob Beckman.

There will be a celebration of life at a future date where you will get to meet her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be given to the Tess O'Donnell trust fund or the Angie O'Donnell Scholarship Fund.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Judith's obituary at [www.prugh-funeral.com](http://www.prugh-funeral.com).

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# County to review value of current properties

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and goals for the committee.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise brought the idea of reviewing the county's properties to the board on Monday.

Fraise is on record as saying if the property tax bill is signed into law, which would limit the county's general fund levy at \$3.50/\$1,000 of assessed valuation, the county would be in serious financial trouble.

The county had to absorb the costs of standing up additional EMS service and equipment in Keokuk after Blessing Hospital closed its doors in September. The county also beefed up its IT department to bring security up to standard, as well as equipment and technology upgrades.

Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said with the added costs of the EMS department, the county would need to go closer to \$6/\$1,000 of assessed valuation to take the strain off the general fund.

Renstrom said the county should have pushed the levy when it purchased the ambulance service from the Young family in 2021 after subsidizing the service for many years, including a \$900,000 subsidy in 2020.

The committee is comprised of Fraise, Renstrom, county maintenance staff, and board members. The committee will make recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors on what changes would make the most sense for the county.

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## From the Front/Classifieds

# Internet creates an interesting argument on library bans

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newspaper, for library visitors to read.

Library director Sarah Rosenblum and the library's board of trustees have steadfastly said "no" — even after Worden and another library patron offered to pay the cost.

Rosenblum explained at a meeting of the board of trustees that she made a "deep dive" into the content in American Rifleman and the Epoch Times. The gun magazine is publishing by the National Rifle Association. Epoch Times is affiliated with the Falun Gong religious movement.

She had what she called serious concerns about the science coverage in Epoch Times and about the American Rifleman being a benefit of NRA membership.

Every library in Iowa cannot accommodate every book, every magazine, and every newspaper. But that is really the same point some parents and some grandparents are making about certain books written for teenage and pre-teen readers.

These parents and grandparents are saying there are plenty of other books available for young readers, so why must these LGBTQ books be available. The response from librarians, teachers and other parents

correctly comes down to, yes, you can block your child from reading those books, but libraries should not be blocking other parents who may want their child to have access to those books.

This is where a dose of common sense is needed by officials at the Marshalltown library.

If we trust parents to make the correct choice for what books their children read, shouldn't we trust adults to make the correct choice for what newspapers and magazines these adults choose to read?

Worden told the Marshalltown library trustees that he had done an even deeper dive into the content of American Rifleman and Epoch Times that the head librarian has, the Times Republican reported.

"I think that the staff and this board is inserting themselves between the patrons and the material," Worden said. "The patrons own this building and everything that's in it. They pay the wages. They come first."

Another library patron echoed Worden's comments. Ray Mitchem told trustees, "I think we have to be careful not to put blinders on. I think the public can choose. The public should decide if it is something for them" — he said of the publications Worden has suggested.

Gary Thompson, a member of the Marshalltown City Council, attended the library's January meeting and

weighed in on Worden's request.

"You guys allow your patrons to use the internet," he said. "They're going to find misinformation, pros and cons, on everything. I think you guys made a big mistake."

The councilman's comments about access to the internet is the same one that defenders of LGBTQ books in school libraries make in support of having those available. Kids have access via the internet to content that is even more extreme than what is found in the library.

Libraries traditionally have been advocates for intellectual freedom — making many views and perspectives available for their patrons. Through the years, libraries have taken the position there is no place for censorship in a free society.

The Marshalltown library's policies even state, "The library will not reject materials which are requested by patrons or suggested by standard review sources because of the point of view or ideas they reflect."

Call me naïve, but I think John Worden is correct. A well-rounded public library should have the American Rifleman and the Epoch Times on its shelves, especially if a generous donor is taking care of the expense.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
AGENDA  
KEOKUK CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2023  
501 Main Street  
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call.
4. Mayor's Correspondence:
  - 5. Citizen's Request.
  - 6. Consent Agenda.
    - Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of February 16, 2023;
    - Minutes of the Civil Service Commission meeting of February 6, 2023;
    - Certified list for the Police Department promotional examination conducted on February 6, 2023 of detective;
    - Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of February 23, 2023;
    - Resolution approving a Liquor License for Hampton Inn Keokuk, 3201 Main Street, effective March 3, 2023 – Class B Retail Alcohol License;
    - Resolution approving a Liquor License for L. Treyns, 1108 Main Street, effective March 15, 2023 – Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service;
    - Resolution approving a Liquor License for Site Food Mart, 1301 Main Street, effective March 21, 2023 – Class E Retail Alcohol License;
    - Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5326-5327;
  - 7. Consider resolution awarding a contract with Boland Recreation of Marshalltown, Iowa to remove existing turf and install new PIP topcoat at Rand Park play equipment area.
  - 8. Consider resolution approving agreement with LCL Farms, Inc. for land application of biosolids from Wastewater Treatment Plant.
  - 9. Consider resolution setting a public hearing for a rezoning proposal on property known as 1212 Concert Street.
  - 10. Motion to approve Juneteenth parade for KARE on Friday, June 23, 2023 starting at 3rd and Main Street to 11th and Main Street.
  - 11. Boards & Commissions:
  - 12. Council Liaison Reports:
  - 13. Staff Reports:
  - 14. New Business:

15. Adjourn Meeting.

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL Meeting No. 27 February 6, 2023**

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Washington Street, with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray, Maupin and Wilson present.

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION:**  
\* Ava Fruehling  
Winner of the City of Burlington 7th Grade Essay Contest 2022 - "If I Were Mayor"

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:** None  
**SENT AGENDA:** To the Public:  
All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

**Introduced By:** Maupin  
**Seconded By:** Graham-Murray  
**MOTION:** To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Billups reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Critser announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions

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and boards. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")  
**CARRIED**  
Adjournment: 5:46 p.m.  
Approved: February 21, 2023

Jon D. Billups, Mayor  
Katie Music, CMC, City Clerk  
(See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF THE  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL WORK  
SESSION  
February 13, 2023**

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray and Maupin present. Council Member Wilson arrived at

4:36 p.m.

A Resolution Approving the Final Plat of City Center East Subdivision was added to the regular agenda. Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 5:01 p.m.  
Approved: February 21, 2023

Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager for Public Works

Jon D. Billups, Mayor

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## Education News/Local News



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Central Lee students enroll in a multitude of concurrent enrollment courses to gain college credit while in high school. These students are part of the Survey of the Animal Industry taught by Mr. Tom Boeck—Central Lee Ag-Ed Instructor/FFA Advisor. The group recently took a farm tour on the Jarad Weber farm in rural Argyle. Topics included: History of the beef industry, Nutrition differences, Pasture Management, Replacement heifers, Bulls vs. Artificial Insemination, Considerations during breeding season, Calving time, Proper equipment for efficiency and safety, Health considerations and Marketing. Pictured are two newborn calves that were examined by the group. Front (L-R) are Sydnie Larson, Charlee Clay, Kylie Fortune, Halie Coulter. 2nd row: Dustin Newberry, Jalyn Hawk, Aubree Boyd, and Aubrey Weber.

## SCC's Business and Computer Clubs Earn High Ranks at State Competition

WEST BURLINGTON - Six students from Southeastern Community College's Computer Club and six from its Business Club earned top ranks at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference held in February.

BPA is the top career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology, and related career fields.

Participants compete in several categories, including Computer Programming Concepts, Business Law and Ethics, Computer Security, and Digital Computing and Design Concepts.

Computer Club members Gary Brownlee, Warsaw, Landon Lemmon, New London, Jacob Shores, Burlington, Kyle Shores, Burlington, Crystal Timmerman, Burlington, and Daniel Walters, Fort Madison earned 30 honors combined at the state competition.

SCC network administration and cyber security instructor, Brenda Wamsley, is a co-advisor of the Computer Club.

"I'm so proud of all the hard work they have done," Wamsley said. "Students are recognized nationally among their peers and gain valuable insight as to what it takes to work in the IT and business industry."

Business Club members Piper Cole, Burlington, Jayde Eberhardt, Sperry, Corwyn Gaines, Burlington, Chloe Jones, Ft. Madison, Aidan Pealer, New London, Pattie Poling, Kahoka earned 31 awards combined.

Trisha Hopper, SCC business administration instructor and co-advisor of the business club, was proud to see her students excel.

"It's wonderful to see students succeed at the competitions," said Hopper, "But the experience of the conference, itself, is the best part. Each student makes life-long connections."

The students are all eligible to compete against 2- and 4-year colleges from across the nation at the BPA National Leadership Conference this April in April at Anaheim, CA.

For more information about SCC's computer program, contact Wamsley at [bwamsley@sccciowa.edu](mailto:bwamsley@sccciowa.edu). To learn more about the college's business program, contact Hopper at [thopper@sccciowa.edu](mailto:thopper@sccciowa.edu).

## FM man arrested for drug possession

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison man on Felony and Misdemeanor drug charges.

Joshua Edwin James Hartman, age 37, of Fort Madison is charged with:

Possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), a Serious Misdemeanor, Possession of a controlled substance (psilocybin mushrooms), a Serious Misdemeanor, Possession of drug paraphernalia, a Simple Misdemeanor, and Drug tax stamp violation, a class D Felony.

Hartman was arrested in the 1300 block of 21st St in Fort Madison by the Fort Madison Police Department on an outstanding arrest warrant out of Burlington, IA. for Failure to Appear on a charge of Possession of a controlled substance.

Hartman was searched

upon his arrest and was found to be in possession of controlled substances. Hartman was transported to the Lee County Correctional Center.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force was assisted by the Fort Madison Police Department and the Lee County Attorney's Office.

The defendant in this case is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

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