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## City to tweak resale code

**ORDINANCE:** New ordinance looks at pawn brokers and resalers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City officials want to take tracking potential stolen property sold at legitimate businesses into the digital world.

A new ordinance was approved on a first reading to require businesses, such as scrappers and pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers, to log purchases digitally, eliminating the need for paper records and ledgers that were require onsite inspections by law enforcement.

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff told the council at

Tuesday's regular meeting that the transition will allow for easier inspection of documents while making things easier for the retail outlets.

"This Chapter was originally enacted as consumer protection legislation. Stolen property was, and still is, sold to legitimate businesses for cash. As the industry grew, the ability to monitor such sales became unmanageable," Rohloff wrote in his summary to the council.

"The new ordinance clearly defines the scope of licensing requirements and eliminates ambiguity by providing definitions

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Construction crews working at the Fort Madison Middle School campus are laying a new sidewalk as part of reconstruction work on 48th Street north of the Baxter Sports Complex.

### TRI STATE RODEO

## Contestants still sought for Rodeo's youth pageants

FORT MADISON - This year's event is to be held on Monday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-State Rodeo Arena.

Contest is open to children ages 5-7. Contestants must be age 5 by Aug. 1, and no older than age 7 at the time of the contest.

An entry form is available on the Tri-State Rodeo website at [www.tristatero-deo.org](http://www.tristatero-deo.org)

under the "Ready to Rodeo Week Events" tab.

Entry forms and contestant photos MUST be postmarked by July 28th and can be mailed to Trish Eaves-Fedler, 1930 303rd Avenue Fort Madison, IA 52627. For more information, contact Trish at (319) 470-8030 or Lisa Frederick at (815) 343-0911. Please do not

mail entries to the Rodeo Ticket Office.

Canisters, with each child's photo and name, will once again be placed in area businesses for family and friends to cast a vote by dropping their "spare change" into the canister.

The night of the event, contestants will be interviewed and have a chance

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### HOUSING AUTHORITY

## FMHA wants to boost its security tools

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Housing Authority is looking to beef up security on the agency's properties.

At Wednesday's meeting of the Housing Authority board of directors, several residents complained about issues on the property, including stolen laundry, stolen gas out of vehicles, and other nefarious activity.

Current staffers Amy Myers and Nissa Rung were at the meeting and said they are working to crack down on policy violations and that has created some additional vacancies in tenants.

"I want to say something about occupancy, every unit's that vacant right now and ready, its not a matter of not having applications, it's the process of people getting back to us," Myers said.



DEAR

"They're not just sitting there ready waiting, there's stuff happening on both sides."

Myers said making tenants adhere to the policies is challenging to some, but she said their role is to make the facilities good for families.

"That's just the way it is," she said.

Director Mike Dear said the staff has been doing a great job filling vacancies in units and is looking at working with the Fort Madison Food Pantry, the Salvation Army, and the Dept of Human Services to get in front of people needing living arrangements.

Dear said the authority is facing immense challenges in regard to repairs, to issues with drugs in facilities including Hillview Village.

"We also have issues with crimes, things that we've heard about, violence that's taken place, animals that are running loose. It's a perfect storm out here," Dear said.

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### WEATHER

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## Business News/From the Front



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The Heritage Park Pharmacy is now open at 3302 Avenue L in Fort Madison. The pharmacy, which is part of the Great River Health System, is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

# SEIRMC SHIP/SMP counselors to receive Governors Volunteer Award

WEST BURLINGTON - SHIP/SMP Counselors with Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center will receive a Governor's Volunteer Award from Governor Kim Reynolds and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg during a special recognition ceremony held on July 21, 2023, in Ottumwa, Iowa.

George Gruenther, West Burlington and Mike Price, Keokuk, will both be honored with a 10-year service award and Chuck Holmes, Fort Madison will be honored with a 5-year service award by Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). These counselors provide guidance to individuals, families and caregivers on how to navigate their Medicare and identify plans and resources that work for them. Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center will also be recognized for 30 years of being a certified SHIP site.

"Iowans take great pride in their deep and rich commitment for serving others—it's in our DNA," Gov. Reynolds said. "Iowa nice is the foundation of our state--you see it everywhere you turn-- Iowans volunteering their time to help others and improve their communities and our state. It truly is an honor to be able to recognize these individuals for their meaningful acts of generosity through the Governor's Volunteer Awards and inspire others to do the

same."

Kristen Griffith, SHIP-SMP Director, shares "SHIP-SMP Counselors are some of the best volunteers and people you could ever work with. They care deeply about their community members, and consistently go above and beyond to provide unbiased and trustworthy information helping individuals and their families navigate the complexity of Medicare."

Dr. Michael McCoy, President & CEO of Great River Health, also shared their congratulations – stating, "We are very proud to be able to offer this service in our communities. George, Mike and Chuck have dedicated countless hours to helping people understand their Medicare options. We are fortunate to have them as part of our team."

More than 500 awards are being presented this year during five ceremonies across Iowa. It is estimated that more than 150 communities in Iowa were served by this year's honorees.

Coordinated by Volunteer Iowa, the Governor's Volunteer Award program—now in its 39th year—provides an easy way for Iowa nonprofits, charitable organizations, and government entities to honor their volunteers with a prestigious, state-level award. A complete list of award recipients and an electronic copy of this news release are available at [volunteer-iowa.org](http://volunteer-iowa.org).

# New board sets strong pace at FMHA

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"With that being said, conversations here recently that we've been having, and are circling back to, is that I've had communications with the police department, including occupying a residence at Ivanhoe."

Dear said he wanted to make surveillance cameras a bigger agenda topic so they can help police with identifying issues.

"Us having that to work with them will make this community stronger," he said.

Newly appointed board member Chris Greenwald, who chaired the meeting while current chair Jenny Divine was on via phone, told staff to keep voicing their concerns and speaking up at the meetings.

"We have a responsibility to you guys, and not just you guys, it's your families," Greenwald said. "We come blasting in here once a month making decisions. We're gonna dance with the one's we brought to the dance at this point. But the tenants are our responsibility. What we are is a team."

Greenwald directed Dear to put the discussion for cameras on next month's agenda. Heidbreder said the board had been discussing security upgrades for several months and Rung added that HUD may have grants to assist with the costs of the equipment.

But she said the authority has to be careful on the dos and don'ts of having cameras on housing authority property.

Greenwald said he doesn't want to wait on the issue, and directed staff to continue researching the security upgrades so the board can move forward with the improvements.

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## Lee County News/Classifieds

# Money in cannisters helps pick winners

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to showcase their talent. Judges will score the children on personality, attire, interview and talent. Judges have no knowledge of how much money each contestant has collected in their canister. In the event of a tie, the amount in the canister will help determine the winner.

A portion of the money collected in the canisters goes to Miss Rodeo Iowa to help defray traveling expenses as she competes for the coveted title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas this coming December.

Each contestant will receive a goodie bag for participating, however only one girl and one boy can win the title of Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy.

# OCI issues statement on Wednesday venting incident

WEVER - Residents near Wever reported several instances of a strange color of plumes coming from the sections of the facility on Wednesday, and fertilizer officials issued a statement about a restart that is taking place at the facility.

OCI Nitrogen Iowa (Iowa Fertilizer Company) is currently in the process of restarting one of our product plants. During this time, venting from sections of the plant will have an orange color for short periods of time. This is a normal part of our manufacturing process and the company continues to work closely with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to meet or exceed all permit requirements.

As always, our team will continue to maintain our commitment and focus on safety, the environment, and the well-being of our surrounding community. Those with questions or concerns can feel free to contact us at 515-240-2104.

# State Treasurer Smith reports record earnings

DES MOINES - State Treasurer Roby Smith reports over \$235 million in interest was earned on the Pooled Money Fund for the State's 2023 fiscal year, which runs from July to June. "The State of Iowa earned a striking amount of interest in the last year, mainly due to the Pool's high balance and the increase in interest rates," said Smith. "This is not only a win for the state, but also for Iowans."

As Treasurer, Smith is the State's banker and chief financial officer. One of his responsibilities is to invest funds in a combined short-term investment pool, known as the Pooled Money Fund. The Pool includes the State's general fund, the road use tax fund, the State's two reserve funds and a number of smaller State funds. Any funds not currently in use are invested until needed for payments.

"Any income reduces the burden on Iowa taxpayers, but one of this magnitude is impressive," said Smith. "Each dollar earned is one less we need to collect from additional sources, and ultimately helps keep Iowans' hard-earned money in their pockets."

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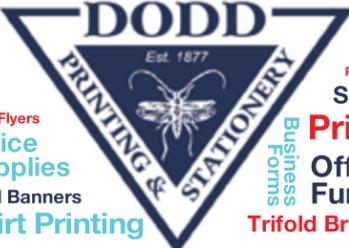


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Thursday, July 20, 2023  
5:30 P.M.  
Sheaffer Meeting Room  
and Online**

**AGENDA**

Optional Electronic Meeting  
The option of attending the meeting electronically is being offered. You can participate in the meeting via telephone and can comment on an agenda item by joining the Zoom meeting. Using your telephone, dial (312) 626 6799 and enter the meeting ID (865 0101 5801) when prompted. If you have trouble connecting to the meeting, please

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- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes
  - a. Meeting June 15
  - V. Approval of the Bills
  - VI. Correspondence
  - VII. Director's Report
    - a. Financial
    - b. Personnel
    - c. Programming
    - d. Collection Development
    - e. Operations
    - f. Facilities
    - g. Professional
    - h. Reports to City Council
    - VIII. Unfinished Business
    - IX. New Business
      - a. Update Microfilm machine, first presentation from special projects budget.
      - b. Discussion of News-

paper Archive subscription  
c. Discussion of additional glass barrier at front desk  
d. Discussion of spending from building maintenance fund to supplement budget from general fund.  
e. Copyright Permission Request  
X. Trustee Education  
XI. Upcoming Events and Information  
Next Meeting August 17, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF THE  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL WORK  
SESSION  
June 12, 2023**

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray, Maupin and Wilson present.

The Resolution Approving \$50,000 of Financial Support for the Burlington STEM Foundation's Children's Museum Building and the Resolution Approving \$97,500 of Financial Support for the Burlington High School Renovation Project was added to the regular agenda.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 5:44 p.m.  
Approved: June 19, 2023  
Chad Bird, City Manager  
Jon D. Billups, Mayor

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Donnellson City Council  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday July 10th, 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 & Estrada present.

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

Citizen comments – None.

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

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

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve the June '23 disbursements and July '23 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Marshall to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License for R&T Stumble Inn Inc 516 N Main, all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve sidewalk permit for Tiger Development LTD at 403 Dewey Ave: all ayes.

Residents on Maple St spoke regarding sewer backing up in their basements, The City of Donnellson has turned a claim into their insurance, the claim adjustors phone number was given to the residents. The city has a camera crew coming in this week to camera the sewer main.

Motion by Moeller, second by Marshall to approve 28E Agreement between the City of Donnellson and Lee County for the Design and Construction of 180th Ave Improvements: all ayes.

The council asked that the police chief address 3

properties within the city that have become nuisance properties.

Police Report – There were 33 calls for service, 3 traffic stops & 0 citation. 20 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 Moeller, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor  
Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General \$231,877.13 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$13,662.53 Employee Benefit \$808.06 Local Option Sales Tax \$9,940.78 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$58,871.54 Water Sinking \$28,024.69 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$311,847.45 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$4,334.28 Employee Benefit \$5,903.60 Local Option Sales Tax \$73,993.02 Debit Service \$30,987.49 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$63,846.29 Water \$43,487.40 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$1,743.90 Sewer Sinking \$0.

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## Business News/From the Front

# Allied Blending plans expansion in Keokuk

KEOKUK - Allied Blending is pleased to announce an extensive expansion project at their Keokuk, Iowa facility beginning in August 2023. The project will increase the size of the production plant by 50,000 sq. feet. The new space will significantly increase plant capacity and create considerable gains in efficiency. The expansion is a great opportunity for the local workforce and provides long-term stable growth for regional employment. Carl A. Nelson & Company of Burlington, Iowa, is building the project, which is slated to be operational Q2 2024.

Allied Blending is a national leader in the production of functional blends

for the food industry. The Keokuk, Iowa plant produces cheese anti-caking systems, plant-based products, tortilla blends and concentrates, and other specialized food ingredients that provide superior functionality for food manufacturers.

CEO Frederic Schuldts, who is responsible for pioneering this undertaking says, "The expansion is an investment into the local industrial fabric and exemplifies our faith in Keokuk's potential. Allied Blending has been and will always be dedicated to supporting the local community and adding income to the local economy."

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# New ordinance would put pawn, resale records online

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and guidelines. It also includes a change to the reporting requirements by implementing an internet-based property tracking system."

Rohloff said police are solely tasked with the responsibility, there was little opportunity for officers to view the records, and the incentive for businesses to comply with upkeep of records has been diminished.

He said Leads Online, a vendor that offers secure encryption services for the records, would be selected to provide the service at a cost of \$2,819 annually. Licensing for the businesses engaging in purchasing property would need to be determined by future council action.

"We needed to clean up some language we currently have in the code," Rohloff said.

"We really didn't have any follow through as far as a licensing component as far as what the fee was or the duration of the license."

Licensing is under the authority of the council and administered by the city clerk. It allows operational standards and, if we determine a business is operating some sort of criminal enterprise or not complying with the requirements, we have the ability to revoke that license and privilege."

He said some of the requirements are already under state code, but it's vague as to whether they have to be manual ledgers.

"This proposal does have in there a

requirement that I'm allowed to determine a web-based service that would provide the second-hand dealer, pawn broker, and scrap metal dealers the ability to record these online to a service that we would choose and pay for," Rohloff said.

He said that would allow police to go into those records and search purchases with regard to thefts.

He said the benefits to the businesses is that the city furnishes the service and businesses can do timely record keeping, while allowing the law enforcement greater ease in searching the records.

"We can adequately identify criminal activity, and deal with that," Rohloff said.

"We've been making a full court press on trying to deal with the drug problem in Lee County and our community with the addition of the (Lee County) Task Force officer and the dog, this is just one other avenue where drug activity is funded and we're trying to put a hold on that."

Rohloff said he's giving a copy of the proposal to businesses affected by the proposed changes and hasn't heard any negative comments, however he has asked for feedback.

"These owners that we have we would like to consider contributors to our community and employers. They look for obvious opportunities to be in compliance, but also a good working relationship with the city as well," he said.

# Go Team! Go!



**Being part of a sports team is a great way for your child to build social, physical, mental, and emotional skills.**

There are many ways you can help them get the most out of participating in sports.

- Before the game: make sure they receive a pre-participation physical exam before the season begins. This is best done by a licensed healthcare provider who will review answers to questions about current health status and past medical history, while also doing a physical examination.
- During the game: once cleared for play, it is important to use positive reinforcement while on the sidelines, showing respect for the other players, officials and your child - modeling behavior you want your child to imitate.
- After the game: listen to your child and address any mental, emotional, or physical concerns.

The healthcare professionals at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center are here to help. From Urgent Care - to primary care - to specialized sports medicine care in our orthopedic clinic, they want to get and keep your child safely in the game.



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