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## CLEAN UP CONTINUES



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison City crews continue to work on cleaning up storm damage from two weeks ago. Crews were working on the east side of the city Monday morning picking up debris.

### COUNTY NEWS

## Auditor to retire at end of this year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise has announced she will be resigning her full-time post at the end of 2023.

Lee County Supervisor Chuck Holmes told Supervisors at Monday's regular meeting that Fraise had announced her resignation, but would stay on part-time to serve as the Board's secretary.



FRAISE

Holmes cautioned the board that it may be time to start looking not only for a replacement for Fraise, but also to start preparing for replacing Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, who is also

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### HEALTH/BUSINESS

## Great River Health opens new FM pharmacy location

FORT MADISON – Heritage Pharmacy, part of Great River Health, will open a new retail location in Fort Madison at 3302, Avenue L. on Monday, July 17, 2023.

Heritage Pharmacy-Fort Madison will be uniquely designed, offering full-service drive through services as well as a walk-in option. Home delivery of prescriptions will also be available.

The pharmacy will be open seven days a week. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; and Sunday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

“We are excited to bring Heritage Pharmacy to Fort Madison as an extension of the quality healthcare services

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## Donnellson residents miffed at back-ups

**KICKED OUT:** Public works staffer booted from council meeting after verbal dust-up

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Something smells in Donnellson.

At Monday's regular Donnellson City Council meeting, things got heated up over sewage that had backed up into about a half dozen homes on Maple Street in the past five weeks.

Erin Wagner, one of the residents, told the council that she has claims totalling more than \$90,000 from three different instances of what she claims is the city's sewer line backing up into her home.

Her neighbor Mary Kurtz was also at the meeting.

Wagner asked the Council what they were prepared to do to rectify the situation.

The Wagner's home backed up on two occasions in June at a time when Wagner claims there was no rain, and a third time following the heavy storms that hit the area June 29th.

That back up left city sewer water up past the Wagner's furnace in their basement. Wagner said she had to send her children out of the home for fear of getting an infection from

the bacteria that was in the basement and up the basement stairs water was pumped out.

Wagner told the council she hired someone to video her lines and said there are no issues with the lines from her property to the city's line.

Donnellson Public Works Director Todd Herdrich said the city lines are getting plugged by plastic bags and other debris that's finding its way into the 8-inch lines.

Alvin Krebill, a part-time public works staffer for the city, said gate valves on the lines that prevent water from back-flowing into property owners' homes may not be set up right or functioning properly.

But Wagner and Kurtz both told the council contractors have told them their valves are working properly.

Kreibill said then there would be no way for the water to get back into the houses.

The two property owners and Krebill got so heated in their debate at one point, Mayor Dave Ellingboe asked Krebill to leave the meeting.

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### WEATHER

WED 12 Jul..... Showers and thunderstorms likely, 85° F/ 67° F  
THU 13 Jul..... Mostly sunny & warm, 85° F/ 66° F  
FRI 14 Jul..... Mostly sunny & warm with chance of showers, 85° F/ 66° F

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### IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 07/10..... 3 26 30 47 51, Star Ball: 1 All Star Bonus: 2  
LUCKY FOR LIFE 07/10..... 3 21 24 28 35, Lucky Ball: 14  
PICK 3 MIDDAY 07/10..... 9 8 8  
PICK 3 EVENING 07/10..... 4 7 2  
PICK 4 MIDDAY 07/10..... 2 4 0 1  
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POWERBALL 07/10..... 2 24 34 53 58, Powerball: 13 Power Play: 2

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## Local News/Scene Around The Area



Courtesy photo

West Point officials break ground on the St. Mary's Parish Monday morning. Schickedanz Construction will be building the new structure.

# Charitable fund grant helps FMAAA with HVAC

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA Art Center is going to be running cold and hot -- HVAC and hot water project is a go!

The Fort Madison Area Arts Association is delighted to be the recipient of a \$7500 grant from the Lee County Charitable Fund for the purposes of replacing a failing HVAC system and installing a new hot water heater in the Art Center located at 825 Avenue G in Fort Madison. "That HVAC system has been living on the edge since last summer. I have had my fingers cross that it would survive until we had dollars to deal with it. Same with the hot water. We have been waiting to install hot water until we could get a grant to cover the costs," says Director Lori Illner Greene. "We run on a pretty tight budget, yet we are trying to expand the Art Center at the same time. It maybe seems silly, but I just didn't want to spend our few resources frivolously. We are so pleased that the Lee County Charitable Fund was able to help out."

Tom Schultz from Your Heat and Air Guy, has been working with Greene to identify a possible replacement HVAC system to meet the commercial needs of the Art Center while keeping the old one going while grants have been applied for over the past year. "It's been nice to schedule this transition to a new system in an orderly way," says Greene. "As you can imagine, art-work really does not do well in humidity. A/C failures like to happen on the hottest days of the year, when everyone's system fails. I am just so glad we will not have that worry going forward. Plus, we are super excited to have hot water again!" Greene let Schultz know as soon as she was notified in June that the grant application had been approved. This gave plenty of time to get the system ordered, a possible installation date identified and to move ahead before any sort of extended heat wave settled in.

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# Obituaries/Iowa News

## OBITUARIES

### RANDY J. STINSON

Randy Joseph Stinson, 64, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

Randy was born on December 3, 1958, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of William Henry and Delores Ann (Mann) Stinson. Randy was employed at Prototype and later Midwest Chipping before his retirement. He enjoyed spending his free time hunting, fishing and mushroom hunting, and drinking a beer or two.

Randy is survived by his son Colby James Hill of Luray, Missouri, nine siblings: Rose Bringer of Canton, Missouri, William Stinson, Jr., of Keokuk, David Stinson of Keokuk, Debra Bowden of Ocala, Florida, Sheila Knopp of Keokuk, George Stinson of Keokuk, James (Angela) Stinson of Keokuk, Kenneth (Lori) Stinson of Hamilton, and Aggie Stinson of Keokuk; one grandchild; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Randy is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Robert, Scott and Timothy Stinson; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 10 AM on Friday, July 14, 2023, at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to the family for expenses in care of Aggie Stinson, Sheila Knopp or David Stinson.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

### Burlington downtown gets designation

BURLINGTON – The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has officially designated Downtown Burlington as an Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District. This prestigious recognition highlights our downtown district as a vibrant hub of cultural activity and artistic expression. There are only 18 Cultural & Entertainment Districts in the State of Iowa, which Burlington is now included. This designation application process was made possible through a collaborative effort between the Art Center of Burlington, the Capitol Theater, and Downtown Partners, Inc.

The Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts program aims to identify and celebrate well-defined, pedestrian-friendly areas within cities, counties that have a rich concentration of cultural amenities, exceptional

vibrancy, a robust arts and cultural scene and an established entertainment portfolio. By receiving this designation, Downtown Burlington becomes eligible for a range of benefits, including marketing opportunities, promotional programs, and technical assistance from the Department of Cultural Affairs and its dedicated staff. The designation lasts for 10 years and requires an annual report submission.

This designation will have a positive impact on the quality of life and cultural vitality of Iowa, benefiting a significant number of individuals. By focusing on creating walkable, mixed-use spaces that serve as cultural anchors, the Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts program enriches our community and fosters a sense of civic pride.

## OBITUARIES

### LORNA E. POLLEY

Lorna Elsie Polley, 97 of Keokuk died Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at the Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

She was born April 1, 1926 in Hancock County, IL, the daughter of Roy and Dora Phillips Brownlee. She attended school in Rock Island, IL.

On October 22, 1955 she was united in marriage to Charles Donald Polley. They later divorced.

She had been employed at Servus Rubber in Rock Island, Keokuk Die Casting in Keokuk and also worked on the toll booth on the old Mississippi River Bridge. She then worked at Methode in Carthage, IL and retired in 1989. After her retirement from Methode, Lorna worked at the Keokuk School System in the kitchen and at the concession stands during sporting events. She retired from the school district in 2000.

She a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk. Lorna had been a volunteer with the local Democratic Party for many years.

She is survived by her son Rick Polley of Keokuk, one granddaughter, Rachel DeWitt, a special great-granddaughter Britni Schmidt of Burlington a great-grandson, Braydon Embree, two great-great-grandchildren and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two half-brothers Francis Brownlee and Bob Brownlee and one sister, Elda Brownlee.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Sarah Vigen officiating. Burial will be held in the Charleston Cemetery.

Visitation will be held prior to the service, Saturday from 10-11 a.m., with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Charleston Cemetery or to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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## Local News/From the Front



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Lucy Arevalo, far right, meets with U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) in Washington D.C. to discuss the Special Diabetes Program and funding for Type 1 Diabetes research as part of the JDRF Children's Congress this week.

## July a hot month for auto theft

FORT MADISON - Americans spend hard-earned money on vehicles—vehicles that transport families to sporting events, workers to jobs, kids to school and so much more. Unfortunately, in 2019 alone, nearly three quarters of a million vehicles were stolen in the United States, costing vehicle owners more than \$6 billion. The month of July marks National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month. To help drivers keep their vehicles safe, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, along with the Fort Madison Police Department, is continuing its annual Vehicle Theft Prevention Campaign during July.

- Passenger cars made up more than 50% of all stolen motor vehicles.
- Only 56.1% of all stolen motor vehicles were recovered.
- Off all motor vehicles stolen, 74.5% were passenger vehicles.
- There were 721,885 motor vehicles stolen.
- A motor vehicle was stolen every 43.8 seconds.

As a driver, you can take steps to keep your vehicle and belongings safe! Here are ways you can help prevent motor vehicle theft.

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Put away your valuables.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.

## Heritage Pharmacy to open July 17

**PHARMACY** - Continued from Page 1

Great River Health is committed to providing the community. We believe the drive-through service delivery model of this new location will allow us to serve our customers with personalized and convenient care," commented Steve Frigo, Great River Health Vice-President of Pharmacy.

The building was completely renovated to accommodate the needs of the pharmacy and the unique delivery model. Local staff has been hired including two pharmacists, and two pharmacy technicians. You can order refills and get prescription information online at [www.greatriverhealth.org/health-services/pharmacies/](http://www.greatriverhealth.org/health-services/pharmacies/) or by calling 319-250-9110.

Heritage Pharmacy operates two other retail locations on the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center-West Burlington campus, Heritage Park Pharmacy and Heritage Family Pharmacy; Heritage Partners, also located in West Burlington, provides two types of medicine-packaging systems. A third retail location, Heritage Park-Mount Pleasant located on the campus of Henry County Health Center opened on April 4, 2023. These are separate, independent pharmacies locally owned and operated by Great River Health System.

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**Wednesday, July 12**

**Goulash, Blueberry Fluff**

**Thursday, July 13**

**Fried Chicken Dinners**

**Friday, July 14**

**Lunch on the Sidewalk**

## Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fort Madison CSD**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**06/26/2023 - 06:00 PM**  
**Central Office,**  
**Board Room**  
**1930 Avenue M**  
**Fort Madison, Iowa**  
**52627**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Public Comments are welcome. They are limited to 3 minutes. Any member of the public who wishes to participate in public comments must be physically present at the meeting and follow the appropriate sign in procedures.

Finance: Hope/Santiago Attendees

Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services

1. Call meeting to order

**HELP WANTED**

**WATER DISTRIBUTION - FULL-TIME DISTRIBUTION CREWMAN**

**GENERAL PURPOSE**

Under the general direction of the Distribution Supervisor, prepares excavations, installs and repairs water mains and appurtenances, reads water meters, and completes service work orders.

**DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Education and Experience:
1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent
  2. Valid Iowa driver's license
  3. Obtain an Iowa Grade II Water Distribution License within four years from hire date
  4. Ability to operate tools and equipment pertinent to the water distribution field.
  5. Work in confined spaces
  6. Frequently stands, squats, bends over, kneels, reaches, and lifts above and below shoulder height.

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and determination of a quorum The meeting was called to order by President Wykert at 6:00 p.m. II. Recognition of guests President Wykert welcomed members of the audience present and explained the procedures for the meeting. III. Reading of Foundation documents The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District. IV. Monthly communications

A. PK-6; 7-12 Renovation and Construction Update Representatives from Carl A. Nelson Co. gave an update on the progress of the Middle School PK-6 and High School 7-12 Renovation and Construction project.

B. Superintendent Goal Report Superintendent Slater reviewed the Indicators of Progress with the Board.

C. District Successes Superintendent Slater shared highlights from the Fort Madison Partners magazine featuring the Fort Madison Community School District.

**HELP WANTED**

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT FULL-TIME OPERATOR**

**GENERAL PURPOSE**

Operates and repairs all pumps and appurtenances necessary to produce high quality and adequate quantity of water to meet system demands. Performs routine maintenance on equipment, collects and analyzes water samples, and completes inspections.

**DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- Education and Experience:
1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent
  2. Valid Iowa driver's license
  3. Obtain a Grade II Water Treatment License in the State of Iowa
  4. Ability to perform basic laboratory analyses

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D. District Presentation  
 1. IASB Safety Group Insurance Program, Todd Ackerman, World Insurance Todd Ackerman, representative of World Insurance, reviewed the IASB Safety Group Insurance Program.

2. Annual Truancy Report 2022-2023 The Board received the annual Truancy Report. 3. Food Service Annual Report The Board received the annual report from Food Service.

V. Approve the agenda Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved VI. Consent Agenda Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

A. Minutes 1. Public Hearing - May 15, 2023 2. Regular Board Meeting - May 15, 2023

3. Special Meeting - May 24, 2023 4. Work Session - June 12, 2023

B. Financial Reports  
 1. May Balance Sheet  
 2. Revenue Summary Report  
 3. Expenditure Report  
 4. Student Activity Report

C. Accounts payable  
 1. May General Account Board Bills for Approval  
 2. June General Account Board Bills for Approval

3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval  
 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval  
 5. American Express Board Bills for Approval

D. Consider personnel resignations

1. Tyler Moore - 7/8 Math
2. Jill Schmitt - Nurse, MS
3. Sarah Bothell - Teacher, LE
4. Paul Wilkerson - Girls Golf Coach, HS
5. Danyle Warner - Sophomore Class Sponsor

6. Jill Kruse - Secretary  
 7. David Zaccari - Band Instructor, HS

8. Chris Bolander - Teacher, HS

E. Consider employment of personnel

1. Lindsay Ross - At Risk Coordinator, RE
2. Jerry Bloom - Restorative Connections Specialist, MS
3. Jordan McFadden - Restorative Connections Interventionist, MS

4. Kelly Skaar - Associate, MS

5. Nic St. Clair - Assistant Softball Coach, HS

6. Melissa Mixer - Teacher, MS

7. Janelle Cresswell - Girls Golf Coach, HS

8. Hannah Hoenig - Junior Class Sponsor, HS

9. Denae Christison - Teacher, MS

10. Katie Hunold - Nurse, MS

11. Jessica Donaldson - Secretary, CO

F. Consider contract modifications

1. Jennifer Lodge - Teacher, LE

G. Consider leave of absence

H. Consider open enrollment requests

I. Other reports

1. 22-23 Donations

2. 22-23 Fundraisers

3. MS/HS Renovations and Additions Project Summary

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Consider Approval of Select Staff to Attend 2023 HIVE Conference in Atlanta, GA Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Consider Approval of Fort Madison Music Department trip to Orlando and Disney World during Spring Break 2024 Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Superintendent

1. Chronological Policies for Review

1. Policy 507.07: Custody and Parental Rights Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Policy 507.08: Student Special Health Services Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Consider approval of Certified Staff handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

3. Consider approval of Administrator handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved

4. Consider approval of AFSCME handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

5. Consider approval of Substitute Teacher handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

6. Consider approval of Support Staff handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

7. Consider approval of Unit 1 Bus Driver handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved

8. Consider Approval of Unit 2 Custodial & Skilled Trade handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

9. Consider approval of Middle School student handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved

10. Consider approval of High School student handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

11. Consider approval of Elementary student handbook for the 2023-2024 school year Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

C. Quarterly Policies for Approval Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting: Unanimously Approved

1. Policy 210.05: Meeting Notice

2. Policy 407.02: Licensed Employee Contract Release

3. Regulation 705.01-R(1): Purchasing - Bidding - Suspension and Debarment of Vendors and Contractors Procedure

4. Regulation 705.01-R(2): Purchasing - Bidding - Using Federal

Funds in Procurement

5. Policy 701.02: Transfer of Funds

D. Board Secretary/Director of Finance

1. Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement with Teamsters Unit #1 - Bus Drivers Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement with Teamsters - Unit #2 Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

3. Consider Approval of Tentative Agreement with AFSCME Motion made by: Mio Santiago Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved

4. Consider Approval of Labor Agreement with Teamsters Unit #1 - Bus Drivers Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

5. Consider Approval of Labor Agreement with Teamsters - Unit #2 Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved

6. Consider Approval of Labor Agreement with AFSCME Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting: Unanimously Approved

7. Consider approval of Salary List with Teamsters - Unit 1 Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

8. Consider approval of Salary List with Teamsters - Unit 2 Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

9. Consider approval of Salary List - Administrators Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

10. Consider approval of Salary List - Salary Support Staff Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved

11. Consider approval of Salary List - Hourly Support Staff Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved

**Classifieds/Public Notices**

**PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

mously Approved 12.  
 Consider approval of Salary List - Food Service Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved  
 13. Consider Approval of 23-24 Agreement for Athletic Training Services Between SEIRMC, Inc and FMCSO Motion made by: Lois DiPrima Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Dianne Hope - Abstain Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Yes Mio Santiago - Abstain Paul Wilkerson - Yes

14. Consider Approval of Participation in the IASB Safety Group Insurance Program and payment of premiums in the amount of \$482,147.96 Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope Voting: Unanimously Approved  
 15. Consider Approval of Milk and Bread Bids as presented Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima Voting: Unanimously Approved  
 16. Consider approval of Meal Prices for 2023-2024 Motion made by:

Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson Voting: Unanimously Approved  
 VIII. Discussion Items  
 A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services  
 B. Superintendent  
 1. Chronological Policies for Review  
 1. Policy 508.02: Open Night Policy 508.02: Open Night was reviewed.  
 C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager  
 D. Board Member Attendance The Board Member Attendance report was accepted as presented. E. Staff

Attendance The Staff Attendance report was accepted as presented.  
 IX. Comments from the audience The Board received comments from the audience.  
 X. Legislative update The Board will review and set legislative priorities at a future meeting. XI. Announcements A. Regular Board Meeting: July 17, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room B. Board Work Session: August 7, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room  
 XII. Closed Session to

conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa Motion made by Director Hope that a closed session be held as authorized by the open Meetings Law codified at Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered because it is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual has re-

quested a closed session. Motion seconded by Director Menke. The Board entered into the closed session at 7:55 p.m. and exited the closed session at 9:22 p.m. Voting: Dianne Hope - Yes Josh Wykert - Yes Lois DiPrima - Yes Brad Menke - Yes Mio Santiago - Yes Paul Wilkerson - Yes  
 XIII. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. Motion made by: Brad Menke Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago Voting: Unanimously Approved

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# Lee County News/From the Front

## Residents hoping city fixes sewer issue

**SEWAGE** - Continued from Page 1

At that point Herdrich said the city will be videoing the line on Wednesday, but he said he thinks the footage will be the same as it was in February when he last had a camera run through the line.

Ellingboe asked the property owners to be patient until the footage comes back on Wednesday, but Wagner said it's time for the city to step up and solve the problem.

"The general consensus we get from the city is that this has been going on for the last 30 or 40 years," Wagner said.

"I don't care. I'm a taxpayer here and I want it taken care of."

Kurtz and Wagner both also told the council that they were seriously considering leaving the community.

"I wanna move, but I can't sell my house until this is fixed," Kurtz said.

Another resident said water backed up in his house

before the heavy rains came, too, but he was able to mitigate it. However, when the June 29th derecho blew in, he pulled his toilet and plugged the drain and all the shower drains to keep water from backing up in his house.

Wagner said she has a pump but it's a residential pump and it was no match for the heavy waters that were pouring into her basement.

"We're good people. We volunteer in this community but this isn't right. This has to be made right," she said.

Kurtz told the council that her insurance company is paying for her children to stay away from the home, but it's been weeks and she wants her kids home.

"My kids are coming home. I should not have to pick between their health and having them home with me," Wagner said.

"I'm made for this, this is what I do. I am not going away."

## Supervisors move to backfill county spots

**FRAISE** - Continued from Page 1

nearing her retirement. Renstrom has not given notice, however.

"Denise has made it known that she will be retiring at the end of this year," Holmes said.

"So we've got six months and I think maybe we should look at finding a replacement for her. I also asked about a backup for Cindy. So I think we need to look at having someone employed by the county that knows Denise's job and Cindy's."

Fraise had one more year left on her elected term, so the Board would have to appoint someone to fill out her term and then the position would be put on the ballot.

Supervisor Matt Pflug said as they look for someone to replace them, they should look for someone that could do both the Auditor and Budget director positions.

"Let's start looking now so this doesn't creep up on us," Pflug said.

Fraise said it's time for the next generation to come in and help lead the county.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the board should start collecting applications and resumes for the position and maybe form a committee to make recommendations to the full board.

"I hope we get a whole bunch of them, but you may not even get five," Fedler said.

## LCC to host Christmas in July again

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Conservation presents Christmas in July at Pollmiller Park Campground (2448 County Rd 103 West Point, IA 52656) on Saturday, July 29th from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. The event features a fun celebration of Christmas in July at the campground, where campers are invited to decorate their campsites with Christmas lights and décor. Prizes will be awarded to the campers with the holly-jolliest of Christmas displays.

New this year, the campground will be closed off for driving through at 8:00PM. "Safety is of utmost concern and we want to keep our campers and visitors safe", Heather Huebner, LCC Director states. Parking will be available just down the road at the playground/beach area. The Christmas in July light display will take place in the campground until 10:00 PM. The public is encouraged to visit the campground on Saturday

evening to enjoy all of the displays.

Kayla Schleidt, the Pollmiller Campground Host, says, "The campers that I have talked to about this event are really excited. I had some reserve their campsite as soon as they learned about the event to make sure they would not miss it. I think that everyone just likes the idea of a fun activity in the park. We are such a family-friendly park and Christmas to me is all about family, so it's a perfect combination."

The campground is expected to fill-up, so people are encouraged get their spots early. Lee C

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