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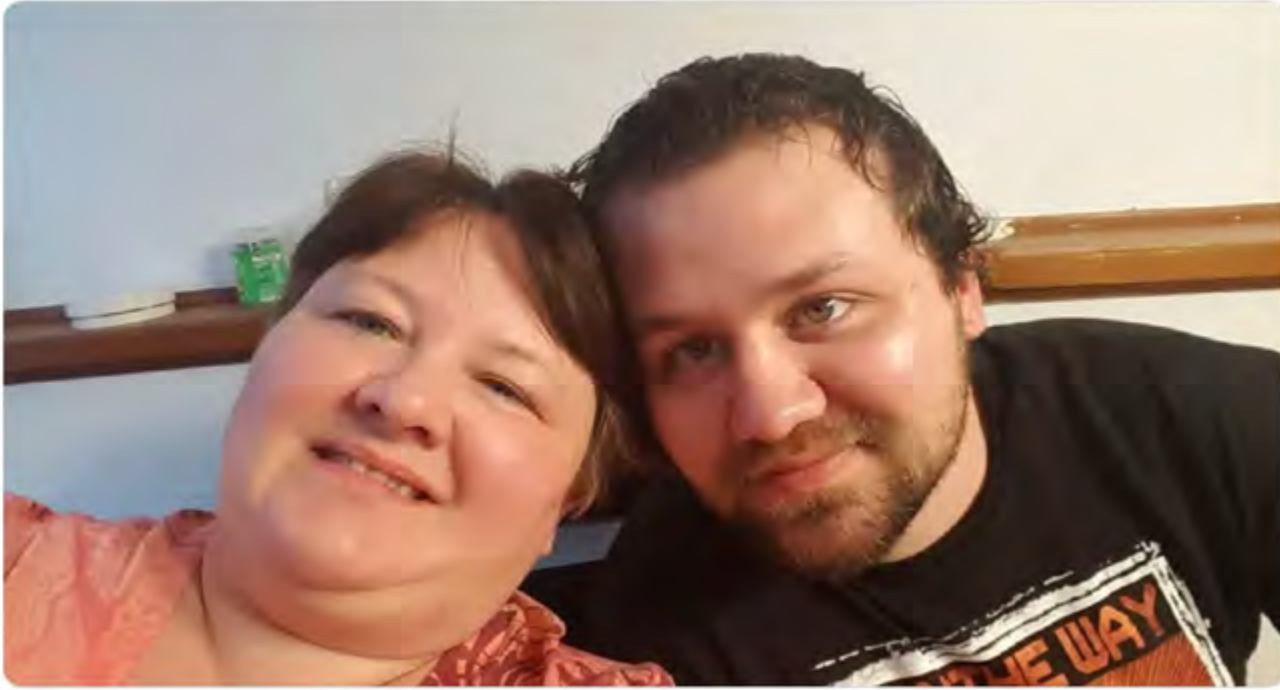
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Golliher search passes 1 year

Let's find missing veteran.



Michelle Shelton is organizing this fundraiser.

GoFundMe image

Michelle Shelton has organized a GoFundMe page to help raise money for a reward for information leading to finding her 37-year-old son Chris, pictured above.

TIPS: Detectives looking into all leads but coming up empty

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The search for a military veteran from Fort Madison continues to puzzle Fort Madison police.

Christopher Golliher, Jr., 37, of Fort Madison has been missing since Feb. 3, 2022 and local law enforcement have had several leads and conducted multiple searches for Golliher, but have come up empty.

Fort Madison Police Detective Dakota Worley said he hopes continued attention to the case will turn up some leads that help locate the former marine.

Golliher was reported missing by his mother Michelle Shelton of

Keokuk on Feb. 7, after hearing from his roommates that the man had left his home without a coat, his wallet, or any belongings.

Golliher had been sharing a residence with two other people in the 2000 block of Avenue E in Fort Madison. He served two four-year tours of service in Afghanistan and was on full disability after an honorable discharge from the service.

Worley said police are investigating the leads as they come up. "We canvassed some areas and checked a lot of the creeks," Worley said.

He said they cannot talk in depth about the case because of the

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FORUM

Legislators talk pipelines, banned books

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Several area legislators spent most of Friday's monthly local update talking about the current status of hazardous liquid pipeline legislation.

The monthly legislative session update was held at the Lee County Economic Development Group offices in Montrose and featured State Reps. Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison), and Matt Rinker (R-Burlington) and State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-Montrose).

Other topics included rural emergency hospital legislation and bans on books in K-12 settings.

But about 45 minutes of the hour-long session was spent on House File 565 which would require companies proposing hazardous liquid pipelines, to secure 90% of the miles needed for easements voluntarily.

Three companies - Summit Carbon Solutions, Wolf Carbon Solutions, and Navigator CO2 currently have plans in front of the Iowa Utilities Board to construct carbon

sequestration pipelines in Iowa. Navigator's Heartland Greenway pipeline would run through Lee County.

The Iowa House passed the bill Tuesday, sending it to the Senate for debate. Reichman said the bill may have trouble in the senate.

"I wish these people would run these pipelines down the middle of the highways and then we wouldn't have these issues," Reichman said.

"Most of these pipelines are for private use and people don't like it. As much as they're paying, I wish they'd come down to my property and do a U-turn because I have the property to support it."

Reichman said changing the rules now could open to the state to lawsuits due to the investment already made on the project, as well as payments already made to farmers.

"If they change the rules now, a lot of those landowners have had checks that



GRABER



REICHMAN

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MACOMB SHOOTING

Macomb man charged after Saturday shooting incident

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

MACOMB, Ill. — A Macomb man has been charged in connection with a shooting near Western Illinois University's campus that left one person dead and 10 others injured.

Donell D. Williams, 23, was arraigned on Monday on a charge of armed violence. Williams was in possession of a

handgun and a felony amount of illegal drugs, which led to the charge. Additional charges may be filed, Macomb Police officials said on Monday. Macomb police were called to a house in the 500 block of N. Johnson St., at 1:55 a.m. Saturday after a report of gunshots fired at a party at the home.

Jerman Beathea, 26, of Chicago was found dead at the scene.

Six WIU students were among the

injured, who were transported to McDonough District Hospital in Macomb. All of the injured are expected to recover.

Additional charges could be filed in connection with the incident. Macomb police officials are continuing to investigate the incident.

Anyone with information can call CrimeStoppers at (309) 836-3222. Video can also be emailed to citizenconcerns@macombpolice.com.

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WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap
TUE 28 Mar.....Cloudy, 49° F/ 33° F
WED 29 Mar.....Mostly cloudy, 44° F/ 32° F
THU 30 Mar.....Partly sunny and breezy, 61° F/ 55° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

GRACE A. EDMISTON

Grace Ann Edmiston, 84, of Keokuk, IA died Friday, March 24th, 2023, at Mississippi Valley Healthcare in Keokuk, IA.

She was born October 5th, 1938, in Keokuk, IA the daughter of James Edmiston and Clara Allen Edmiston. Grace Ann had one son Kent Michael Edmiston. She graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1957.

Grace was a lifelong resident of Keokuk where she worked at the South Lee County Courthouse before retiring in 1999. She was active in her community helping with the Civil War reenactment and Pancake Days. She was a huge advocate for woman's rights being a member of Business and Professional Woman for over 30 years. She held many positions on state and local levels, traveling all over the country representing the organization. She received The Woman of the Year award in 1998 and Woman of Achievement in 2004. She served on the board for United Way and was a member of First Christian Church.

Family was just as important to Grace as her civil work. She continued her Mother's tradition of Sunday dinners, which her family enjoyed each week. She would take her grandchildren on trips to Kansas City and Adventureland in the summers. She was a huge part of each of their lives as she helped raise them. Grace Ann was a fighter; she had overcome many illnesses over the years and fought hard to stay with us until the very end.

She is survived by five grandchildren, Danielle Keefe of Keokuk, IA, Cyndi Edmiston of Channahon, IL, Troy Edmiston (Hope) of Wayland, MO, Samantha Edmiston of Coral Springs, FL, Shanna Burton (Will) of Anamosa, IA, six great-grandchildren, Elijah Gibson, Miley Edmiston, Ryder Keefe, Chandler Edmiston, Harper Edmiston and Thea Matlick. Grace is also survived by one brother, Jim (Marilyn) Edmiston of Bountiful, UT, one niece Beth Edmiston of Salt Lake City, UT, one nephew Sevy Edmiston of Idaho Falls, ID.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, her son Kent Edmiston, her grandson Brett Edmiston, and goddaughter Mindy Hagerty.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Rev. David Turner officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Tuesday from 12 noon until 2 pm at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the United Way of the Great River Region.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



EDMISTON

OBITUARIES

MANDY M. GARCIA

Mandy Marie Morrison Garcia, 40, of Hamilton, IL died Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

She was born February 26, 1983 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Linda Crutcher.



GARCIA

On April 20, 2006 Mandy was united in marriage to Vincent Garcia in Carthage, IL. He survives.

She is also survived by one daughter, Isabella Garcia of Hamilton, her mother, Linda Crutcher of Hamilton one uncle, Tim Crutcher (Lisa) of Peoria, IL one brother-in-law, Lazaro Garcia, one sister-in-law, Fran Garcia, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and several special friends that were like family. Her special fur baby her dog "Lady".

She was preceded in death by her step-father, Charles S. Stamper (who raised her since she was 3 years old) and three brothers, Michael L. Morrison, Jr., Karl W. Morrison and Charles Scott Stamper

Mandy was a member of the First Christian Church in Keokuk. She was the founder of Events for Children with Disabilities/Abilities. Mandy had organized many events for over ten years including Easter Egg Hunts. The first Easter Egg Hunt started with 1,000 eggs and grew over the years to 10,000 eggs.

Mandy was always willing to lend a helping hand to others. She loved tie-dye, traveling, singing karaoke and watching television. Her favorite shows included Law & Order SVU, Fire Country and Grey's Anatomy. She loved making crafts for her family and friends and constantly searched Pinterest for new craft ideas. She was a mouthful of sass and always spoke her mind.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 1st, at the First Christian Church in Keokuk with Rev. David Turner officiating.

Memorials may be made for the continuing care of her daughter, Isabella, and checks made payable to Linda Crutcher.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Sports

BLOODHOUND SOCCER PREVIEWS

Key injuries punch holes in Lady Hounds' plans

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Carrie Burken started planning for this season within days of last season ending.

But the Fort Madison High School girls soccer coach had to change those plans when she started losing players to injuries in other sports.

Natalie Randolph, the team's top scorer last season with 19 goals, suffered a knee injury in preseason volleyball practice. Irelynd Sargent, one of the team's top defenders last season, suffered a knee injury during basketball season.

"When last year ended, I was thinking about who we had coming back and who we had coming in, and I was like, 'Oh, awesome,'" Burken said. "Then after Natalie got hurt and Irelynd got hurt, I realized I was going to have to make a different plan."

Still, the Bloodhounds have plenty of talent coming off a 12-4 season that included a share of the Southeast Conference title and a trip to the regional semifinals.

"It's an interesting group," Burken said. "Even with the injuries, we have a lot of the same pieces as last year. Overall, our look is going to be similar."

Sophomore Teagan Snaadt, who had 16 goals and 12 assists last season as a freshman, returns up front, as does junior Taegan Denning, who had four goals. Junior Mary Kate Bendlage and senior Camille Kruse anchor a strong defense that had three shutouts last season. Taylor Johnson is back as goalkeeper after a season of 114 saves.

"It's really important, because with only two weeks of practice before our first game, we're going to really rely on our chemistry," Burken said of her team's returning players. "Having that experience of working together last season, with a lot of the same pairings in positions this year, your skills might be a little rusty, but you still know what you're doing and what your teammates are doing. That's always helpful to have so many players returning."

Johnson, a junior, was steady as a goalkeeper throughout the season and was at her best at the end of the year, and Burken likes the momentum she brings into this season.

"It's going to be nice to have her back in goal for the next two seasons," Burken said.

The Bloodhounds have posted postseason wins in the last two seasons, and last season's loss to Clear Creek Amana on penalty kicks has provided motivation heading into this season.

"It's important for the confidence," Burken said. "Even with the injuries heading into this season, this group has had success. We know what it takes. We know what (teams) are going to be tough."

"(Last season) let us know how far we can go. And I think we know we can build on that."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The 2023 Fort Madison Lady Hounds soccer team

Boys team to rebuild on defense

OFFENSE INTACT: Wellman, Pothitakis return after knee injuries

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - The two weeks of practice heading into Tuesday's season opener have been about finding answers for Fort Madison boys soccer coach Kevin Wellman.

It's been an ongoing search.

"We lost seven seniors, and we're trying to figure out who to put in those positions," Wellman said. "We answer a question, and that produces two more questions that we have to answer. We're still trying to figure everything out."

Fort Madison went 14-6 last season, and swept through the Southeast Conference, winning the title with a 10-0 record.

The biggest rebuild for this team will be on the defensive end.

"We lost three-fourths of our defense, and so that's where we've been really working to try to find answers," Wellman said.

The Bloodhounds will still have a potent offense, especially as Xander Wellman and Jacob Pothitakis continue their comeback from injuries suffered during last season. Both have been cleared to practice.

"We're going to start working them in," Kevin Wellman said. "They've been dealing with some slight muscle pulls, so we're working them in slowly. I don't know what their fitness is going to be like, whether they can go for long periods of time, so we'll take it slow with them. Hope-

fully they're peaking in May, when we get ready for the postseason."

Xander Wellman led the Bloodhounds with 14 goals last season. But Kevin Wellman likes what he sees out of Leif Boeding, who had 13 goals last season, and Henry Graham, who had nine goals.

"Henry has made huge strides from last season," Wellman said. "And Leif has made a jump in his athleticism. He's in his third sport this season, so he's ready to go."

The Bloodhounds will be in Class 3A this season as the sport expands to four classes. They're still in the same class with Pella, which has eliminated them in the sub-state tournament the last two seasons.

"Pella is still there, and now we're in with Iowa City Liberty, (Cedar Rapids) Xavier, those type of schools," Wellman said. "So we have to be ready."

Wellman expects conference play to be stronger this season, and the Bloodhounds' nonconference schedule includes Tuesday's opener with Williamsburg and a tournament with Pella, ADM and Hudson.

"So we're going to be challenged, but we've always had that," Wellman said.

It's why Wellman said Tuesday's opener is so important.

"We've got work to do. But we've got work to do from Game 1," he said. "I'm expecting to play against a very strong team on Tuesday. We'll have a much better idea on what we look like, what our chemistry is looking like, things like that. You just can't tell with practice."

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For the Record/Classifieds

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- Medicare Parts A and B benefits
- Prescription drug benefits (Part D)
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Medicare supplement insurance
- Identifying Medicare fraud, errors and abuse

The seminars are offered at these times and locations:
5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18

Maple Walnut Room(s)
1221 S Gear Ave., West Burlington (access elevator or stairs in lobby to lower level)

Registration deadline: Monday, April 10

6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18
Willard and Canella Conference Room(s)

5445 Avenue O, Fort Madison (lower level-east side of building)

Registration deadline: Monday, May 10

To make a reservation, call 319-768-3342.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

03/24/23 – 8:23 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue G.

03/24/23 – 10:27 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

03/24/23 – 3:12 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Shelly Renee Kelly, 51, of Fort Madison, in the 300 block of Vica Lane, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, gathering where controlled substances are used, contributing to delinquency of a minor - encourage, and child endangerment. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/23 – 4:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

03/25/23 – 2:32 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 14th Street and Avenue E.

03/25/23 – 8:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Andrew Leroy Decker, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 4900 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving while suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/26/23 – 12:13 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Todd Robert Helmick, 33, of Farmington, in the

4900 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/26/23 – 2:12 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue E.

03/26/23 – 5:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue M.

03/26/23 – 11:36 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Molly Rose Haynes, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/24/23 – 4:04 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jeremiah Lewis Jack Jordan, 41, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/25/23 – 12:28 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of single-vehicle accident in the 1400 block of Hwy. 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Elijah James Spears, 21, of Donnellson, was traveling east on Hwy. 2 when it hydroplaned into the ditch due to poor weather conditions, hit a field-entrance driveway, and rolled onto its top. No injuries or citations were reported. Spears' vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

03/25/23 – 2:08 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident in the 1300 block of Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dominique Ernesto Brown, 37, of Florida, was traveling on Hwy. 218 when it entered the ditch due to poor weather conditions, rolled several times, and came to rest on its top. Brown sustained serious injuries and was transported via EMS to Iowa City. No citations were reported. Brown's vehicle sustained disabling damages and had to be towed from the scene.

03/26/23 – 10:10 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Johnathan Taylor Palm, 26, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

03/24/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to seven medical calls.

03/25/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls and one burn permit.

03/26/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medicals one fire alarm and a medical pendant activation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 3/21/2023

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, with Mayor Mohrfeld presiding and Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Rink, Gray, Amandus and Roller. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 3/7/14/2023; Liquor License Renewal for Walgreens, effective 5/21/2023; Claims dated 3/16/2023, March Library Claims, and Payroll of 3/10/2023. Chad Schneider of the Pen City Cruisers provided an update on the club and their activities. On motion, Council approved waiving the Pavilion rental fee for the Pen City Cruisers Car Show in May.

At 5:41 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the sale of City-Owned Property at 1713-1715 Avenue H. Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-20, approving the sale of City-Owned property at 1713-

15 Avenue H to Zach Waldorf/Kelsey Tripp for \$1,000 plus costs.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-21, approving the Mayor's signature on a one-year lease agreement with Sanchez Boxing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-22, approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #3 for PIP 2021-02 Avenue F Bridge Over French Creek and 2021-03, 27th Street Bridge Over Dry Creek. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-23, order construction, set public hearing & bid letting for PIP 2022-03, AWOS Replacement.

On motion, Council approved the bid of 3E of Burlington, Iowa, in the amount of \$115,270 for lights for the Riverview Park Marina Project. On motion, Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget and setting Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. as date and time for hearing.

An update on Old Fort Madison was given. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

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

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$135,704.49
Special Revenue	40,561.97
Road Use	29,130.63
Water	68,289.31
Sewer	41,517.94
Solid Waste/IWC	27,375.26
SW Utility	7,353.57
	\$349,933.17

REVENUES	
General	\$ 39,652.87
Special Rv	44,419.49
Road Use	70.00
Debt	7,590.02
Water	1,174.13
Sewer	10,718.82
Sld Waste, IWC	173.73
SW Utility	17.12
	\$103,816.18

CLAIMS - 3/21/2023

ALAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT, GLOVES	131.56
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM	305.05
BRADLEY BRYANT, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	169.57
BRIAN STEIN, BOOT ALLOWANCE	130.01
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BLDG SUPPLIES	131.73
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE	85.00
CHAD HANNUM, TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	551.25
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE	2,025.84
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL	409.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	638.60
DIAMOND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, COLD PATCH	1,396.35
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PAYROLL		3/10/2023
General		\$216,843.79
Old Fort		2,992.91
Road Use		29,559.14
Water		30,827.28
Sewer		29,048.97
Solid Waste		16,239.69
Airport		156.39
Storm Water		3,135.08
		\$328,803.25

STATIONERY, OFFICE SUPPLIES	80.40
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE	4,030.19
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, MAINT VEHICLES	100.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, REMOVE RADAR	255.00
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, SAFETY & UNIFORMS	451.75
GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL, PAINT	1,293.83
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, LANDFILL FEES/IWM FEES	20,463.98
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, TOWELS/ TOILET PAPER	221.34
HACH COMPANY, TESTING SUPPLIES	3,103.67
HOTOP FABRICATION, REPAIR PUMP	409.68
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE	2,597.25
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, ADAPTER	267.97
HUMBURD AUTO SERVICE, REPAIR TIRE	37.50

HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, PAPER PRODUCTS	56.57
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ICAP, INS PREMIUM	178,444.00
ICONNECTYOU, FINGERPRINT INTERNET	5.00
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, CONCRETE/SAND	513.11
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IOWA DIVISION OF LABOR, BOILER INSPECTION	80.00
IOWA HAZ MAT TASK FORCE, ANNUAL DUES	100.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL FINANCE, IMFOA DUES	20.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS	1,681.48
JIM'S LOCK & SAFE, INC., REPAIR LOCK	158.00
JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, MONTHLY FEE	177.10
KENT BRISBY, TRAINING	1,082.13
LISCO, PHONE/INTERNET	1,969.05
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SWEEPER BROOM	741.43
MARIO MENDEZ, SAFETY BOOTS	125.00
MARTIN EQUIPMENT, HYDRAULIC OIL	135.52
MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO., PROF FEE	15,452.50
MCFALL, ANDREW, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	204.93
MCFARLAND, TOWELS/EAR PLUGS	326.88
MENARD, BOARDS/GATE SUPPLIES	142.83
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, UNIFORM	6,930.36
MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, SAMPLING	171.00
MIDWAY FREIGHTLINER, INC, REPAIR WORK	385.88
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC, REPAIRED FILL STATION	261.00
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, HYDROGEN CYANIDE	299.16
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE	465.26
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPAIRED SWITCH	1,519.68
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., METER SUPPLIES	3,692.62
NAPA AUTO PARTS, PARTS	175.31
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, BATTERY/FILTER/GLOVES	536.12
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROF FEES	225.00
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL	30.57
RED LION RENEWABLES, ELECTRIC	

TROL, PEST CONTROL	65.00
DAVE VRADENBURG, REPAIRED INTERIOR DOOR	180.00
EXCEL IT SERVICES, CLOUD BACKUP	37.09
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, PAPER PRODUCTS	336.79
HELLIGE LAWN CARE, LAWN CARE	750.00
KANOPY, INC., PLAY CREDITS	20.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, LOCKS	77.24
MEDIACOM BUSINESS, PHONE	383.57
MEGAN INGE, REFUND	27.99
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT	406.54
MIDWEST TAPE, LLC, DIGITAL BOOKS CREDIT	3,000.00
OTC BRANDS, INC, AFTER SCHOOL PRIZES	62.70
PETTY CASH, CRAFT SUPPLIES	148.28
SERVICEMASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE	905.10
SHOWCASES, VINYL	68.30
TECHSOUP, DESKTOP COMPUTERS	3,423.96
THE HAWK EYE, LIBRARY MATERIALS	192.40
WT.COX INFORMATIN SERVICES, SHELF MATERIAL	779.90
TOTAL	20,855.81
GENERAL	130,050.19
SPECIAL REVENUE	6,060.03
ROAD USE	29,130.63
WATER	68,289.31
WASTEWATER	41,517.94
SOLID WASTE	27,375.26
AIRPORT	19,300.43
STORM WATER	7,353.57
TOTAL	329,077.36

LIBRARY CLAIMS 3/16/2023

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, AFTER SCHOOL PRIZES	588.60
BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL	1,569.04
BARNGROVER & SON GLASS, GLASS PANELS INSTALLED	2,987.00
BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING, SHELF MATERIAL	133.58
BOOK FARM, INC, SHELF MATERIAL	1,002.29
CARRIE MOORE, REFUND	127.89
CENGAGE LEARNING INC./GALE, SHELF MATERIAL	74.07
CENTER POINT, LARGE PRINT SHELF MATERIAL	3,408.48
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OTC BRANDS, INC, AFTER SCHOOL PRIZES	62.70
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WT.COX INFORMATIN SERVICES, SHELF MATERIAL	779.90
TOTAL	20,855.81
GENERAL	5,654.30
SPECIAL REVENUES	15,201.51
TOTAL	20,855.81

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The City of Fort Madison is accepting applications for vacancies on all appointed boards, commissions and committees. Applications can be found at www.fortmadison-ia.com or through the City Clerk's office at 811 Avenue E. This application process is an

effort to ensure diversity and representation of our community. Interested persons should submit completed applications to the City Clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. These are uncompensated positions. All applications are subject to the open records laws of the State of Iowa.

Below is a listing of boards and commissions needing members:

- Board of Adjustment
- Civil Service Commission
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Planning and Zoning Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE WEST BURLINGTON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Teater, Andy Crouner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Newberry

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, and Finance Manager Angela Moore

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to

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approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on 2/15/2023

- Minutes from the Special City Council meeting on 2/22/23

- Payment to Ferguson Waterworks - \$9,413.92

- Training for Fire Department at FDIC Conference

- Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for January 2023

- Payment of Claims as listed on the 3/1/2023 Expense Approval Report - \$78,755.95

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 No inquiries.

NEW BUSINESS
 Consider purchase of

IWork System software for Building Department from IWork. This would replace the current nergov software. This purchase was proposed in the 2023-2024 budget. The annual subscription fee would be \$5,200 and there would be a one-time implementation and setup charge of \$3,400. IWorkQ

has agreed to start the implementation process, with the first bill due July 3, 2023.

Moved by Young, seconded by Crouner, to enter into a contract with IWork System for the purchase of software for the Building Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider purchase of Confined Space Retrieval System

Public Works Director Brissey presented a quote from Ferguson to purchase a confined space retrieval system and two wall mount sleeves for the West Lift Station, and two core mount sleeves for the East Lift Station. The cost for the retrieval system, sleeves, and installation of the sleeves is \$8,100. The system is required in order for staff to enter and exit the lift stations safely.

Moved by Crouner, seconded by Young, to approve the purchase of the safety equipment as presented for \$8,100. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider authorizing City Administrator Mandsager to hire swimming pool staff for the 2023 pool season

City Clerk Fry explained that several applications have come in for season-

al pool staff this summer. In order to get staff hired and lined up for the upcoming season she ask Council to authorize City Administrator Mandsager to hire the necessary pool staff in accordance with the adopted Wage Scale Resolution. Crouner and Lees asked if the wage set for lifeguards was competitive enough. Lees wanted to find out what other pools were paying their staff.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, authorizing City Administrator Mandsager to hire swimming pool staff for the 2023 pool season. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

**OLD BUSINESS
 CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 ADJOURN**

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Approved
 Ron Teater, Mayor
 Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 WEST BURLINGTON
 BOARD OF
 ADJUSTMENT
 MEETING MINUTES
 THURSDAY,
 NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

The West Burlington Board of Adjustment met in regular session on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Chairman Mark Crooks presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
 Mark Crooks, Dennis Flowers, Randy Fry, Lee Boughton, and Gary Deen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: City Clerk Kelly Fry

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Fry, seconded by Deen, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crooks, Flowers, Fry, Boughton, and Deen

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider Minutes from Board of Adjustment meeting on October 26, 2022

Moved by Fry, seconded by Deen, to approve the Minutes for the Board of Adjustment meeting on October 26, 2022. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crooks, Flowers, Fry, Boughton, and Deen

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Menard, Inc. - Menards, Inc. is asking the Board of Adjustment to grant a Special Use permit in accordance with Section 165.11(4) of the City Code to allow for the expansion of a non-conforming use.

At the October 26, 2022 Board of Adjustment meeting, Fry and Flowers expressed concern with the proposed storage extending past the front of the existing building. The site plan for the initial proposal showed the new storage units sitting almost 65' in front of the current Menards storage building. The Board tabled the issue and asked Menards representative, Tyler Edwards, to consider an alternative layout

that would push the new storage units back in line with the current building.

After the October 26th meeting, Menards reviewed the layout and submitted a revised site plan. The plan shows the front-face storage units pushed back and more in line with the front of the existing building.

Due to the location of the detention pond on the north end of the property, the buildable area on the lot is limited. Aligning the storage facility with the front of the building would require the removal of an entire back-to-back storage building and a reduction of 56 units.

The exterior storage buildings are constructed using a single unit with an 8-foot tall exterior wall. The interior buildings are constructed as back-to-back units that share a common wall in the middle. When you look at the site plan layout the northern building next to the pond was set as close to the pond as safely possible. Three back-to-back buildings were placed in the middle and one more building was added around the exterior.

The City Code requires a 25-foot front yard set back in a B-2 General Business District. The revised plan still leaves a significant setback from the property line along Agency Rd. There would be 110-feet from the edge of Agency Rd. to the proposed storage building and 82-feet from the building to the property line. Deen pointed out that while the setback requirement in a B-2 is 25 feet, there are no buildings along either side of Agency Rd. that are set that close to the front lot line. Mr. Edwards pointed out that the new location of the first storage building would extend past the front of the existing Menards building approximately 12-foot. This would put the new storage building in line with the side of Walmart's

building which is located further east.

In a letter to the Board, Mr. Edwards stated that there will be some extra topsoil and fill material as part of the project that will allow the creation of a berm between the building and the property line that would screen the bottom of the storage units. Mr. Edwards was not opposed to creating a buffer with landscaping and said they would also consider extending the type of facade used on the current building.

Chairman Crooks, Fry, and Flowers, supported the amended proposal. The Board agreed that they would like to see landscaping or a facade similar to what is on the current building, extended to the storage building facing Agency. The Board decided to leave the decision regarding the type of landscaping or facade to be approved by the City Administrator.

Moved by Crooks, seconded by Fry, to grant a Special Use permit in accordance with Section 165.11(4) of the City Code to allow for the expansion of 247 storage units as presented in the revised site plan submitted on November 8, 2022. A plan for landscaping in front of the new storage units or facade added to the wall facing Agency Road will be required and must be approved by the City Administrator.

Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crooks, Flowers, Fry, Boughton, and Deen

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Moved by Boughton, seconded by Flowers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crooks, Flowers, Fry, Boughton, and Deen

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Reichman iffy on eminent domain bill

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have been paid out, cashed, and spent. If this does get shut down, I would assume the landowners would have to pay that back, and I don't think the state of Iowa could handle the lawsuits of the hundreds of millions of dollars that have already been invested in the project," he said.

"When we were kids and were down on the corner playing kickball or whatever and someone tried to change the rules, if we didn't like it much, we went home. So, we'll see what happens."

Doug Abolt, a property owner in the county, said he's had many farmers have concerns about the pipeline and asked if the legislators would vote for the bill as it stands.

Graber and Rinker have already voted for the bill that passed out of the House.

Abolt asked where the legislators stood on eminent domain and where they stood on protecting Iowa from outside sources.

"When will we tell the feds to go pound sand on this stuff?" Abolt asked.

"The problem is eminent domain has no use for people's private property and that's a freedom we're flushing here."

He said people should be able to do whatever they want with their property and if they want to option to pipelines they should be able to do so.

"But if somebody doesn't, I think we should protect them to the "n"th degree," he said.

Rinker said the House tried to work with everyone involved to make it the most effective legislation to protect landowners.

"We would love to eliminate the whole project because of the science of it, but that's not what the bill is about," he said.

"If we constrict the ability of eminent domain, then we find ourselves potentially going against a Supreme Court ruling that puts us in a position that it could get challenged."

Rinker said he's heard of farmers getting checks as high as half of a million dollars.

"If the federal government is going to invest billions of dollars in this technology - because they are - I would much rather have them writing checks to Iowans," Rinker said.

"That's the only glass half full scenario I can peel out of it."

Andy Bates, a spokesperson for Navigator, said the company is working in good faith with county residents. He added that Iowa laws are already some of the most comprehensive in this part of the country and new legislation would stand in the way of development of safe carbon sequestration.

"We are committed to working collaboratively with landowners and negotiating in good-faith to secure as

much of the project footprint in a voluntary fashion as possible," he said.

"The current process outlined by Iowa law is one of the most comprehensive that exists across the Midwest in terms of landowner protections, and we don't believe that changes are needed. Iowa's ability to manage carbon in a constructive and safe manner will look like the development of pipelines, and this legislation stands in the way of that."

Graber said 90% of the miles of easement have to be under control of the pipeline company voluntarily. The bill refers to mileage and not a percentage of property owners.

"Personally I think, 'Hey, it's my farm and if you want to come across it, you and I have to make a deal.'" Graber said.

He said 90% was about as good as the House was going to do and he said the Iowa Farm Bureau was on board with that figure. Graber said the bill also addresses some of the harassment that state officials are hearing is going on with obtaining easements.

Reichman said he's happy about the Rural Emergency Hospital bill, a bill he sponsored in the Senate.

"Rural Emergency Hospitals, we're very excited about that. I was a sponsor on that. We don't have the checkbook obviously to go down there and open the doors, but we've created a vehicle so that someone can now go in there in Keokuk and open doors in some manner."

The bill specifically allows state licensure for emergency hospitals, where patients can be triaged and stabilized and then moved to a full hospital.

"The model for healthcare now is not to have overnight stays. I think they had about 2% bed utilization (in Keokuk). When I was a kid, I used to deliver papers out there and most of those rooms were full. That's just not the model for healthcare anymore," Reichman said.

"For good or bad, most people don't spend the night anymore. It's just a shift and it doesn't make sense to have the fixed costs of all those rooms out there unoccupied."

All three had similar opinions on banning sexually explicit books in K-12 settings saying that Iowa schools have to get back their reputation as the best in the country and those types of books don't fit that agenda.

Reichman said he offered to take the pictures from one of the books to a local newspaper and, if they printed the pictures, he would change his vote.

Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the public schools already have systems in place to address parents' concerns over potentially illicit material.

But Graber said that 36 of the books on a list he's seen are currently in the Keokuk school system.

"So to say there isn't any of this in Lee County, is just false," he said.

Case still active

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ongoing investigation.

The Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation is also involved in the search for Gollither.

"We haven't gone over what we can and can't disclose publicly," Worley said.

Detective Bryson Hennigar said Gollither's bank account is all accounted for and no activity there is leading police to his possible whereabouts.

A GoFundMe page has been set up Gollither's mother Michelle Shelton. Those interested in donating to the effort to find Gollither can do so by going to GoFundingMe and search "Let's Find Missing Marine".

Shelton said she's trying to raise funds to create a reward for information leading to the location of her son.

"Someone has information and I'm trying to find answers," Shelton wrote on the GoFundMe page.

Worthy said they are still treating the case, which is now in its 13th month, as a missing person.

"Until there's proof of a homicide, it's a missing person. Depending on what's found, it can revamp into a different form of investigation," Worley said.

Hennigar said FMPD used a K9 officer in a search but couldn't disclose where those searches took place. He said something regarding the case lands on their desk about once a week.

"I would say that at least once a week, the Gollither case gets touched. There's obviously other cases, but we're bouncing around a lot of information," Worley said.

Hennigar said he speaks frequently with Shelton about the case.

"We're not looking for a needle in a haystack," Hennigar said. "We're looking for the haystack. We have no idea where he is, otherwise this would be a totally different investigation."

Worley said Gollither has ties to many communities and there's difficulty investigating across state lines.

Worley and Hennigar both have had communication with other communities in and around the state, but haven't gotten anything concrete. Hennigar is asking everyone to check any vacant buildings or abandoned properties for anything evidentiary that might help with the investigation. Police are encouraging anyone with information to contact Fort Madison Police or contact CrimeStoppers at 319-376-1090.

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