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## FMHA sorts out staff issue

**DEVINE NAMED CHAIR:** Interim chair to preside for several months while board learns

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Actions that were originally intended to provoke an investigation into the work performances of two Fort Madison Housing Authority staffers have been dismissed.

At Thursday's regular meeting of the FMHA, the Board of Commissioners dealt with two agenda items from a special meeting in May that was called to initiate

the investigations in Executive Director Michael Dear and a maintenance staffer.

The meeting in May was attended by almost 40 people supporting Dear and his performance as the authority's director.

At that meeting a motion to table the investigation into Dear's work failed, but the item was left dangling at the meeting and wasn't addressed. A motion to table the

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### IOWA NEWS

## Governor taps Kansan to lead Dept. of Education

DES MOINES – On Thursday, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced a change in leadership at the Department of Education, appointing McKenzie Snow, presently Deputy Secretary of Education in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to replace Chad Aldis as department director.

Aldis, who was named director in March of this year, has resigned for family reasons.

Snow's appointment as Director of the Iowa Department of Education is effective Monday, June 26. Aldis will remain through June 30 to assist with the transition.

"While a leadership change at this time was unexpected, I respect why it's necessary. I want to thank Director Aldis for his service, and I wish him and his family the very best," Reynolds said.

"I'm confident that McKenzie Snow is the right leader for this promising time at the Department of Education. Her leadership experience over state education departments in both Virginia and New Hampshire, at the U.S. Department of Education, and for the White House has earned her the respect of educators and policymakers alike. She has worked to expand career and technical education opportunities that empower students to earn a credential or credit, implement the Science of Reading to drive literacy, and promote transparency and student-centered funding. She will be a tremendous asset as we continue to expand opportunity in Iowa's education system."

Snow said she's looking forward to the relationship.

"Governor Reynolds is an education champion, and I am humbled by her appointment to serve Iowa's students in partnership with families and teachers," Snow said. "All children—regardless of their background or zip code—deserve a great education that inspires and prepares them for the future. Together, we will con-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Bill Faeth meets with Ashvani and Shashi Ranjan at Feath's Cigar Shop in Fort Madison Thursday afternoon. The Ranjans are the parents of Nikhi Ranjan the new owner of the Sheaffer Pen brand.

### SHEAFFER PEN

## Family of new Sheaffer Pen owner visiting Fort Madison

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The new owner of the Sheaffer Pen brand were in town Thursday to explore Fort Madison and learn about the history of the company.

Ashvani and Shashi Ranjan arrived Wednesday on a flight into Moline and then spent the night at the Kingsley Inn

before being shown around Fort Madison by FM Partners' Executive Director Tim Gobble.

The Ranjans are the parents of Nikhi Ranjan who has purchased the iconic, Fort Madison born pen brand. Shashi said production will be done in India, but the family wanted to learn about the history of the community and how the pen brand got started.

The family will be in the US start-from Wednesday through Saturday. The Sheaffer Museum will be hosting a local "Meet and Greet" for board members and local officials to stop in and meet them, and maybe have a conversation about Sheaffer's importance to the City of FM

Russell Sheaffer and his wife Vicki will also be in town during that time.

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### WEATHER

*OpenWeatherMap*

FRI 23 Jun.....Sunny and warm, 89° F/ 65° F  
 SAT 24 Jun.....Mostly sunny and hot, 91° F/ 67° F  
 SUN 25 Jun.....Sunny and warm, 88° F/ 64° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 06/21.....2 13 20 35 48, Star Ball: 7 All Star Bonus: 2  
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 06/21.....2 5 28 30 37, Lucky Ball: 12  
 PICK 3 MIDDAY 06/21.....511  
 PICK 3 EVENING 06/21.....2 6 5  
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# Obituaries/Education News

## OBITUARIES

### JACOB A. POLLMEIER

Jacob Allen Pollmeier, 13, of Mount Pleasant, died Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in a house fire at the family home.

Jacob was born November 8, 2009, in Mount Pleasant, the son of Reana Cole and Carl Pollmeier. He attended the Mount Pleasant Community School District where he just completed the seventh grade. Jacob was a big fan of anime and could often be found enjoying a cold glass of sweet tea while he watched. He loved playing video games, especially his PlayStation. Jacob never met a stranger and was a friend to all. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed.



Jacob is survived by his mother Reana Cole of Burlington; father Carl Pollmeier of Mount Pleasant; four siblings, Ashton Kenley, Clara Pollmeier, Joseph Pollmeier, Jamie Pollmeier all of Mount Pleasant; maternal grandmother, Ileata Kenley of Burlington; paternal grandmother, Rita Pollmeier of Mount Pleasant; paternal grandfather, Harold Pollmeier of Mount Pleasant; niece Novah Pollmeier of Mount Pleasant, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Kurt Kenley and uncle Louis Pollmeier.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday, June 30, 2023, at the Olson-Powell Memorial Chapel and Crematory in Mount Pleasant. The family will greet friends from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in the St. Alphonsus Cemetery. There will be no formal service. A memorial fund has been established to assist the family with the expenses of rebuilding their home. A GoFundMe page has been created for Jacob's family <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-pollmeier-family>. The Olson-Powell Memorial Chapel and Crematory is caring for Jacob and his family. [www.powellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.powellfuneralhomes.com).

## OBITUARIES

### ROSEMARY GROENE

Rosemary Groene, 90, of Kansas City, MO and formerly of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, June 19, 2023 at her home. She was born on June 8, 1933 in Nauvoo, IL to Aloysius M. "A.M." & Anna E. Hass Faulkner. She married Richard L. Groene on September 25, 1954 in Nauvoo, IL. She was a homemaker and a former member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church in Fort Madison. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Cor Marie and was a big fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. She enjoyed gardening roses and was a devoted wife, mother & grandmother.



Rosemary is survived by: her husband: Richard Groene of Kansas City, MO; 4-children: Jan (Mark) Homan of Milwaukee, WI, Jeffrey Groene of Coventry, RI, Joseph Groene of Iowa City, IA & Julia (John) Bishop of Parkville, MO; 4-grandchildren & 1-great grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, 2-brothers & 6-sisters.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A rosary will be recited at 6:00 p.m. at the end of visitation. The memorial mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Rosemary's memory. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## Fort Madison High School announces 3rd trimester honor roll

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison High Schools has announced its third trimester honor roll for the 2022-2023 school year. Pen City Current joins our advertisers and readers in congratulating these students on their academic success. Job well done!

Academic Excellence (Cumulative GPA 4.01+ at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Maleena Bentley, Caralena Crooks, Madalyn Emmett Conner Fowler-Wolf, Holden Fraise, Kadence Gobble, Nolan Guzman, Jackson Haessig, Jake Haessig, Markus Holbert, Ellie Huebner, Mason McLey, Tatum Peters, Karlyna Plate, Kaydynce Plate, Alyssa Rife, Kelli Roberts, Addison Rump, Avery Rump, Savannah Sissel, Mara Smith, Mia Woodbury

10th Grade – Lucy Arevalo, Danika Dotson, Sydney Fraise, Ethan Huffman, Cassie Johnstun, Casey Kline, Allison Lamb, Brylie Lorraine, Dacey Marshall, Macey Mclees, Victoria Peters, Emily Ross, Katelyn Sissel, Noah Swigart, Brady Wade

11th Grade – Jackson Amandus, Lily Arnold, Alexis Beebe, Aiden Benda, Leif Boeding, Jordyn Burch, Madelyn Gobble, Reed Holmes, Mazie Hotop, Henry Morris, Emiliano Patino, Naudia Rus-

ton, Oliver Santiago, Teague Smith, Rylee Steffensmeier, Isaac Thacher

12th Grade – Ivy Arnold, Isabella Boeding, Carly Fedler, Molly Knipe, Allison Miller, Lauren Otte, Jillian Perry, Kay Quittem, Payton Sutcliffe, Marquel Warner, Xander Wellman

Academic Distinction (Cumulative GPA 3.75-4.0 at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Ladril Anderson, Dynasty Bell-Washington, Jameson Denning, Addyson Fowler, Mackenzie Huebner, Halle Menke, Isabella Patton, Gavin Shrum, Laila Smith, Kayreena Sterling, Kevin Tripp, Kayden Warner, Hadley Wolfe

10th Grade – Ava Barnes, Gavin Callahan, Nolen Carle, Brody Cashman, Alyssa Crowther, Lillian Gelsthorpe, Marley Grizzle, Isaiah Jenkins, Sabrina Jennings, Calvin Johnson, Hadley Johnson, Hailey Kemper, Morgan Miller, Haley Mitchell, Kassara Muldoon, Zayne Speer, Emily Tran

11th Grade – Gracie Blind, Kiley Bohnenkamp, Nathen Bowen, Collin Campbell, John Cottrell, Daniel Dalstra, Eliana Gmann, Caden Hutson, Raymond Jaciunde-Sutton, Haley Lampe, Mackenzie Rainwater, Carson Rashid,

Gabrielle Ruble, Paetyn Wiegand, Amy Yasenchock

12th Grade – Elliott Dostalek, Kaden Dunn, Anna Hantzeas, Piper Schafer, Dalaney Walker, Kane Williams, Brianna Wright

Academic High Honors (Cumulative GPA 3.5-3.74 at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Colton Boyer, Beverly Brogdon, Shane Bryant, Skyler Cale, Megan Curtiss, Dayonna Davis, Addison Dean, Aiden Dostalek, Jayce Fullenkamp, Brook Johnson, Noah Krogmeier, Lily Schuelka, Athena Snook, Olivia Willits

10th Grade – Caleb Bolder, Olivia Buckner, Julian Dear, Laci Gathers, Henry Graham, Claire Goldie, Taylor Huffman, Mason Koser, Mia Mesecher, Briahna Sprague, Ava Taylor, Aaron Warner

11th Grade – Chailee Cover, Lauryn Helmick, Michael Hollister, Aijalynn Jenkins, Olivia Kraus, Alexis Leasch, Benjamin Ramatowski, Leila Roberts, Kaleb Sutcliffe, Miah Wellendorf, Ellanore Wright

12th Grade – Alivia Akers, McKenna Cashman, Kencade Fraise, Paige Hathaway, Makenna Pixler, Tauren Settles, Madison Sherwood, Emily Steffensmeier, Tanner Stoermer, Breeann Walston

Academic Honors (Cumulative GPA 3.25-3.49 at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Lillian Buckner, Karson Dixon, Elayna Hutson, Brian Kempker, Jr., Hanna Kirchner, Synthia Krogmeier-Scott, Brooklyn Linder, Edin Mehmedi, Austin Nesheim, Wyatt Orr, Camden Powers, McKenna Queen, Gabrielle Quick, Johnathan Shallcross, Brianna Six

10th Grade – Gavin Blindt, Klaire Bohnenkamp, Nicholas Carle, Jonathan Hasenclever, Serenity Hirte-Kempker, James Janic, Ruby King, Austin Lantry, Triston Marshall, Sabrina Mehmedi, Brandon Osborn, Keme Peterson, Alexa Walz, Thomas White

11th Grade – Hailee Carle, Cade Denning, Chloe Haessig, Taylor Johnson,

Novan Kelly, Jamarkus Kline, Ayven Osborn, Nolan Riddle, Juniper Strickland, Abigail Strunk, Alexis Whaley, Henry Wiseman

12th Grade – Mylah Blanchard, Haley Craft, Camille Kruse, Emmett Kruse, Macy Lebeck, Brandon Ralph, Tanner Settles, Abigail Stockwell, Kailey Sutak



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## Sports

# Grayhounds send FM boys home with shutout

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

BURLINGTON — One play at the plate seemed to give Fort Madison’s baseball team some momentum.

Another play a half-inning later turned the game the other way.

Burlington High School used a pair of three-run innings to defeat the Bloodhounds 6-0 on Thursday night and clinch the Southeast Conference title.

Alex Fawcett pitched a six-hit complete game, striking out six Bloodhounds.

But it was a pair of plays at home plate that made a difference in the game.

Fort Madison starting pitcher Caden Barnes let his defense work for him in two scoreless innings to start the game, then the Grayhounds’ hits started finding openings in the third.

Christos Kantzavelos started the outburst with a one-out single. Walks to Hunter Ford and Josh Zahner loaded the bases, then Noah Nixon dropped in a single to score Kantzavelos. A walk to Kyler Schwartz brought in a second run, then Moise Cordero’s single gave the Grayhounds a 3-0 lead. But the inning ended when Nixon was thrown out at the plate on Drake Timmerman’s flyout to right field.

“They had some walks mixed in with some bloop hits,” Fort Madison coach Albert Schinstock said. “They hit three balls to right field, not hard or anything, mixed those in around some walks, and that always comes back to get you.”

Fort Madison immediately tried to pounce on Fawcett in the top of the fourth. Barnes reached on an error and went to second on Hunter Cresswell’s single. Tateum Schelich then singled to right field, but Barnes was thrown out at the plate for the first out of the inning. Luke Hellige struck out and Aidan Mitchell popped out to end the inning.

“It’s a bang-bang play, probably shouldn’t have made the first out at home,” Schinstock said. “In that situation, I was pushing him. Should have held him.”

Fort Madison would only threaten one more time after that, when Barnes singled in the sixth and reached third on a wild pitch with two outs. But Hellige was called out on strikes to end the inning.



Photos by John Lovretta/Special to Pen City Current

Above, Fort Madison High School’s Kane Williams (21) tags out Burlington’s Noah Nixon (24) during their game Thursday, June 22, at Community Field. Below, Tateum Schelich tries to advance on the base paths. Below right, Caden Barnes delivers a pitch in the early going.



The Grayhounds (14-12 overall, 10-1 conference) added three runs in the fifth inning, but the Bloodhounds (8-14, 4-8) got out of further damage when catcher Kane Williams threw Kantzavelos out trying to steal third base with two outs.

The Bloodhounds have two weeks left before the postseason begins.

“We have to make sure we’ve learned from some of these small mistakes,” Schinstock said. “When the postseason comes around, everybody’s got a clean slate. Hopefully we’re learning, and not just rolling in there not being ready to play.”

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## Lee County News/From the Front

# FMHA installs three new board members

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staffer was approved, but the staffer has since been terminated by Dear at the direction of the board.

According to interim board chair Jenny Devine, who was officially installed as the interim board chairwoman Thursday night, the staffer was terminated not for cause but because new policy guidelines wouldn't have allowed him to be hired due to past criminal activity.

At Thursday's meeting, the agenda items were brought back up but both died for a lack of a motion.

The board also installed new board members Chris Greenwald, Monte Butler, and Richard Thele.

All three were appointed by Mayor Matt Mohrfeld. Greenwald is a past Fort Madison City Councilman and Butler has more than three decades working for the Housing Authority.

The Housing Authority is regrouping in a sense that past chairman Linda Larkin and Rebecca Bowker both resigned in May. Bowker resigned after the intent to investigate both Dear and the maintenance worker were tabled at the last meeting.

Greenwald said it's time for the commission and the staff to come together as a team and support each other.

"I came into this thinking we had some major problems, but really it's just a wheel off the track," he told the commission.

"We're gonna dance with who we brought to the dance. We don't need people looking over their shoulder worrying about their jobs."

Devine initially nominated Greenwald to be the commission chair, but Greenwald deferred saying he hasn't learned enough about the commission to lead it. He then asked Devine to stay on at least for two months until he can get a better feel for The Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the authority locally.

HUD provides funding to the authority through federal voucher programs and Greenwald, along with Butler and Thele, said they would like to have some time to familiarize themselves with the budgeting process.

Devine said her personal career is becoming more demanding and said she likely will be leaving the area in the next six months. Greenwald said at the point when she has to leave, he may be up to speed and would reconsider the chairmanship.

The authority recently canceled their contract with Lee County after HUD officials uncovered some improper use of federal funding to offset costs associated with the county properties.

# Lee County Conservation to host mushroom hike

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Conservation and the Prairie States Mushroom Club will host an edible mushroom hike at Chatfield Park on Saturday, July 22nd from 10am to 12pm. Meet at the campground parking lot: 3592 Iowa Road, Keokuk, IA. The trail can be hilly so wear sturdy shoes. Depending on what mushrooms are found there will be a cooking demonstration at the end of the hike. Bring a sack lunch and join the club afterwards for a picnic. To sign-up or for more information call (319) 463-7673.

# IUB sets hearing on Summit pipeline for August

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) issued an order today establishing the complete procedural schedule and public evidentiary hearing date for Summit Carbon Solutions (Summit Carbon) proposed hazardous liquid pipeline in Docket No. HLP-2021-0001. The procedural schedule includes deadlines for intervention, filed testimony and reports. It schedules the hearing to begin on August 22, 2023, at the Cardiff Event Center, 3232 First Ave. S., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Because all parties deserve a process that is open and transparent and does not unreasonably delay a decision about their interest, the IUB will begin the hearing process with testimony of landowners subject to eminent domain and provide a video livestream for the entire hearing, allowing landowners and others who are unable to attend in person to observe the hearing remotely.

To further assist landowners, the IUB will create a schedule of dates, by area, for receiving testimony on Exhibit H from landowners. In setting such a calendar, the IUB is looking to provide clarity to landowners about when they will need to be at the hearing to provide their testimony.

At the evidentiary hearing, the IUB will hear evidence in favor of or opposing the proposed pipeline. Following the hearing, the IUB will consider all information presented, including comments and objections filed in the docket, before issuing a final decision and order. The IUB is dedicated to the delivery of well-reasoned decisions in a timely manner, no matter how difficult.

# Gov. Reynolds names voucher advocate to lead Dept. of Ed.

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tinue to build upon Iowa's commitment to educational excellence for all children."

Snow is a national education leader and dedicated public servant who has served students in the classroom, two states, and the federal government. Prior to serving as Virginia Deputy Secretary of Education over early childhood education through postsecondary pathways, she was confirmed and served as New Hampshire Division Director of Academics and Assessment, Special Education, Career Development, Adult Education, Wellness, and Nutrition.

She also served in the federal government as a Special Assistant to the President at the White House Domestic Policy Council, Senior Adviser at the Office of Management and Budget, and Policy Director at the U.S. Department of Education.

In the classroom, Snow taught remedial courses at the University of the Free State in South Africa. She has been named a Fulbright grantee, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, and Bush Institute and Clinton Foundation Presidential Leadership Scholar.

Snow is a fifth-generation Kansan. She and her fiancé are excited to return to the Midwest.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
West Burlington  
Regular City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday,  
June 7, 2023**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 7, 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, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, and Therese Lees  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Melanie Young  
ALSO PRESENT:

Police Chief Jesse Logan, Fire Chief/Building Inspector Shaun Ryan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Police Sergeant Eldon Melssen, and Police Sergeant Nathan Dunham  
CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
West Burlington Boy Scout Troop #214 will conduct the opening Flag Ceremony  
ROLL CALL  
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to

approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:  
Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees  
CONSENT AGENDA  
• Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on May 17, 2023  
• Approve City Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for April 2023  
• Payment to Dave Bessine Electric - \$6,298  
• Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Gear Ave. Trail Extension - \$22,600  
• Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Water Tower and Booster

Station Improvements - \$4,795.34  
• Payment to SHI for the renewal of Bitdefender Gravity Zone Business Security Enterprise - \$6,860  
• Accept Acknowledgment/Settlement Agreement and \$300.00 fine for first offense tobacco violation from MK Mini Mart in West Burlington.  
• Approve Cigarette Permit renewals for Westland Fast Break, Hwy 34 Truck Stop, Casey's, Murphy USA, Walmart, MK Minimart  
• Approve a 5-Day Liquor License for the Broadway Bar & Grill to serve alcohol on the 4th of July

• Approve payment of Claims as listed on the June 7, 2023 Expense Approval Report - \$1,158,960.30  
Moved by Johnson, seconded by Crowner, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:  
Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees  
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS  
CITIZEN INQUIRIES  
No inquiries.  
NEW BUSINESS  
Consider a Resolution setting the stipend for the Fire Department for FY2023-2024  
Council reviewed the

proposed Resolution establishing a stipend for the Volunteer Fire Department as follows:  
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### #ShopLocal

for Volunteer Firefighter stipends.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to approve a Resolution setting the stipend for the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

Consider the Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Council reviewed the Urban Renewal Report for FY2021-2022. This report includes information on projects, debt, rebate/development agreements, jobs, and low to moderate housing and has a financial recap. This report is typically acted on by Council in November. During preparation for the pre-audit, it was discovered that this report was not put before the council at the November 16, 2022, meeting along with the annual TIF report.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Urban Renewal Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

Consider a Resolution closing streets for the annual 4th of July Celebration Council considered a Resolution to temporarily close the following streets to vehicle traffic from 7:00 a.m. June 30, 2023 to 8:00 a.m. July 5, 2023. Portions of the following streets may be closed and reopened as necessary during this time period. Signage will be used to identify the areas of closure.

- Broadway Street from Mt Pleasant Street to Huston Street
- Swan Street from Mt. Pleasant to Wheeler Street
- Glasgow Street from Leffler Street to Broadway Street
- Wheeler Street from Leffler Street to Swan Street
- Leffler Street from Wheeler Street to Mt Pleasant Street
- The 100 and 200 blocks of the North/South alleys between Swan Street and Leffler Street.

The following streets will be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic on July 4, 2023:

- Autumn Ln. from Huston St. to Van Weiss St. from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Kid's Bicycle Races.
- Huston Street from West Burlington Ave. to Autumn Ln. from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the 4th of July Parade.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to approve a Resolution closing streets for the annual 4th of July Celebration. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

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

Council budgeted for a 4% increase in Water Rates for FY 2023/2024. The following rate structure reflects the 4% increase and would go into effect on the July 1st bill.

Effective 7/01/2023 – 06/30/2024:

- A. Monthly Distribution Charge = \$33.87 per meter
- B. First 3,000 = No charge with payment of Monthly Distribution Charge
- C. 3,001 to 1,000,000 gallons = \$14.28 per 1,000 gallons
- D. 1,000,001 to 1,500,000 gallons = \$11.74 per 1,000 gallons
- E. 1,500,001 and above = \$9.55 per 1,000 gallons
- F. Monthly Minimum Charge per user unit over one (1) = \$10.00 per user unit

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Water Service Rates for FY 2023-2024. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

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

Council budgeted for an 8% increase in Sewer Rates for FY 2023/2024 and a 2% increase the following FY 2024/2025. The following rate structure reflects an 8% increase which would go into effect on July 1, 2023, and a 2% increase which would go into effect on the July 1, 2024 bill.

Effective 7/01/2023 – 06/30/2024:

- A. Monthly Minimum Charge \$10.90 per user unit
  - B. Monthly Metered Usage Charge \$11.91 per 1,000 gallons
  - C. Capital Project Charge \$1.00 per user unit
- Effective 7/01/2024 – 06/30/2025:
- A. Monthly Minimum Charge \$11.12 per user unit
  - B. Monthly Metered Usage Charge \$12.15 per 1,000 gallons

C. Capital Project Charge \$1.00 per user unit

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

Council has entered into a contract with LaVeine Sanitation for the collection of Solid Waste. The following rate structure follows the rates approved in the contract.

Effective 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2025:

- Minimum Monthly Fee per residential unit or church \$14.85
- Moved by Crowner, seconded by Newberry, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending the Garbage Collection Rates for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

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

Council budgeted for a ten-cent (\$.10) increase in Recycling Rates for FY 2023/2024 and a ten-cent (\$.10) increase for FY2024/2025. The proposed rates would go into effect on the July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024 billing.

Effective 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024:

• Minimum Monthly Fee per residential unit is \$4.25

Effective 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2024:

• Minimum Monthly Fee per residential unit is \$4.35

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending the Recyclable Materials Collection Rate for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2023-2025. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

Consider replacing the swimming pool umbrellas and canopies over the two water slides

Council budgeted \$35,000 in FY23-24 to replace the five big umbrellas at the pool. However, nothing was budgeted to replace the canopies that cover the top of the Drop Slide or the Blue Slide. Both canopies are in bad shape. Over the winter, Public Works took the canopies to Sherwood Co. to see if they could repair them. It was determined that they would have to be replaced. Sherwood and the manufacturer, Splashtacular, have quoted very similar prices.

Council considered the following options:

Option 1: Replace all

five umbrellas for \$34,425 and amend the budget by \$9,941 to replace the canopy covers for the Blue Slide (\$3,975) and the Drop Slide (\$5,966). Total Cost \$44,366. (\$9,366 over what was budgeted).

Option 2: Replace three of the five umbrellas for \$20,655 and replace both canopies for \$9,941. Total Cost \$30,596. Then budget to replace the other two umbrellas in FY 24-25. Under budget by \$4,404.

We would have to budget to replace the other two umbrellas in FY 24-25. This would be sure to cover the shipping costs.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to go with Option 1 and replace all five umbrellas and both canopies for \$44,366 and amend the budget to reflect the purchase. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

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Moved by Lees, seconded by Newberry, to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, and Lees

Approved  
 Ron Teater, Mayor  
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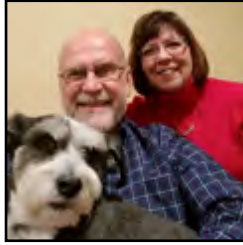
# Opinion

# The Big Weigh In - Empty Nest by Curt Swarm

My friend Lonnie, from New Boston, Iowa, often challenges me on weight. He and I are about the same weight, and both of us are exercise fanatics. He's more of a runner, while I avoid the pounding and resulting back pain by working out on the elliptical machine. Like most Americans in the land of plenty, we tend to be over weight if we let ourselves go. Lonnie has the advantage that he works at the Y in Keokuk as a life guard and has access to the pool, weights and exercise equipment. Ginnie and I have our dedicated exercise room that has two treadmills and my elliptical machine. All I have to do is get up out of the recliner, which can be a chore, and walk to the exercise room. We have a television on the wall for listening to 24-hour news, classic rock, or movies—all of which aid in combating boredom while exercising. There are mirrors on the wall, an old-time balance scale for weighing, and photographs of Lonnie and me at various road races and triathlons. Lonnie and I are usually hamming it up by showing off

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



muscles we don't have.

Anywho, we both, along with our wives, enjoy going to old-time, hippie, rock concerts. We went to see REO Speed Wagon and Styx in Des Moines, and, just recently, Three Dog Night in Ottumwa. Lonnie made sure we understood what a "three dog night" was. Gold miners in Alaska would huddle with their dogs for warmth on cold nights. If it was going to be real cold, they called it a "three-dog-night."

For the last two concerts Lonnie has challenged me: "Whoever weighs the most has to buy dinner for the four of us before the concert." For the REO concert, both Ginnie and I were recovering from COVID and I had lost a bunch of weight. I was in the high 170 lb range and Lonnie the 180's. He said I was cheating, like I had been purposely sick. But

he begrudgingly bought dinner—fast food—big spender.

For the Three Dog Night concert, I had been gaining weight and Lonnie had me beat. However, he made a fatal mistake. Early on the morning of the concert, he text me, bragging that he was 186, and wanting to know how much I weighed. I hadn't exercised yet, so told him to hold his horses.

I always weigh myself before exercising. I tipped the scales at 192. Gulp. However, I know that I can burn off about 4.5 lbs in an hour of exercising on the elliptical. If I pushed it, and went for a two-hour workout, could I burn off enough to beat Lonnie?

Yes! I did a two-hour workout on the elliptical and tipped the scales at 183 lbs—a 9 lb drop. Wow! I had Ginnie take a picture of me on the scales with the camera focused on the numbers, and sent it to Lonnie. He said I was cheating again, and for me to "put my other foot on the scales." I told him that I might be a liar, but he could trust Ginnie.

Once again, Lonnie begrudgingly conceded. However, at the restaurant, I forgot and tried to pay. Lonnie, with a gleam in his eye, was going to let me, but his wife, Gail, being honest, reminded Lonnie

that he had lost the weight contest. Grrr.

At the Three Dog Night concert, the crowd was full of gray hairs, just like us. They even danced and the women screamed in front of the stage (a little disturbing). I asked if we looked like them. "Yep," was the consensus. It's unsettling when you see an auditorium full of selfies.

Lonnie's next contest is, whoever reaches 179 lbs first, the other has to buy dinner. I did some quick calculations and figured if I did a three-hour workout, I could hit 179. However, the next morning after the Three Dog Night concert, because of dehydration from the two-hour workout, I drank so much liquid I ballooned to 194. Gulp again. I didn't tell Lonnie.

We're leaving on vacation for North Carolina. Ginnie has a cousin she hasn't seen in a coon's age. Vacations are hard on diets. We eat too much and exercising takes a back seat. Lonnie figures he'll run a marathon (26.2 miles) and reach 179 lbs first. Dang.

Women might be finicky about their weight, but men are fanatics! LOL.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com), or visit his website at [www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com](http://www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com).

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