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Tunnel to Towers 2



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Two girls hold hands as children and adults alike take off from the starting line at the Tunnel to Towers 5K run Tuesday morning July 4th in Donnellson.

EVENT GROWS: Donnellson 5K sees large growth in second year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Donnellson packed its streets with about 330 runners and more community members as part of its annual Tunnel to Towers event Tuesday.

The morning began with a pancake breakfast put on by the Donnellson Fire Department. At 7:30 a.m. a presentation recognizing the efforts of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation was shared with the runners and visitors.

The event was ushered in by Donnellson's Julie Humes, who brought the event to Donnellson for the first time last year.

In just the first year, the event had more participants than any other Tunnel to Towers event in the state with about 250 runners.

This year the event registered 330 runners according to Donnellson Vision committee member Rebecca Schau.

"Last year we had 250 runners. That's a significant increase in support and we had other agencies join us this year. It's neat to

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IOWA NEWS

Reynolds calls special session to address abortion restrictions

DES MOINES – Today, Governor Reynolds announced she will convene the General Assembly of Iowa on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. for a special session with the sole purpose of enacting legislation that addresses abortion and protects unborn lives.

"Iowans have elected representatives willing to stand up for the rights of

the unborn and, in doing so, they have voted strongly in support of pro-life principles and against the arbitrary destruction of innocent, defenseless lives," stated Governor Reynolds.

"In 2018, I proposed, the legislature passed, and I proudly signed into law legislation that protected unborn babies from abortion once a heartbeat was

detectable. After years of litigation, the Iowa Supreme Court was split 3-3 last month in its opinion regarding whether a lower court's injunction of the Fetal Heartbeat Law should be dissolved. This lack of action disregards the will of Iowa voters and lawmakers who will not rest until the unborn are protected by law.

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DERECHO

Montrose residents still cleaning up

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – A ride through all the inlets and outlets of Montrose shows the power of what has now officially been called a derecho that ripped through Lee County Thursday.

Even in the warm humidity of a Sunday afternoon, residents worked on clearing and burning debris as Montrose Riverfront Inc. prepared to brighten the night skies with their annual 4th of July fireworks celebration.

Montrose City Councilman Kent Rubey walked and talked with neighbors Sunday afternoon among the fallen debris on the city's south side.

Rubey said power hadn't been restored to much of the town, but they were expecting power to be turned on Sunday as more than six Alliant Energy trucks worked inside the town's city limits that afternoon.

Tim Adamire, a 33-year-old resident, said he had never seen anything that bad come through Montrose. He was sleeping when the storm came through and said it woke him.

"It took the top off a few trees and took a bunch of limbs off the tree in the alley and on the corner of the property, but no damage to the house," Adamire said.

Some people got damage and some lucked out. His neighbors were also out Sunday surveying the damage of a tree sitting on their garage.

Rubey said insurance companies told him that any tree damage to property would be taken care of, but the debris removal would be at the homeowners' cost.

He said the city is asking residents to get the debris to the right of way and the city workers will eventually pick up any brush left there.

"After the holidays, we'll start getting stuff taken care, but it's going to take us some time to clean all this up," Rubey said.

Most of the community was without

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WEATHER

THU 06 Jul.....Sunny and warm, 78° F/ 56° F
FRI 07 Jul.....Cloudy, warm with chance of afternoon showers, 78° F/ 62° F
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH M. FULLER

Joseph "Joe" Michael Fuller, 69, of Montrose, IA passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023.



FULLER

Joe was born on August 20, 1953 to John Michael "Mickey" and Peggy Fuller.

Joe was a graduate of Keokuk High School class of 1971 and South-eastern Community College. On October 1, 1976 he married Jeanne Morgan in Keokuk, Iowa. Together they raised their son, Jeremiah (Jay).

Joe worked as a car salesman the majority of his adult years at various stores but ending at Jim Baier, Inc. He then started his own business, Chip Shot, and continued working at various dealerships in Quincy and Ft. Madison.

Joe was an avid boater and Nascar fan. He enjoyed vacationing in Isla Mujeres, Mexico and made many life long friends there. Joe was a member of the Keokuk Yacht Club, Southside Boat Club, Elks Lodge 106, Knights of Columbus and Sons of the American Legion.

Joe is survived by his wife, Jeanne of forty-six years, his adored son, Jay (Tracy), three grandchildren that were his world, Emily (Isaiah), Kennedy (Evan aka... Devin, Kevin, Derrick) and Brody. He is also survived his brother, Jeff (Louise) Fuller and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John "Mickey" and Peggy and one brother, Christopher Fuller.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, July 7, 2023 at the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa with Father Joe Roost officiating. A procession will leave the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA at 3:45 p.m. Following the graveside, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Keokuk Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Southeastern Iowa Regional Hospice, St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the donor's choice.

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

Lunch Specials
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Monday, July 3
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Tuesday, July 4th
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Wednesday, July 5
Roast Beef Sandwich, Cheese Potatoes

Thursday, July 6
Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, July 7
Lunch on the Sidewalk

OBITUARIES

SIMON J. BENTZINGER

Simon John Bentzinger, age 13, entered into the Kingdom of his Heavenly Father on Sunday, July 02, 2023, at his home in Sutter, Illinois, while holding the hands of his parents. Simon was born on December 13, 2009, to Mark and Jaime (Lowman) Bentzinger of Sutter, Illinois. Simon was a student at Nauvoo Jr. High School in Nauvoo, Illinois, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Warsaw, Illinois.



BENTZINGER

Simon fought a challenging battle with cancer for 3 ½ years before succumbing to his illness. He often did this with a smile on his face and a quick-witted comment. Even though Simon's battle with cancer was never easy, he was beyond blessed. He was sent to Seattle, Washington for a new treatment study, but was able to make the most of his time there (during his downtime from treatment) with his parents by looking for Sasquatch and placing his chewing gum on the Gum Wall. Make a Wish Foundation gifted Simon an amazing "Game Room" equipped with everything a teenager could possibly want, including a mini-fridge. Kelsie's Hope Foundation granted Simon and his family a wonderful vacation to Disney World in Florida, where they stayed at the Star Wars Galactic Starcruiser. A dear family friend, Travis Conover of Top Dogg Production, offered his Sound and Light Show at a "Just Because We Can" party so that Simon could see if he had any DJ skills. His friends at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Nauvoo, Illinois not only prayed for him daily, but gave him a birthday party with a substantial gift card as a present. They also dedicated the Living Rosary to him since he was considered "one of their own." Simon's happy place was at home with his family, either swimming (since he was a fish in water) or eating anything flaming hot! He loved collecting Pokémon cards, watching Star Wars and playing Play Nine. Simon had a unique sense of humor, which would either leave you laughing, or shaking your head in disbelief.

He is survived by his parents of Sutter, Illinois and his brother, Logan Bentzinger (Fiancé Ashley Zimmerman) of Quincy, Illinois. Grandparents: Vickie Bentzinger of Warsaw, Illinois; Kevin and Vickie Maag of Warsaw, Illinois. Great Grandfather, Ron Maag of Warsaw, Illinois; Uncles: Douglas (Jennifer) Bentzinger of Dunfermline, Illinois; Jordan (Megan) Maag of Wever, Iowa; Aunts: Danielle (Andrew) Horras of Collinsville, Illinois; Stacie (Mike) Payne of Carthage, Illinois. Cousins: Adrienne (Grant) Murphy of Des Moines, Iowa; Kelsey and Isabella Bentzinger of Dunfermline, Illinois; Alexis (Alexander) Ruhe of Atlanta, Illinois; Addyson, Dayton and Dominic Horras, all of Collinsville, Illinois; Eric and Gunner Payne of Carthage, Illinois; and Ainsley, Briley and Chailey Maag, all of Wever, Iowa. Simon is also survived by numerous Great Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, as well as his beloved Ramirez family of St. Joseph, Missouri, his very best friend, Jasper Harmon of Warsaw, Illinois, and his honorary brother Bryce Heiden of Quincy, Illinois.

Simon was preceded in death by his Grandfathers, Robert Bentzinger and James Lowman, as well as two cousins, Bryce and Issac Bentzinger.

Simon was a special kid who, during his short life, touched and inspired the lives of so many people. The Bentzinger family would like to express their sincere gratitude to those who prayed continuously, called, brought meals, sent cards and gifts, sent Pokémon cards, and visited. They are humbled by the number of people (from coast to coast) who regularly reached out in some form or another. Thank you to their amazing Presbyterian Church family for all they did. Thank you to St. Louis Children's Hospital, whose team of Doctors and Nurses fought this fight with Simon, and to Blessing Hospice for being with Simon and his family until the end.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Warsaw High School in Warsaw, Illinois. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at the school from 10 am to 2 pm directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Mark Bentzinger for expenses and an established memorial.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL R. MENKE

Michael Robert "Heav" Menke, 68, of Pilot Grove, Iowa, passed away at 1:22 p.m. Saturday, July 1, 2023, in Wayland, Missouri.



MENKE

Mike was born on May 3, 1955, in Maryland, the son of Robert "Peanie" and Martha (Merschman) Menke.

He is survived by his sister-in-law: Deb (Randy) DeRoo of Coal Valley, Illinois; two nephews: Andy (Abby) Menke of West Point and Ben (Shianne) Menke of West Point and two great nephews: Greg and Mack Menke.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Jeff and Greg.

Mike was a graduate of Marquette High School. He worked as a farm manager for Chem Gro in Houghton. He enjoyed farming, riding his motorcycle and 1969 Z-28 Camaro, working, visiting with others and spending time with his nephews and great nephews.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home with Father Dan Dorau officiating.

Burial will be at St. James Cemetery, St. Paul, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Sammy's in St. Paul following burial.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

OBITUARIES

KEITH A. WALLJASPER

Keith Arthur Walljasper, 82, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Sunday, July 2, 2023, at the West Point Care Center.

Keith was born on December 1, 1940, in rural St. Paul, Iowa, the son of Fred and Mildred (McGinnis) Walljasper.

He is survived by his sister: Ruth Vorwaldt of Fort Madison; sister-in-law: Pat Walljasper of West Point and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Don and Leroy.

Keith was a graduate of Denmark Academy and a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. He was a lifelong farmer and enjoyed shearing sheep throughout the area and doing custom baling. Keith also enjoyed coon hunting in his spare time.

A visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that evening. A parish rosary will be recited at 5:00 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Denmark Fire and Rescue or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

06/03/23 - 8:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue F.

06/30/23 - 11:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue H.

06/30/23 - 11:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Johnnette Sue Williams, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of 3rd degree theft greater than \$750

less than \$1500. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/30/23 - 12:52 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of two property damage accidents at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H and in the 2700 block of Avenue L.

06/30/23 - 4:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

06/30/23 - 5:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of

vandalism in the 3000 block of Avenue P.

06/30/23 - 5:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue E.

07/01/23 - 9:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of 37th Street.

07/01/23 - 1:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue J.

07/01/23 - 5:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

07/01/23 - 5:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

07/02/23 - 12:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.

07/02/23 - 5:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested and released

Brandi Moyers, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of 37th Street, on a charge of city: disorderly conduct.

07/02/23 - 5:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Gage Mitchell Boal, 18, of West Burlington, in the 1400 block of 37th Street, on a charge of city: criminal mischief.

07/03/23 - 12:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Alexander Kelly, 51, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue J, on a warrant for probation violation - possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine,

and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 2nd/subsequent. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

Lee County Sheriff Department was closed Monday due to the holiday and had no report available.

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

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Tunnel to Towers

More first responders join event

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Runners bow for a prayer before the start of the Tunnel to Towers 5K run in Donnellson Tuesday morning.

see people out and getting involved.”

Schau said it was the first year that military personnel have joined in on the event.

Tunnel to Towers was created by the family of Stephen Siller, who was killed in the wake of Sept. 11 attacks in 2001. A 501c3 foundation was created to provide assistance to emergency personnel and first responders.

Holly Benda, the widow of Iowa State Trooper Ted Benda, told those in attendance about how Tunnel to Towers paid off their family’s farm mortgage after her husband died in an auto accident in the line of duty in 2021.

“I will never forget sitting in a small hospital conference room and hearing the words, ‘His injuries will not be survivable,’” Benda said.

“That is where my world stopped and all I could think about was my girls. How was I going to tell my girls?”

Benda said she was encouraged to fill out a form with Tunnel to Towers, but put it off. Eventually, after further encouragement from the Iowa State Troopers As-

sociation, she filled it out.

“In my mind all I could think about was this was in New York. They’re not going to carry about little me in Iowa on a farm.”

In November of 2021, Tunnel to Towers took over the Bendas’ mortgage immediately. In July of 2022, as part of a 4th of July celebration, the Bendas were informed their mortgage had been paid in full by Tunnel to Towers.

After the National Anthem, the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, runners lined up and took off on the 3.1 mile run from downtown out to a turnaround to the north, through the cemetery and then back to the start/finish line.

Schau said Tunnel to Towers representative Jen McGurk was impressed with what Donnellson has accomplished in two years.

“She was very impressed with it. We quizzed her on what we could do differently and she commented on our different memorial exhibits and wanted us to draw more attention to those in the

opening remarks, but she said it was wonderful to see all the local support from area first responders.”

Schau said the committee put up remembrances of all the fallen fighters on 9/11 as well as memorials to all first responders in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri who have died in the line of duty in the past 10 years.

She said the group will absolutely keep the event going due to the success of the last two years.

“I think it was getting the word out. After last year, a lot of people didn’t know it was going on and they wanted to come and do it. This small community is real supportive of our emergency personnel,” she said.

“We’re going to continue this as an annual thing and we’re excited to see it grow more.”

Jason Humes, the husband of Julie Humes and MC for the event, said he will remain a part of the event for years to come.

“This year was a no-brainer and it was amazing,” he said.

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Sports

REGIONAL SOFTBALL

Savages' Goodwin shuts out Crusaders in regionals

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR



HTC Head Coach Loren Menke gives a hug to his daughter Rachel who played in her final softball game Wednesday in Sigourney. The Crusaders lost 9-0.

Courtney Hemsley for the Crusaders' first hit. Eighth grader Sydney Jarvis then hit a grounder through the right side of the infield to move DiPrima's courtesy runner Kara Lake up to second. Rachel Menke would move both into scoring position with two outs on her sacrifice bunt. But Goodwin would get one of her 13 strikeouts on the night to end the threat.

The junior would retire the Crusaders in order the rest of the way to get the win and send Sigourney into the regional semifinals Friday against Wapello.

Menke said he knew the Crusaders had to play a low-scoring game and play clean softball.

"This girl leads the state in strikeouts, averaging 2.5 per inning. I don't think we had that many," Menke said.

"We knew it had to be a low-scoring game and, once they got four or five runs, we knew it was going to be tough. We didn't give up, kept

playing, and had a couple chances there, but we had to make every play and we just didn't do it tonight."

Senior Mary Hellige gave up nine runs on 11 hits while fanning six and walking two.

DiPrima and Jarvis were the only Crusaders to reach base.

The Crusaders are graduating seven seniors including Hellige, Rachel Menke, Brooke Mueller, Kayla Box, Laura Mehmert, DiPrima, and Halie Cain.

"They showed steady improvement. Most of them are multi-sport athletes so they're not dedicated to softball year-round like some girls. Stat-wise across the board almost every one of them improved since their freshman year," Menke said.

He said there will be big shoes to fill for the underclassmen next year. Even with his daughter Rachel playing in her last season for Holy Trinity, he will stay part of the program.

"I really am enjoying the younger girls and I'm pouring so much time into getting this program going, along with these girls, I just feel like it would be wrong to walk away, so I'll be there," he said.

"It was never easy. We had plenty of people that said we couldn't do it. We didn't have kids, or didn't have enough experience, but these girls hung in there and we were a solid team at the end of it."



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, Holy Trinity's Halie Cain leans over a Sigourney base runner in the fourth inning attempting a catch and tag at second base. At left, senior Laura Mehmert looks for a throw to come in at second in the fifth inning of Wednesday's 9-0 loss to Sigourney at Sigourney.

SIGOURNEY – Head Coach Loren Menke has just ushered in his first full four-year class of Crusaders softball players.

He's the first to admit the seniors' year didn't end the way he wanted, but the Crusaders hung around with the Class 1A 8th-ranked Sigourney Savages in the Region 8 softball quarterfinals Wednesday night.

The Crusaders' season came to end with a 9-0 loss to the Savages and played some strong defense, while senior Mary Hellige kept things under control on the mound.

HTC ends the year 11-12 overall and a respectable 6-6 in a pretty tough SEI Superconference.

"This year wasn't quite what we wanted. We wanted a winning season, and we didn't quite get that," Menke said.

"We had some close games unfortunately we didn't win. But I'm so proud of what we did. It was still the best season we've had."

The Savages' hurler Carly Goodwin was as good as expected moving through the first four innings in perfect fashion. Goodwin is third in the state in 1A with 273 strikeouts. She's also tops in 1A in ERA at 0.24.

But HTC made a little noise in the top of the 5th with one out trailing 5-0.

Jenna DiPrima got some momentum going when her flare into right-center went off the glove of senior

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
DONNELLSON CITY
COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY,
MAY 8TH, 2023
7:30PM
CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Marshall, Newton & Weber present. Estrada was absent.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve the agenda: all ayes.

Citizen comments – None

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve the minutes of the April '23 meetings: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve the April '23 financial reports: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve the April '23 disbursements and May '23 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to approve Cigarette and Tobacco Permit for Casey's General Store, all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Marshall to approve Class C Retail

Liquor License for Lee County Fair, all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve Sidewalk Permit for Lori Welch at 603 Chestnut, all ayes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Weber to approve the Notice to Proceed for Westview Park Trail Phase 1, all ayes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Newton to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No 194 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Donnellson, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining to collection fee of solid waste: RCV All ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve waving the third reading of Ordinance No 194, RCV all ayes. Ordinance No 194 Passed and approved May 8th 2023, will take effect July 1st 2023.

ORDINANCE NO 194

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DONNELLSON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO COLLECTION FEE OF SOLID WASTE.

Be it Enacted by the

City Council of the City of Donnellson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 106.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Donnellson, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

106.08 COLLECTION FEES. The collection and disposal of solid waste as provided by this chapter are declared to be beneficial to the property served or eligible to be served and there shall be levied and collected fees for the same, in accordance with the following:

(Goreham vs Des Moines, 1970, 179 NW 2nd, 449)

1. Fee for Collection. The fee for solid waste collection and disposal service, used or available, is \$18.00 per month, plus a \$3.00 charge for recycling. Customers are allowed two garbage units per week. A garbage unit may be either a plastic bag or commercial manufactured garbage can with a lid. Tags for additional units can be purchased at City Hall.

2. Payment of Bills. All fees are due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account

as contained in Section 92.04 of this Code of Ordinances. Solid waste collection service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.05 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.08 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall take effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and Approved by the council on the 8th day of May, 2023. /s/Dave Ellingboe, Mayor. Attest: /s/ Rebecca Schau, City Clerk First Reading: April 10th, 2023 / Second Reading: May 8th, 2023 / Third Reading: Waived May 8th 2023

Set date to open bids on tree removal in city right of way for June 12th 2023 @ 7:30pm.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve

Windstream Permit for placement of fiber optic cable in Donnellson, all ayes.

Police Report – There were 18 calls for service, 7 traffic stops & 2 citation. 27 building checks were done during the day & night time hours.

There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Newton, second by Marshall, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor
Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General \$96,023.09 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$9,913.88 Employee Benefit \$7,671.76 Local Option Sales Tax \$6,640.98 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$20,180.39 Water Sinking USDA \$1,816.00 Sewer \$26,658.15 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$60,847.82 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$6,913.49 Employee Benefit \$1,508.18 Local Option Sales Tax \$1,835.50 Debit Service \$0 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$22,285.87 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$9,373.02 Sewer Sinking \$0

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ALLIANT ENERGY, Electric..... 5,420.13
GRRWA, Landfill Fees 953.00
MCFARLAND SUPPLY, Copy paper..... 60.98
USA BLUE BOOK, Trash Pump 1,785.60
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 VERIZON, Data Plan - Toughbook 40.01
 SIMMERING-CORY & IOWA COD, Code Supplement..... 79.00
 DAWN SCHAU, Office Cleaning 6 months 540.00
 USPS, Postage..... 603.24
 MICROBAC LABORATORIES, Coliform Bacteria 1.25
 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENE, Water Service Excise Tax 1,081.22
 IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENE, Sales and Use Return Summary .. 249.04
 RATHBUN REGIONAL

WATER, Bulk Water 5,977.60
 USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Loan Payment 1,816.00
 KOHLMORGAN HAULING, City Pick Up 8,670.00
 BAKER & TAYLOR, Library Books 15.96
 DIANE KRUSE, Plastic Sleeves..... 62.24
 INGRAM, Library Books 712.03
 RSM US LLP, MS Windows Server - Police 1,359.00
 RSM US LLP, IT Services 606.23
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EXCEL IT SERVICES, Cloud Services 85.55
 FRANK DUNN, Pothole Patch 949.00
 MERRILL OPERATIONS, Repair Library Carts 210.00
 STUECKER DRONE SOLUTIONS, North Star Skid Sprayer..... 2,500.00
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 CLAIMS TOTAL 118,993.36

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From the Front



Photo courtesy of Southeast Iowa Regional Airport

A large twisted tree sits on the property of a Montrose homeowner as Alliant Energy crews work on downed power lines Sunday. The city was without power for almost three days after a powerful derecho blew through Thursday morning.

Montrose officials focusing on derecho cleanup

STORM - Continued from Page 1

power for more than 72 hours.

“We met real quick Thursday and got a plan of action into effect and we’re meeting again on Monday. Hopefully we’ll have power by then,” he said.

Rubey said the town opened the fire station to charge oxygen tanks Thursday evening and as a place to just rest. He said as of Saturday the city had most of the streets cleared of debris.

There was talk of canceling Sunday’s annual fireworks display by Mississippi River Inc., but Rubey said people needed to smile a bit.

“Luckily no one was hurt. But this is mostly property damage, mostly trees and debris. If you can get it to the street, we can clean it up.”

About eight Alliant trucks were working Sunday in Montrose and in townships nearby trying to get power lines rehung and power restored. Several areas still had power lines laying on the ground from bent utility poles on Sunday.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- Trigger Point**...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board**...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor**...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like**...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting**...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago**...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
- One-sided**...right at that "bone" on one side
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