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County to move on 180th St.

DEADLINE: County tells fertilizer officials road work to start in August

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Supervisors have given the Iowa Fertilizer Plant two months to make progress on plans to fix 180th Street or the county will start the process of turning the road back to rock.

Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb said the county has given the fertilizer plant until Aug. 21 to come up with a plan to fix the road that was built as a haul road as part of the agreement with the county to build the Iowa Fertilizer Plant

in Wever.

County Engineer Ben Hull said a meeting was held with IFC officials last week. But he said that the county has been trying to get something done with the road for about seven years.

“It’s part of the contract we had with them when they built the facility,” Hull told Supervisors. “That contract says the county should never have to put money into infrastructure for the fertilizer plant.”

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Father’s Day takes on new meaning

It’s been a while since I’ve had kids in the house.

My brother is up from Florida visiting and checking in on the family. It’s nice to have an extra body around with mom’s declining health.

The fun part of all of this is he brought his two grandchildren with him.

Now, a lot of people in town know me and they would laugh at the thought of me being old enough for grandchildren, but in a nod to Father’s Day, I have two children and both would be old enough for children of their own.

But aside from the halted receding of my peppery hair, it’s just laughable to think I would be old enough for grandchildren.

Right? Am I right?

So having Daniel, 7, and Kyle, 11, in the house has been a breath of fresh air.

Kyle and I made dinner for the whole family a couple of days ago and he’s got some chops. We were in Walmart looking for groceries, and I hate Walmart with the heat of a Supernova because I can never find anything.

Here comes Kyle with his phone Googling where things are and finding the aisle with the chorizo. He did it faster than I could go the twenty steps down the meat counter to the rolled up spicy pork.

He has a quirky fixation with technology and can roll with Elon Musk in the world of find it fast.

Daniel is an orange belt in Karate or Tai Kwon Do or some other sport that usually ends up with me bruised and battered.

I’m very used to being banged around

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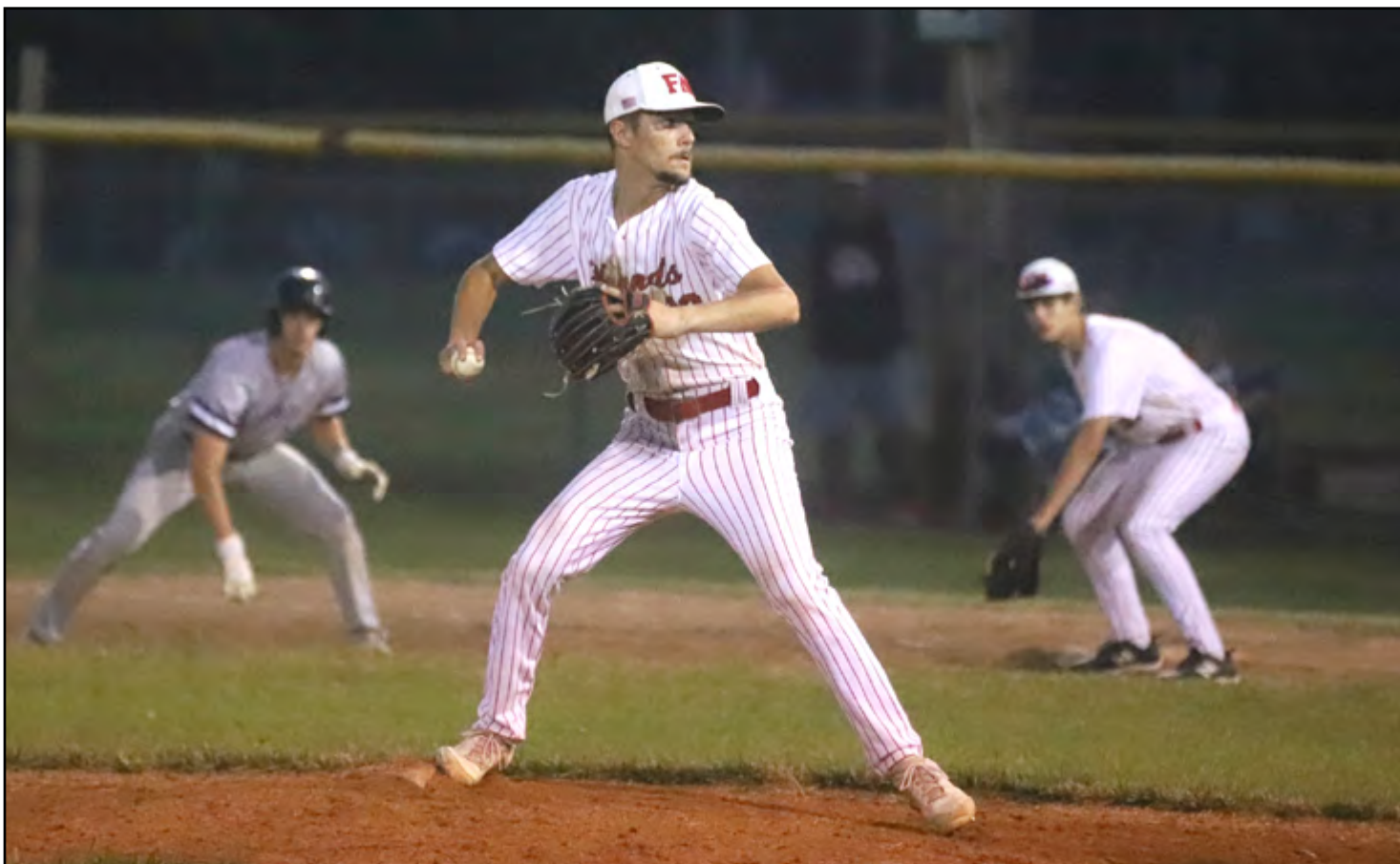


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Aidan Pennock delivers a pitch in Monday’s nightcap in a doubleheader with Burlington High School in Fort Madison. Fort Madison first baseman Luke Hellige readies for a pick-off throw as Pennock gets into the slide. Fort Madison would get swept by the Grayhounds.

DECADE OF TRAILBLAZING

PORT group to celebrate 10 years at Rodeo connector

FORT MADISON - PORT, Promoting Outdoor Recreation Trails, of Fort Madison will host an event on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 to celebrate the completion of the Rodeo Connector Trail, the culmination of ten-years of recreational trail creation in Fort Madison. The event

will take place at the trailhead located by the entrance to the Tri-State Rodeo grounds from 5-7 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 5:15 p.m. followed by refreshments and entertainment provided by students from the YMCA Test Kitchen STEM

Lounge Band. Wilson Brothers will also be onsite selling their BBQ and Hinterland Dairy treats. The public is invited to attend.

PORT of Fort Madison began in Fall of 2013, when a group of community volunteers came together to

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

KRISEN L. PRINTY

Krisen Lee "Kris" Printy, 65, of Keokuk, IA, died Monday, June 12, 2023 at his home after a short battle with lung cancer.

He was born on September 4, 1957 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Martin Otto and Peggy Murphy. His mother later married Donald Printy who raised Kris as his own son and who Kris considered his dad. Kris graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1975.



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On June 21, 2008, Kris was united in marriage to the love of his life Tina Kiester Adams at their home in Keokuk. She survives. "It's time to say goodbye to the man I loved for the past seventeen years. This is real ...and it hurts to my soul. Rest well, my love...no more suffering. I will miss you."

He is also survived by one son, Brandon Adams of Keokuk, three daughters, Megan Adams of North Liberty, IA, Sarah Berg (Chris) of the state of Washington and Katie Lyman (Elijah) of Yuma, AZ, one granddaughter, Charlotte Adams-Kemper and one grandson, Bentley Lyman. He is also survived by his mother Peggy (Printy) Cottman of Keokuk, two half-brothers, Jon Otto and Kent Otto both of South Dakota, one step-brother, Scott Meade of North Carolina, several god-children and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Otto, his dad, Donald Printy, grandparents and one step-sister, Heidi Batley.

Kris had been employed as a police officer with the Keokuk Police Department, had been a master diver, instructor trainer in the Florida Keys and then retired from ADM in Keokuk until it closed.

He enjoyed the outdoors and especially enjoyed being on the water, fishing, boating and diving. Kris also enjoyed spending time at the shooting range, going to his coffee clutch on Thursdays and taking care of his dogs. His grandchildren brought him much happiness and he loved taking them for rides on his 4-wheeler.

According to his wishes there will be no services.

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

PORT group to cut ribbon on Rodeo Connector Wednesday

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brainstorm how to make recreational trails a reality in Fort Madison. The ultimate goal was to improve the physical and economic health of the city with a system of recreational trails to be used by walkers, runners, and bicyclists. PORT of Fort Madison became a subcommittee under the City of Fort Madison Parks and Recreation Board. With seed money from RAG-BRAI and Lake Cooper Trails Association, the PORT committee began laying out a multi-year plan to achieve their goal of connecting the City of Fort Madison with a safe trail system.

Phase one, completed in Summer of 2016, connected Ivanhoe Park to Bluff Road. Phase two, followed, intersecting Phase one and connecting to 48th Street. These two arms of the trail system created over a two-mile loop allowing students at the Fort Madison middle school easy access to and from school while also being used for physical education classes. Area businesses, Wellmark Foundation Grants, SIRRC of Fort Madison, Lee County Charitable Fund and other State and Federal Grants provided monetary support for these projects. The annual PORT hosted Spooktacular Boo-athon also brought together local businesses and individuals to lend support to building trails while enjoying a fun family event.

In 2021, Phase three of the trail system was completed, connecting 48th Street to the hospital. This was also the year PORT received a sizeable monetary donation from the FMCH-GRH Community Health Foundation (now Great River Health Foundation) to complete the Rodeo Connector trail - fulfilling the goal of connect-

ing the city end-to-end. The Rodeo Connector Trail runs from Bluff Road behind Fort Madison High School, up Avenue B to 15th Street - the trail runs along 15th Street all the way to the Tri-State Rodeo grounds. In addition to the Rodeo Connector Trail, the foundation also provided funding for the trail in Riverview Park as part of the marina project.

Beautification and lighting along all phases of the PORT of Fort Madison trails has also been part of the plan of work. The Rodeo Connector trail beautification was completed by Reed's Landscaping.

"We are so grateful for all of the support we have received from the city, organizations, businesses and individuals over the years helping us realize the dream of a comprehensive trail system in Fort Madison. When we began this journey ten years ago, we believed it would have a positive impact on the lives of those who lived and worked in Fort Madison, but it is so rewarding to actually see people young and old outdoors enjoying the trail. We hope all those who enjoy the trail will join us for our celebration event," commented Angie Budnik, current PORT Chairperson.

PORT of Fort Madison's Phase four trail is currently underway - it will connect the end of Phase three at 48th Street to River Valley Road past the Baxter Sports Complex. A strategic planning session held in January laid out the plan for the next five years.

For more information about the upcoming event or to become involved with PORT, visit their Facebook page - PORT of Fort Madison.

Obituaries

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KIRK D. KEEFE

Kirk Douglas Keefe, 61, of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

He was born February 6, 1962 in Keokuk, IA the son of Byron Francis and Alice Kathryn Tallman Keefe.



KEEFE

Jackie Jones was his life partner for the past twenty-six years. She survives.

Other survivors include four sons, Justin "Number One Son" Keefe (Melanie) of Burlington, IA, Ian "Boy Wonder" Keefe of Keokuk, Ty Griswold of Macomb, IL and Scot "Miracle Boy"

Keefe of Keokuk, one step-son, Jacob Davalt (Tina) of Farmington, IA and Luke Johnson (the son he always wanted) of Mt. Pleasant, IA. He is also survived by two sisters, Mary Edmiston (Archie) of Keokuk and Susie Riquire (Dan) of CT, two brothers, Pat Keefe of Keokuk and Byron Keefe (Pamela) of Muscatine, IA and six grandchildren, Raven, Gavin, Wrigley, Aubrey, Stella and Dominiq.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Mike Keefe, David Keefe and his wife Amy, Chuck Brown, Estel Brown and Raymond Tallman and his wife Sheryl.

Kirk had been employed by Armour Dial in his younger years and was currently employed by C.C. S. in Keokuk.

Kirk enjoyed spending time outdoors metal detecting, mushroom hunting, rock hunting and looking at the stars through his telescope. He was always willing to help people find their loved one's grave in various cemeteries. Kirk was a friend to many and loved hanging out with the guys in the garage telling stories and making memories.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, June 23, 2023 at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family for final expenses.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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

OBITUARIES

LOVESTA C. CROSE

Lovesta Charlott Crose, of Carthage, Illinois, age 89, died at 1:13 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Bickford of Macomb.



CROSE

Born at home in Dallas City, Illinois, to Macle and Ernest Nelson on July 3, 1933, Charlott arrived during the height of the Great Depression. Her extended families shared a house, food, and her grandfather's single paycheck.

As a teenager, Charlott was a cheerleader at Dallas City High School, where she met the love of her life, Floyd Crose. When they married during the Korean War, Floyd was enlisted in the Navy, and the couple had a series of adventures in their time in California. A small-town girl, Charlott found herself navigating big-city life and even learned to drive a stick shift on the hills of San Francisco.

When Floyd completed his deployment, they returned to Illinois and started farming in rural Hancock County near the town of Webster. Three decades later, Floyd and Charlott were adversely affected by the farm crisis of the 1980s and a house fire claimed most of their possessions. Together, they left Illinois for Florida with everything they owned in a Volkswagen Rabbit.

Not only did they find work in Florida, but they also found what they considered paradise. Charlott's art reflected her happiness. Her portfolio of paintings is a legacy cherished by family and friends. In addition to her art, she leaves many stories by which to be remembered, as Charlott was, if nothing else, a very...colorful...character.

After Floyd died in 2013, Charlott returned to Illinois to be closer to family. She relished gardening and a weekly game of ten-point pitch—despite being known as a terrible ten-point pitch player. In her defense, she was quick to point out: "I play cards. I don't work at cards."

Charlott is survived by: daughter, Cindy (Craig) Owsley, LaHarpe, IL; son, Tim (Nancy) Crose, Carthage, IL; son, Bill (Lori) Crose of Rochester Hills, MI; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 5 pm on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at the Bailey House, 100 S. Campbell Street, Macomb, Illinois.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Carthage, Illinois, is in charge of arrangements.

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Thursday, June 22
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Friday, June 23
Lunch on the Sidewalk

For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/06/23 - 8:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jayme Thomesa Jenkins, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of 2nd offense trespassing.

06/06/23 - 10:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Johnny Nickala Rhoer, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road, on a warrant for failure to appear - traffic offense, 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, and charges of drug tax stamp violations, possession of drug paraphernalia, and drug trafficking - 5GM-100KG methamphetamine. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/06/23 - 2:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of 4th Street.

06/06/23 - 11:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Alicia Behrman, 38, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear - traffic offense. She was transferred to another facility.

06/07/23 - 7:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of Avenue E.

06/07/23 - 2:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Denis James Blaise, 58, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation - controlled substance violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/07/23 - 2:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Avenue L.

06/07/23 - 6:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Frank Henry Haven, 61, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of 14th Street, on charges of 4th degree criminal mischief \$300-\$750 and no valid driver's license. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/07/23 - 6:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested William Nathan Patten, 40, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Avenue E, on a charge of 2nd degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/07/23 - 7:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Samuel Louis Gray, 71, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on warrants for failure to appear - 2nd offense possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/08/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort

Madison police arrested Cheyenne Nicole Smith, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue F, on a charge of 1st offense domestic assault with intent. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/08/23 - 8:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

06/08/23 - 9:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 600 block of 4th Street.

06/08/23 - 11:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue E.

06/08/23 - 1:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue E.

06/08/23 - 3:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Avenue L.

06/08/23 - 3:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of R Lane.

06/08/23 - 4:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

06/08/23 - 5:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue L.

06/08/23 - 8:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Timothy Edward Vincent, 48, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 29th Street and Avenue N, on charges of disorderly conduct - loud noise and public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/09/23 - 1:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4500 block of Avenue L.

06/10/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Ysabel Anne Yrigoyen, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked - OWI.

06/10/12 - 12:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Mark Leonard Martinez, Jr., 29, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of 14th Street, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/10/23 - 6:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Johnnette Sue Williams, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 2400 block of Avenue I, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300. She was taken to Lee

County Jail.

06/10/23 - 11:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue I.

06/10/23 - 12:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 600-700 block of Avenue H (marina).

06/10/23 - 6:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3200 block of Avenue H.

06/11/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Cory Jacob Porter, 29, of Montrose, at the Fort Madison Police Department, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/11/23 - 4:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested John Jerald McKeown, 52, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue J, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/11/23 - 11:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brian Lee Scott Ray, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue H, on charges of public intoxication, being a felon in control of a firearm, disorderly conduct - loud noise, simple assault, and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/12/23 - 10:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue H.

06/12/23 - 10:33 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kenneth Eugene Morrison, 28, of Burlington, at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue L, on charges of eluding - injury, OWI, drug 2nd and failure to obey stop sign/yield row. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/13/23 - 1:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue N.

06/13/23 - 9:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue E.

06/13/23 - 11:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

06/13/23 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue G.

06/14/23 - 8:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of Blackhawk Heights.

06/14/23 - 12:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue G.

06/14/23 - 1:06 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue G.

06/14/23 - 1:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue G.

06/14/23 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3200 block of Avenue J.

06/14/23 - 5:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

06/14/23 - 6:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Andres Lee Diaz, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue A, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/14/23 - 7:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600-700 blocks of Avenue H.

06/14/23 - 7:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Avenue F.

06/15/23 - 3:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

06/15/23 - 9:02 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jacob Michael Gesualdo, 37, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue D, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

06/15/23 - 9:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of Richards Drive.

06/15/23 - 11:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1900 block of 48th Street.

06/15/23 - 12:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3100 block of Avenue L.

06/15/23 - 4:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

06/15/23 - 5:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue D.

06/15/23 - 5:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to 2 reports of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

06/16/23 - 10:33 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2500 block of Avenue H.

06/16/23 - 12:52 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Andrew James Evans, 32, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of 48th Street, on a charge of 2nd offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/16/23 - 1:58 p.m. - Fort

Madison police arrested Austen James Brand, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue F, on warrants for 2nd offense OWI, failure to provide insurance, and failure to maintain control. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/16/23 - 2:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue D.

06/16/23 - 3:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

06/16/23 - 5:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

06/16/23 - 5:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue G.

06/16/23 - 7:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Earl Rondell Simmons, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 6100 block of Reve Court, on a charge of driving while barred.

06/17/23 - 12:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for serious assault and charges of interference with official acts and 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/17/23 - 3:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue F.

06/17/23 - 5:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5100 block of Avenue O.

06/17/23 - 9:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

06/18/23 - 10:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 13th Street and Avenue E.

06/18/23 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested David Matthew Wendland, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of Avenue J, on a charge of disorderly conduct - loud noise. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/18/23 - 5:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1000 block of Avenue C.

06/18/23 - 5:51 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1700 block of Avenue D.

06/18/23 - 10:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 500 block of Avenue E.

06/18/23 - 10:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Evan Michael Fedler, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 500 block of Avenue E, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was

taken to Lee County Jail.

06/19/23 - 5:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue.

Lee County Sheriff Report

06/07/23 - 1:52 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 14-year-old male juvenile from Des Moines, in the 2500 block of 255th Street, Montrose, on an undisclosed charge. He was referred to juvenile court.

06/07/23 - 1:53 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Tonya Marie Harvey, 43, of Argyle, in the 2900 block of 179th Avenue, Argyle, on a charge of 1st degree theft over \$10,000. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/07/23 - 6:31 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested William Nathan Patten, 40, of Quincy, in the 3200 block of 223rd Avenue, Montrose, on charges of driving while barred, 4th degree theft greater than \$300 less than \$750, and 2nd degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/07/23 - 10:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jacey Kanyon Prado, 24, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's department, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/08/23 - 6:13 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Leonard Paul Harvey, 54, of Argyle, in the 2900 block of 179th Avenue, Argyle, on a charge of 1st degree theft over \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/09/23 - 3:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Abraham Omar Lemus, 26, of Iowa City, in Iowa City, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/10/23 - 1:51 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Daniel Omar Green, 49, of Minnesota, in the 1900 block of Hwy. 218, Donnellson, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

06/10/23 - 12:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cody Christopher Alvis, 32, of Keokuk, in the 3800 block of Main Street, Keokuk, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/10/23 - 6:36 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Devin Wayne Dunn, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of 15th Street, Fort Madison, on a charge of 2nd degree theft greater than \$1,500 less than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

06/10/23 - 7:03 p.m. - Lee

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County sheriff deputies arrested Johnnette Sue Williams, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of 15th Street, Fort Madison, on charges of 2nd degree theft greater than \$1,500 less than \$10,000 and 5th degree theft less than \$300. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/11/23 - 3:49 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 3400 block of Hwy. 27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Trina Sue Hassis-Arp, 49, of Williamsburg, was traveling northbound in the 3400 block of Hwy. 27 when it struck a construction barrier. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

06/12/23 - 1:09 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cody Christopher Alvis, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/12/23 - 10:33 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kenneth Eugene Morrison, 28, of Burlington, in the 2600 block of Avenue I, Fort Madison, on a warrant for violation of probation and a charge of 2nd degree theft greater than \$1,500 less than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/12/23 - 10:41 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Shane Michael Baxter, 37, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of child endangerment - methamphetamine exposure. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/13/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 1600 block of 180th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Samuel John Benjamin, 57, of Urbandale, was driving down a lane in 180th Street, missed the end of the lane, skidded across the lane, and into the south ditch. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

06/13/23 - 3:39 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jordan Dean Breeding, 35, of Otumwa, at the intersection of Hwy. 218 and 340th Street, Keokuk, on charges of driving while barred, interference with official acts, speeding, operating a non-registered vehicle, failure to use seat belts - adult, and provide proof of financial liability. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/13/23 - 9:07 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christine Anne Clark, 63, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/14/23 - 5:50 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Crystal LeeAnn Ecker, 36, of Saint Paul, at the sheriff's office, on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/15/23 - 8:50 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brian Lee Scott Ray, 33, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/15/23 - 1:09 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zahmere Devon Virgil, 19, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/15/23 - 2:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jonathan Nicholas Bengtson, 24,

of Montrose, in the 2500 block of 276th Street, Montrose, on a charge of child endangerment - bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/15/23 - 11:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David Anthony Hernandez, 52, of Montrose, in the 100 block of Main Street, Montrose, on a charge of 1st offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/16/23 - 6:43 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of County Road 103. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Joshua Allen Lee, 19, of Burlington, was traveling westbound on County Road 103 when the driver lost control of the vehicle and went in to the north ditch. No injuries were reported. Lee was cited for failure to maintain control. Lee's vehicle sustained disabling damages and had to be towed from the scene.

06/16/23 - 1:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested John Adam Wiggins, 39, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/16/23 - 4:45 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Justin Kurt McFadden, 34, of West Point, in the 1800 block of Otte Road, West Point, on a charge of 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

06/17/23 - 10:59 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Austin Lee Smith, 32, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant and a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/18/23 - 9:42 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of 180th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Quinton Edward Seth, 28, of Argyle, was traveling north in the 2900 block of 180th Avenue when a vehicle swerved, passing his vehicle and entering a ditch. Seth attempted to turn left into a driveway, not seeing a vehicle driven by Keg-an Jordan Damico, 16, of Keokuk, traveling south on 180th Avenue. Seth's vehicle struck Damico's vehicle. Damico complained of minor injuries, but was not transported. No other injuries were reported. Seth was cited for failure to yield upon making a left turn. Both vehicles were disabled and towed from the scene.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

May 1, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 2, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 3, 2023 - GOLDIE, BRIT-TANY M (29 of Keokuk, IA) DUI - Drugs, Aggravated Fleeing/Eluding, Resisting A Peace Officer

May 4, 2023 - LUCAS, JEFFERY A (51 of Warsaw, IL) Driving While License Suspended

May 4, 2023 - WHITAKER, GUNNAR A (17 of Bushnell, IL) Failure to Signal

May 5, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 6, 2023 - RITTENHOUSE, DONALD K (32 of LaHarpe, IL) Aggravated Domestic Battery

May 7, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 8, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 9, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 10, 2023 - GREENIG,

TROY W (54 of LaHarpe, IL) Animals at Large

May 11, 2023 - HARDY, JASON S (40 of Basco, IL) Driving While License Suspended

May 11, 2023 - BURCH, TERRY E (63 of West Point, IL) Hancock County Warrant

May 11, 2023 - MARKHAM, TROY F (55 OF Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant, Possession Of Methamphetamine over 5 grams, Operate Uninsured Vehicle

May 12, 2023 - SPEER, DAVID L (74 of Basco, IL) Driving While License Revoked

May 12, 2023 - HEATON, ERIN R (38 of Augusta, IL) Battery

May 12, 2023 - HEATON, DUSTIN D (36 of Augusta, IL) Disorderly Conduct

May 13, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 14, 2023 - RHODES, DREW A (20 of Hamilton, IL) Expired Registration

May 15, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 16, 2023 - BLINT, ANDREA L (39 OF Fort Madison, IA) Burglary, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Burglary Tools, Driving While License Suspended

May 17, 2023 - COULTER, COLETTE (36 of Burnside, IL) Operate Uninsured Vehicle, Disobey Traffic Control Device

May 18, 2023 - DESHONG, DANIEL J (30 of Augusta, IL) Schuyler County Warrant

May 19, 2023 - TLASECA, ROGELIO A (54 of Dallas City, IL) DUI, Aggravated Fleeing/Eluding, Operate Uninsured Vehicle, Driving Wrong Way, Improper Lane Usage

May 20, 2023 - MURPHY, MAR-SHEL L (33 of Quincy, IL) Hancock County Warrant

May 20, 2023 - EGLEY, DEACON M (37 of Murray, NE) Hancock County Warrant

May 20, 2023 - BUCKERT, BRYCE P (22 of Hamilton, IL) Improper Use of Registration

May 21, 2023 - BURGENDORF, RACHAEL B (38 of Niota, IL) Disobey Traffic Control Device

May 22, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 23, 2023 - LI, XUANYI (19 of Chicago, IL) Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Crash

May 23, 2023 - PADILLA, BUL-MARO P (33 of Chicago, IL) Hancock County Warrant

May 24, 2023 - SARGENT, CHRISTOPHER R (40 of Dallas City, IL) Operate Vehicle While Using Electronic Communication Device

May 25, 2023 - SANDERSON, CHRISTOPHER M (50 Homeless) Burglary

May 26, 2023 - GUYMON, CHARLES W (49 of Warsaw, IL) Domestic Battery

May 27, 2023 - EVANS, GREGORY R (48 of Niota, IL) Driving While License Suspended

May 27, 2023 - TRIPP, BRENT W (37 of Warsaw, IL) Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting a Peace Officer

May 28, 2023 - YARBROUGH, JAMES L (44 of Tennessee, IL) Domestic Battery

May 29, 2023 - Hancock County sheriff deputies had no activity to report

May 30, 2023 - WHITTEMORE, LARRY P (54 of Fort Madison, IA) Hancock County Warrant

May 30, 2023 - REED, MASIE (27 of LaHarpe, IL) DUI

May 30, 2023 - BAXTER, CAM-DEN R (22 of Warsaw, IL) Expired Registration

May 31, 2023 - CASKEY, ASH-LEY N (33 of Burlington, IA) Warren County Warrant

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

BHS girls take two from Lady Hounds Monday

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - The first inning of the first game of Fort Madison's softball doubleheader against Burlington turned out to be an omen for what was coming later in the night.

The first three Grayhounds reached on errors, and all three scored.

It start a night of fielding mistakes for the Bloodhounds, who were swept, 5-4 and 14-6 on Monday night at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison (9-9 overall, 4-7 Southeast Conference) had won seven of its last eight games and looked to have gotten rid of the early-season struggles. The Bloodhounds were in a position to take both games against the 11th-ranked (Class 4A) Grayhounds — they had the winning runs in scoring position in the seventh inning of the first game and led 5-4 after five innings of the second game — but too many errors were too much.

"It is what it is," Fort Madison coach Jared Rehm said. "Frustrating."

The Bloodhounds, who couldn't get a key hit in the first game — they left the bases loaded in the first inning and had runners in scoring position in the sixth and seventh — finally broke through in the second game. Elle Ruble's two-run home run to left field with two outs put Fort Madison up 5-4.

Then came the top of the sixth, when four Fort Madison errors and five Burlington hits led to eight runs.

"Some walks, some errors, they found a way to get hits," Rehm said. "They kept the line moving on their side."

"Yeah, I thought we had the momentum (after Ruble's home run). I guess the wheels fell off."

Fort Madison got its first look at Burlington eighth-grader Kylee Hill and saw what everyone else has been seeing this season. Hill's 12th home run of the season, a two-run shot in the fifth inning of the first game, broke a 3-all tie. Her 13th, a solo homer to right field in the second game, put Burlington up 4-3.

Hill was 1-for-4 in the first game and was 0-for-2 in the second game before her home run.

"We had gotten her on flyouts," Rehm said. "n that one she hit opposite-field, I was like, 'Well, I don't know...'" She's difficult. And not only that, it's the first time I've ever seen her."

Fort Madison had seven hits in the first game and 13 in the second, but the errors were too much to overcome.

"Only two earned runs in the first game, so that's a 4-2 game, really," Rehm said.

The Bloodhounds face Davenport North in a Wednesday doubleheader before facing the Grayhounds again in a single game in Burlington on Thursday.



Fort Madison's Reilynn Turnbull takes a cut in the early going of the nightcap Monday at Baxter Sports Complex.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
CENTRAL LEE
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52625
(DISTRICT OFFICE)
JUNE 20, 2023
7:30A.M.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
 - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
 - b) Recognize Retirees: Kathy Blanchard, Darlene Broadhurst, Nadine Weirather, Marge Lightfoot, Kerri Conlee
 - c) 7-12 Athletics Pre-

- sentation
4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) Teacher of the Year - Justin Schau
 - b) Employee of the Year - Andrea Westfall
 - c) Newcomer of the Year - Amy Fraise
 - d) The Chris Gray Award - Nadine Weirather
 - e) Bus Driver of the Year - Rodney Tweedy
 - f) July Board Meeting Date - 7/11/2023 - 7:00 a.m.
 - g) Online School Registration - Opened 6/1/2023
 - h) Finance Update
 - i) Final Legislative Update
 - j) Vacancies
 6. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)

- a) Approve minutes
- b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse Funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
- c) Approve prepaid bills
- d) Approve monthly bills
- e) Approve/Deny open enrollment applications
7. Approve bills: Give Superintendent and Board Secretary authority to pay bills as allowed by balance of 2022-2023 budget with prepaid listing at July board meeting. (Motion)
- NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Set Hot Lunch Prices for 2023-2024 (Motion) (Exhibit II)
 2. First Reading of Board Policies (Motion) (Exhibit III)

- a. 200.04 - NEW! Board Member Social Media Engagement
- b. 210.05 - Meeting Notice
- c. 401.05R1 - Employee Records Regulation
- d. 401.10 - Credit and Procurement Cards
- e. 407.02 - Licensed Employee Contract Release
- f. 501.02 - Nonresident Students
- g. 604.06 - Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution
- h. 701.02 - Transfer of Funds
- i. 708 - Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Record
3. Second Reading of Board Policy 100 Series

- (Motion)
4. Review and Approve Auditor Bids for District Audit FY2022-2023 (Motion)
 5. Approve Student Board Representative for FY2023-2024 School Year (Motion)
 6. Approve School Resource Officer 28E Agreement w/ Lee County Sheriff's Office (Motion)
 7. Transfers: (Motion)
 - a) Wes McGraw - Part-Time PE Teacher/Part-Time Athletic Director to Athletic Director/After School Program Director
 - b) Mike Gabel - Full-Time Bus Driver to Substitute Bus Driver
 - c) Stacie Wilhite - Substitute Bus Driver to

- Full-Time Bus Driver
8. Set/Approve Adjustment to FY2023-24 Contract, Salary and Benefits: (Motion)
 - a) Board Secretary/ School Business Official (SBO)
 - b) Foodservice Management Trainee - Amanda Young
 9. Resignations: (Motion)
 - a) Marian Hall - Foodservice
 - b) Gail Tadlock - Foodservice
 - c) Amy Fogarty - Middle School Boys' Track Coach
 - d) Hollie Weber - Middle School Girls' Track Coach
 - e) Beth Hasper - Custodian (Effective 6/9/2023)

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Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

10. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 a) Dustin Bryant - Custodian
 b) After-School Site Coordinator - Danielle Smith
 11. Board Reports
 12. Adjourn

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL**
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023
 5:30 P.M.**
**City Council Chambers,
 City Hall**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

INVOCATION
 ROLL CALL
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PEARANCE REQUESTS:
 At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue. PLEASE

NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
 1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of June 6, 2023;
- Liquor License Renewals: Vinnie's Longbranch, 2601 Avenue L; effective August 1, 2023 – Class C Retail;
- Partial List of Cigarette Permits;
- Claims dated June 15, 2023, June Library Claims; and
- Payroll of June 2, 2023.

COMMUNITY UPDATES: SEIBUS
 UPDATE: Old Fort Madison

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Title 2, Boards and Commissions, and Title 6, Health and Sanitation.

3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 7, Stopping, Standing, Parking, to set the locations of all parking restriction signs by resolution.

4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of Transportation's State Recreational Trails Grant for the Construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV 48th Street Trail Connector.

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on a contract for services with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission to assist with the City Manager Search Process.

OTHER
 6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the purchase of a new fire rescue pumper from Banner

Fire Equipment, Inc., of South Roxana, Illinois, in the amount of \$945,539. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-xx)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT -The next regular City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 CITY OF
 WEST BURLINGTON
 Regular City
 Council Meeting
 Wednesday,
 June 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM
 West Burlington
 City Hall
 122 Broadway Street**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on June 7, 2023
 2. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for May 2023
 3. Payment to Iowa League of Cities for FY23-24 Dues - \$2,110
 4. Payment to French-Reneker-Associates for engineering related to the Mt. Pleasant St. Resurfacing Project - Phase 2 - \$1,196
 5. Pay Request #2 from Norris Asphalt for Phase 2 of the Mt Pleasant Street Resurfacing project - \$484,715.14
 6. Payment to Keltek for Bodyworn Cameras for the Police Department - \$19,647.02
 7. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the June 21, 2023 Expense Approval Report - \$129,509.98
- COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS**
 • ADMINISTRATOR:
 • PUBLIC WORKS:
 • POLICE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
 • CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
 • OTHER STAFF REPORTS:

COUNCIL REPORTS:
COMMUNITY REPORTS: Update from Burlington Public Library
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider entering into a 28E Agreement with Quad Township for Automatic Mutual Aide
2. Consider a Resolution disposing of property consisting of a Minolta Copy Machine and 2002 Sewer Jet Truck
3. Consider a quote from Brockway Company to replace the AC unit/ Heat Pump at City Hall
4. Consider a Resolution authorizing the issuance of an internal loan from the Water Fund to the Capital Outlay – Major Equipment Sewer Fund for the Sewer Jet Truck
5. Consider a Resolution authorizing transfers for the end of Fiscal Year 2022-2023

6. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending Water Service Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

7. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending Sewer Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025

8. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending the Garbage Collection Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025

9. Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending the Recyclable Materials Collection Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2023-2025

OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary

to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

2. Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5.1(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

3. Consider action related to Closed Sessions
ADJOURN
EXEMPT SESSION

1. Council will hold an Exempt Session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.9 to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees of the governmental body who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

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From the Front

Different role on Father's Day

HOLIDAY Continued from Page 1

after 18 years of dealing with Hayden, but he's just too big to bang around anymore.

Daniel's still a little soft, so I put up my hands and get low after about three minutes of kicking and flashy hands he's running away in the parking lot with a smile on his face.

It's good for me, too. Keeps me sharp.

He's a toughy and a little brave. Without even having a decade on this earth, and being unfamiliar with my haunted house on Avenue E, he runs up the stairs and hops into Kelsey's bed all by himself.

I check on him and put another blanket on as I like it a bit chilly in the house. I smile at this little body in her bed. I'm sure she's smiling too.

Kyle sleeps in the recliner and my brother on the couch.

When I'm done for the day, I like to sit and talk with them. I've only seen them about five times. They are both very functional kids with nice vocabularies and slightly raunchy senses of humor.

They fit in well.

We took them to Heron Bend for some fishing Saturday morning. Kyle

caught a turtle. Daniel pulled in the only real fish of the day, about a 13-inch bass with a nightcrawler right off the second jetty in a pool just to the left.

We shot with my Red Rider Carbide action BB gun with a compass in the stock and this thing which tells time, at a bottle of water away from the fishing hole. It wasn't strong enough to puncture the bottle, but we had some fun betting a dollar on who could hit it first.

The rest of their trip has been spent hanging out with Uncle John, fighting with other cousins and nieces, swimming and eating...eating...eating.

We also went to Transformers over the weekend.

Daniel yelled in the less-than-crowded theater, "Autobots...Roll Out" I laughed and stole my niece's popcorn. She wasn't watching and it was dark in there anyway.

This father's day weekend, playing Great Uncle Chuck is just fine with me - But that's Beside the Point.

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Grant could help with 180th St.

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Seyb said there is a currently a grant in front of the county that has to be submitted by Aug. 18 that could provide up to \$3 million for the reconstruction of the road.

The road was originally taken to hard surface during the construction to allow heavy loads and employees to enter the facility on the plant's north side. IFC paid to have the road surfaced, but Hull said it was not built to code as it was only supposed to be a temporary access road.

But Hull said now the county is liable for any accidents on the road, so he believes the county should revert it back to gravel which could eliminate truck traffic and reduce speed on the road.

Seyb said IFC officials were open to discussion in the 90 minutes meeting and asked what the county needed the fertilizer plant to do to help with the situation.

"The Fertilizer plant has done some things already

including some preliminary engineering studies, so it's not like they aren't willing to help," he said.

"They were open to our suggestions."

He said those suggestions included the fertilizer plant committing to paying the 20%, or about \$600,000 to satisfy the match required for the grant.

He also said any documentation or reports that the IFC has done around the plant road would also be appreciated and useful for the grant application.

The grant is part of the federal government's infrastructure bill.

Hull said the government had hoped to roll the program out last year, but some last minute changes pushed the first rollout of funding into this year.

Twenty-five percent of governments alloca-

tion for the grant, called the PROTECT Grant, is earmarked for rural communities with less than \$20,000.

"I think we make a pretty attractive application for this grant," Seyb said.


Hull said the county probably wouldn't hear whether they would be awarded any money until the spring.

Supervisor Charles Holmes asked when the county would know if they've been awarded a grant. Seyb said that would probably take four months at a minimum.

The PROTECT grant is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation and stands for the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program and is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.


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