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More paving the way



Courtesy Drone Image

A drone image shows crews pouring asphalt at the city's new marina. Not all of the asphalt was poured as heavy trucks will come in for work on the hospitality center.

IMPROVEMENTS: Upgrades continue as boating season hits full swing

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Marina is pleased to announce the next phases of the project moving forward.

Crews are currently laying down the first layer of asphalt. Boating traffic will have full access to the property this weekend, July 28th-29th, as the road and parking will be open up for use.

From July 31st to August 4th, there will be some limited access as the asphalt work continues, including asphalt and striping. We ask that truck and trailers start utilizing the permanent parking stalls west of the island.

Late October will mark the final phase of the paving process, enabling heavy construction traffic to complete remaining work around the building before asphalt completion. The marina management urges boaters to be patient during this time as the team works diligently, ensuring top-notch road and parking.

The Fort Madison Marina Rehabilitation Project represents a significant investment in enhancing boating infrastructure, promoting tourism, and providing a first-class experience for boaters and visitors alike. The improved facilities and accessibility will further expand Fort Madison's position as a preferred destination for water enthusiasts in the region.

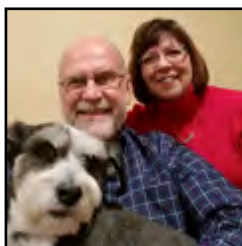
EMPTY NEST

Growing old is not for sissies

No one told me it would be like this. I thought growing old was supposed to be the "Golden Years" where you sort of enjoyed life with your spouse, traveled, spent leisure time with your family, grandkids, and friends. For me it would be plenty of time to write and read, mess with my art, work a little, mow

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



and ogle over the garden. Oh, I was aware of the humorous cliché that

when you grow old you spend most of your time "going to the doctor and funerals." I chuckled at this and even voiced it myself. But it's true! That's what we do when we're old—go to doctors and funerals.

My good friend from college, Joel Boy, just passed away. I can't believe

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EDITORIAL

Even Charlie Brown knew to forge ahead

I have a Charlie Brown complex. Actually, all the girls in my family would say I have a Lucy complex, but let's not open that can of worms on a Sunday morning.

I get in these moods. I suppose we all do, but mine come in waves.

We all know Charlie Brown, that kid with the one hair curled in the front who hid it with a big baseball hat and an even bigger glove? I've actually thought about trying to find that yellow shirt with the black zigzag and some brown cheerleader shoes.

He couldn't get the fastball by anyone. What a loser.

Well, my complex runs a bit deeper. Sorry Mike, you don't get to bill me for this one.

Something can come along that knocks me into the toilet. I'll try to talk to Lee or Taylor or get caught up in a lengthy message thread with someone who's trying to give sage advice. They pick up that I'm in a mood.

"Are you crabby?" No

"Are you mad?" No.

"Did I say something?" No!

"Are you feeling sullen and morose?" – How dare you!

Sometimes you're just looking for that nickel's worth of pick-me-up to break out of the cycle.

I usually take off for my brother's house. If you can't find something to laugh about there, you need medication...or Mike Maher.

I keep telling them they should put cameras up in their house and create a YouTube page and just let people see it raw. You wouldn't even have to charge. They would be YouTube phenoms in about three months.

But Natalie and Hayden are weeks away from leaving for school, so they missed their chance at superstardom and riches. Hayden has this little stanky leg thing he does that cracks me up. I think it would be akin to Arnold's "Whatchoo talkin' 'bout Willis".

But the complex is really oxymoronic, because I put this column out every week for people to read. Charlie Brown never thought anything he did was good enough. I'm sure there's a psychological term with a whole

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JESSE E. BURGHER, SR.

Jesse Edward Burgher, Sr., 82, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:31 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on May 12, 1941 in Kirksville, MO to Grover & Mabel



Smith Burgher.

He married Linda Prado and they later divorced. He worked at Crandon's Paper Mill in Fort Madison and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1965. He was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed bowling, yard work, playing golf and attending his grandchildren's events.

Jesse is survived by: 1-daughter: Kristen (John) Shaw of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Jesse (Amy) Burgher Jr. of Fort Madison, IA; 5-grandchildren: Jessica Shaw, Colton Heston, Josh (Courtney) Shaw, Jace Burgher & Cade Burgher; 1-great granddaughter: Harper Heston; 1-great granddaughter on the way; numerous nieces & nephews and his little buddy, Opie. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 3-sisters and 2-brothers in infancy.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A graveside service will immediately follow at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Jesse's memory. Online condolences to the Burgher family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

JUDY R. WRIGHT-MAYS

Judy Rae (Carlton) Wright-Mays, 66, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Mississippi Valley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Keokuk.



Judy Rae Carlton was born in Peoria, Illinois to James R. Carlton and Jean Marie (Budzinski) Carlton on September 12, 1956.

After the death of her father in 1967, Judy and her family moved to various towns in Ohio, Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania before moving to Keokuk, Iowa in 1978.

Judy loved to crochet, play Scrabble, cook/make candy, and to travel. She also loved researching her family tree and loved animals, especially her two dogs Scooter & Lucky.

Judy worked at Pinnacle (formerly Dial Corporation) until her retirement. She enjoyed preparing taxes for other people. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Keokuk.

Judy married LeRoy Mays on September 27, 2002.

The last few years Judy resided at Mississippi Valley Rehab Center in Keokuk which provided exemplary care for Judy.

Judy is survived by her husband Leroy Mays, brother James (Sue) Carlton, sisters Linda Sue (David) Mullen and Jan Carlton (Carl Sintern). Nephew Richard (Meg) Gobart, two grandnieces Emma & Lily Gobart. Niece Jessica (Mitch) Workman one grandniece Riley & one grandnephew William Workman. A step-son, Michael Mays and his wife Lynn and their children. Judy had an extended family that comprised of honorary son Joseph Walker and daughter in law Meghan Flaherty. Several honorary grandchildren which she cherished Abigail, JoNa, Jayden, Landon & Hayley.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents, many aunts & uncles including her two dogs Scooter & Lucky.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, July 31, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. A private family burial will follow at a later date.

Memorials may be made to PAWS Animal Shelter in Fort Madison, Iowa. We will miss our sweet Judy.

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

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

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FRANCES R. LUX

Frances Rae Lux, 66, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Illinois.

Frances was born on June 30, 1957, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Earl "Arkie" Wilson and Hazel (Durow) Wilson Meyocks. She graduated from Jefferson High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1976, and went on to receive her degree as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. On November 30, 1991, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Lux in Marion, Iowa. He survives.

Frances was employed at BTR, Roquette and Quick Stop in Keokuk throughout her working career. She was an active member of God's Way Christian Center and served there faithfully. Frances was a woman of great faith. Everyone knew Frances as a hard worker with a heart for others. She had a generous spirit, but you could count on her to call it as she saw it. Frances was devoted to her family, raising her grandson Robert from a young age. She was the master of crocheting and loved working with her hands.

Frances is survived by her husband Kenneth Lux of Keokuk; her mother Hazel Meyocks; her daughter Bonnie Brookhart of Louisiana; three grandchildren: Robert Kleine, JD Quinn and Jade Kleine; two sisters: Rhonda (Fiancé Keith) Kochuyt and Tamara (Mark) Sherry; her brother Jonathan (Janet) Wilson; and several other family members.

Frances is preceded in death by her father Earl.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at God's Way Christian Center in Keokuk, Iowa. A graveside service will be held at 3:30 pm on Tuesday at Center Point Cemetery in Center Point, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to God's Way Christian Center.

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

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



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OBITUARIES

JESSICA J. DEWITT

Jessica Jean DeWitt, 50 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison, Iowa. She was born July 9, 1973 at Fort Madison, Iowa, a daughter of Dean DeWitt and Ann (Kinney) Cahoon. She married John Downey, they later divorced.



DEWITT

She was a 1991 graduate of Fort Madison High School. She was a homemaker. She loved cooking and baking, especially chicken enchiladas, chili, spaghetti and Grandma June's goulash. She enjoyed pro wrestling, music, bingo games on her phone, drawing, coloring and angels. She was a huge New Orleans Saints fan. Family was so important to her, especially her sons, she was their biggest cheerleader at all their events. She was a "Marine Mom" and constantly supported her son throughout his enlistment. One of her dreams was to fly out to Hawaii and visit her son on base, explore the island, and eat at a vintage Vietnamese pho restaurant.

She is survived by her parents: Dean (Jody) DeWitt and Ann Cahoon, all of Fort Madison, Iowa; sons: Daniel Downey (Taija Hewett) of Farmington, Iowa and Cpl. David Downey of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Siblings: Thomas Raines (Chyanne Rhoer), of Fort Madison, Iowa; Joshua (Erica) DeWitt, of Aberdeen, Maryland; Sean Raines (Kristi Black), of Tuscan, Arizona; Cody (Katrina) Raines, of Donnellson, Iowa; Jessica Simerl, of Fulton, Missouri and Adam (Traci) Mack, of Fort Madison, Iowa and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Dylan Pugliese; brothers, Justin DeWitt and Devin Royer; father, Kevin "Pops" Cahoon, grandparents: Charles and Melva Jean DeWitt and Bessie June Kinney.

Jessica's family will greet friends from 5:00 to 6:30 pm Monday, July 31, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa, concluding with a time of reflection at 6:30 pm Monday evening. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Jessica DeWitt family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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

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Wednesday, August 2

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Friday, August 4

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- 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.

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From the Front

The Golden Years aren't so golden

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it. We were the same age, 75. We partied hard in college—Iowa State. He bailed me out of jail once. We both sobered up, thank goodness. He was best man at Ginnie's and my wedding. We just went to a Celebration of Life for Joel Boy. He's in an urn. And his sister, a year younger and a good friend also, is in a nursing home.

Then my high school buddy, John—we hunted together and played football side-by-side—his heart gave out. I never knew John to be sick a day in his life. Now his high school sweetheart, another friend of mine, after 57 years of marriage, is a widow.

Another high school buddy has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Gee willikers, what's going on?

I feel like a senior in high school football, half way through the season, just realizing that it was all going to be over in a few weeks. No one had told me this. I was totally unprepared. It seemed so unfair. Something I enjoyed so much was ending.

I guess Ginnie and I have our own health issues. At my latest eye appointment the doctor told me I had the beginning of macular degeneration. Gulp. I can't imagine life if I can't read. Then there's the high PSA and out-of-whack kidney functions. It's almost daily trips to the doctor: dentist, eye, hearing, skin, urology, family doctor, the list goes on.

Ginnie's health seems to be pretty good, knock on wood, although she goes to the chiropractor a lot. I don't wanna be the invalid she feels obligated to take care of. Yes, we have long-term care insur-

ance.

I always read the obituaries in the newspaper. I'm appalled at so many people younger than me dying. Maybe I should feel blessed that I'm 75 and still moving air in and out. Maybe I should take a lesson from our garden. The plants last a season, for the most part, no matter how much water they get, or sunshine. It's over, Rover. Except for the onions. They'll last through the winter and be ready to harvest in the spring. Hmm.

I exercise aerobically daily, thinking of John and his heart. I feel privileged to be able to do this. I told my eye doctor I want to live to be 100. He said, "No, you don't. Quality of life deteriorates, organs fail, the mind goes." Ginnie's father is 96 and sharp as a tack. He writes letters with hand writing prettier than a grade-school teacher's. I know people in their nineties, bright as a new penny. I feel if I exercise regularly, keep my weight down, eat right, trust in God, and help others I should have a long healthy life. Isn't that the formula?

"Dying is part of life." I've been hearing that a lot lately and I've said it myself when my parents passed away years ago. Somehow, it doesn't ring true now that friends my age are passing away, and I could be next. The Golden Years aren't so golden.

I guess what we have to do is make sure we're right with God and the people around us, have our affairs in order and accept whatever comes our way. I have no fear of dying. It's the suffering that can accompany death, both for self and others, that's a "hurts don't it."

Growing old is not for sissies.

Push forward and you'll get the fastball by

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bunch of letters that ends with "Syndrome" like Charlieb-urgers Syndrome" (And if that ain't real, it should be).

No matter how bad you think it is, you keep trying and trying and trying until you convince yourself that maybe it isn't that bad. When the hell does THAT day come?

Every week I tell the mad scientist that the BtP is done. "I don't like it", I tell her.

She doesn't even respond anymore. I'm not joking... crickets.

This is Lee, and she's the owner of the damned company. She can have an opinion. So when I write a weekly column and I say it's not good, I'm not fishing for a compliment. I don't like it.

But then people stop me in the park, or at the grocery store, or send me a text.

"Great read."

"Well said."

That's really all it's about. It really is. We don't charge for subscriptions so I'm not hoping it generates cash. I really want to genuinely make people happy. And sometimes I don't think I'm very good at it and that creates doubt and pressure and self-deprecation.

Then someone stops you after an assignment while walking to your car and says this.

"Hey, I really liked your piece 'You can't rub dirt on mental illness', after I read that I went back to counseling and it's helping."

That's getting to kick the football, and getting a knockout.

I was writing a story on the motorcycle club Adam Benda's in about four years ago and went to their 'pad'. These were big guys and they were pretty intimidating. As I waited for them to get together for a group interview, one of the guys showed me a picture on the wall of Charlie Brown. But it was "Rambo" Charlie Brown tattered and torn with a sinewy Beagle at his side that had been through it all with him. He hung his head, but was fresh from the war.

That picture has stuck with me ever since. I think I want one.

No matter how bad we think things are - we forge ahead. We do get the fastball by, we do get to kick the football, we win the essay contest... and 'hopefully' we get the girl - (Good grief!)

I think even Charlie Brown knew that - But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the third reading and publication of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve the third reading and publication of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Disbursement Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Processing Services Agreement with Sitestream, LLC for detection, issuance and processing of traffic violations. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to award bid for construction of a Road Maintenance Building in West Point to JJD Contracting, Fort Madison, in the amount of \$331,188.00. Motion carried. Other bids were received from Myers Construction, Mediapolis, in the amount of \$358,778.30 and S.G. Construction, West Burlington, in the amount of \$453,360.00.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to award

the contract for gasohol and diesel for Secondary Roads, Conservation, Sheriff and Great River Regional Waste Authority, to Jet Gas Corporation, Houghton, in the amount of \$641,730.80, and authorize the County Engineer to execute the contract. Motion carried. One other bid was received from Agriland FS, Danville, in the amount of \$641,738.30.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-67. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION #2023-67

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO VACATE AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PART OF 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN THE MID PT E 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 IN 5-68-5, WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors is the Agency as defined by Iowa Code Section 306.2 that has jurisdiction over the secondary roads and alleyways in Lee County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a certain portion of 168th Street, a continuation of Avenue C Formerly known as Tyler Street in the City of West Point, in the Mid Pt E 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 in 5-68-5, West Point Township of Lee County, Iowa is no longer being utilized by the public and serves no benefit to the public, and/or have been converted by private landowners for private use; and

WHEREAS, the certain portion of the part of 168th Street, a continuation of Avenue C Formerly known as Tyler Street in the City of West Point, to

be vacated are located in the Mid Pt E 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 in 5-68-5, West Point Township and specifically legally described as follows:

1. THE NORTH HALF OF PLATTED 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FRANKLIN ROAD/COUNTY HIGHWAY J56 & THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 68 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA and;

2. THE SOUTH HALF OF PLATTED 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FRANKLIN ROAD/COUNTY HIGHWAY J56 & THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 68 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS, Sections 306.10 through 306.16 and 354.23 Code of Iowa, 2022 vest the County Board of Supervisors the authority to vacate and convey said roads and alleyways; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to vacate and convey has been reviewed by the Secondary Roads Department, the Environmental Services Department of the Lee County Health Department, and the Lee County Treasurer's Office for tax payments and again by the Lee County Engineer's for utility easements. No objections or issues having been

raised; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowners are as follows:

1. Midwest Oilseeds, Inc. - 02-31-08-05-300-0040

Midwest Oilseeds, Inc. - 02-31-08-05-300-0080
22555 Laredo Trail, Adel, IA 50003

WHEREAS, all known utility permits on file with the County whose facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on the road right-of-way are as follows:

1. MidAmerican-Gas
MidAmerican Energy
P.O. Box 657
Des Moines, IA 50306-0657

2. Rathbun Regional Water
16166 Hwy J29
Centerville, Iowa 52544

3. Mediacom
Attn: Matt Benhart
Hartco Cable Inc.
1401 Gorman Dr.
Geneseo, IL 61254

4. Windstream Communications
101 W. Madison St.
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

5. West Point Utility System
409 6th St.
West Point, Iowa 52656

WHEREAS, these landowners and utility owners are entitled to notice of the vacation. The Auditor of Lee County shall mail a copy of this proposed resolution to adjoining landowners and utility owners by ordinary and by certified mail; and WHEREAS, Section 354.23 of the Code of Iowa provides in part:

That the county shall vacate by resolution or following public hearing or by ordinance and the vacating instrument shall be recorded. The county may convey the vacated property by deed or may convey the property to the adjoining proprietor through the vacation instrument. The vacating instrument is used to convey property and the instrument shall include a list of adjoining

proprietors to whom the vacating property is being conveyed along with the corresponding description of each parcel conveyed, a recording instrument which conforms to this section is equivalent to a deed of conveyance and the instrument shall be filed and indexed as a conveyance by the recorder and auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposed resolution be set for public hearing on the 19th day of June, 2023, at 10:01 o'clock a.m. in the County Boardroom, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. The Auditor is instructed to publish notice as required by Section 331.305. The proposed resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to its authority under Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, hereby vacates the following described portion of Avenue C Formerly known as Tyler Street in the Mid Pt E 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 in 5-68-5 of Lee County, Iowa:

1. THE NORTH HALF OF PLATTED 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FRANKLIN ROAD/COUNTY HIGHWAY J56 & THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 68 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA and;

2. THE SOUTH HALF OF PLATTED 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FRANKLIN

ROAD/COUNTY HIGHWAY J56 & THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 68 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to its authority under section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, the Board now conveys the property so vacated to the surrounding landowners as follows:

1. THE NORTH HALF OF PLATTED 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FRANKLIN ROAD/COUNTY HIGHWAY J56 & THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 68 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA and;

2. THE SOUTH HALF OF PLATTED 168TH STREET, A CONTINUATION OF AVENUE C FORMERLY KNOWN AS

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Deadline August 16, 2023.

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TYLER STREET IN THE CITY OF WEST POINT, LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FRANKLIN ROAD/COUNTY HIGHWAY J56 & THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 68 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WEST POINT TOWNSHIP, LEE COUNTY, IOWA.

To: Midwest Oilseeds, Inc. – 02-31-08-05-300-0040 and Midwest Oilseeds, Inc. – 02-31-08-05-300-0080 Subject to all utilities and easements of record. Consistent with the conveyances as listed above the adjoining property owner is conveyed the said legally described and designated vacated portion of the above described portions of Avenue C Formerly known as Tyler Street in the Mid Pt E 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 in 5-68-5 of Lee County, Iowa.

Upon approval, pursuant to Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, this Resolution will serve as the lawful conveyance of the said vacated property.

The Auditor is instructed to publish notice of this public hearing not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Dated this the 12th day of June, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member, /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Standard DOT Title Assurances. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the June 5, 2023 Board minutes, the payment of claims for the week and a Class B Retail Alcohol License for

Montrose Dollar General for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2023 and the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2023.

Committee Reports: Holmes gave updates for the Pioneer Cemetery Commission and Iowa Works. Pflug reported on the Employee Safety Committee meeting. Seyb updated the Board on the status of 180th Street.

At 10:55 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid
June 12, 2023**

Advd Crctnl Hlth, svs	9024.28
AgriLand FS, Fuels	534.04
Agrineed, splys...	2708.75
Airgas USA, splys...	211.66
All Ssns Music, svs	457.00
Alliant Enrgy, svs	1542.51
Altorfer, parts	1457.51
Andrsn Massage, svs	220.00
E Andries, exps.....	54.00
Axon Entrp, edu....	390.00
J Baier, svs	120.08
Ball Volvo, splys...	733.18
Bates Sntatn, svs..	720.00
E Biddenstadt, exps	10.50
Blades/Green, svs	4240.00
Blessing Hlth, svs	130.00
J Boeding, svs	234.00
J Booth, exps.....	246.50
Bound Tree Med, splys	822.91
A Burke, svs.....	52.00
K Burkhardt, Reimb	51.00
CenturyLink, svs.....	70.81
Commerce Bank	
BLT www.Qspray.com , parts.....	447.25
BP, fuel	95.40

Casey's, fuel	98.00
ISU, edu.....	125.00
National Tank, splys	111.73
A Cook, exps	212.50
M Cook, exps.....	150.50
D Coover, svs.....	328.14
Cullen Pest Cntrl, svs	60.00
Culligan, water.....	70.40
Dly Gate City, publ	3950.70
Darkside Tint, splys	120.00
L DeFord, exps.....	234.50
DM Co Hlth Dpt, svs	11177.82
LDettmers, exps	25.00
Donnellson Lmbr, equip	224.96
Douds Stone, mtrl	1812.00
Elctrnc Engrg, svs	2653.98
EMSLRC, edu.....	111.50
B Fader, exps	173.00
Fastenal Co, equip..	58.08
Fdrl Enginrng, svs	480.00
T Forseen, svs.....	18.00
FM Water, svs.....	61.05
City of FM, prmt.....	20.00
N Granaman, svs	1623.64
GRRWA, svs.....	13777.00
J Hall, exps.....	344.00
A Hayes, exps.....	63.00
Health Sol, svs.....	1167.11
Hrtlnd Business, svs	19015.89
Hellige Lawn, svs....	60.00
Heritage Equip, splys	57.78
hibu Inc, publ	143.00
Hinterland Dairy, svs	144.00
NHirte, exps.....	460.50
Home Thrpy Sol, svs	6366.50
J Hudson, exps.....	20.00
Huffman Wldng, equip	274.67
K Irvin, svs	203.50
ISAC, reg.....	250.00
ISCTA, dues	250.00
S Jeffries, exps.....	274.50
J Johnson, exps.....	34.50
Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ	450.00
Keo Hsing Auth, svs	3131.98
P Knustrom, exps	209.50
BKrmrRsbrg, exps..	34.50
LeeCo Adtr, dpsts	7250.00
LeeCo Adtr, trfs...	3920.23
LeeCoTreas, costs	11483.42
Liberty Util, gas.....	187.20
McFarland/Swan, splys	1503.96
Metal Clvrts, mtrl	5739.90
MW Perform Pwr, svs	763.99
O Miller, exps.....	571.00
Mutual Whl, parts..	491.23
JJ Nchting Co, parts	316.80
OMG Midwest, svs	4112.80
Onmedia, adv	840.00
Optum Rx Svs, rx	1204.38

M Park, exps.....	157.50
P Patrick, svs.....	325.00
Pen City Current, publ	1235.70
Postmaster, svs	252.00
Qdnt Finance, splys	8002.00
Rainbo Oil, oil	2720.73
Red Bud Invst, rent	155.00
RicohUSA, splys...	406.36
River Hills Village, svs	10462.89
J Saunders, exps..	107.50
A Schiller, svs	350.00
K Schleidt, svs.....	325.00
T Schroeder, exps..	75.50
Shield Tech, svs..	2310.00
J Shoup, svs.....	325.00
SIADSA, svs.....	3040.00
Sidwell, svs.....	600.00
SE IA Reg Med, svs	350.00
P Spiekermeier, exps	19.00
M Terhune, exps...	563.50
Tims Repair Shop, splys	13.25
Trinity Musc Pblc, svs	46988.12
P Tripp, exps.....	238.50
Truck Repair, parts	2860.28
Vertical Comm, svs	731.75
L Wallingford, svs	302.08
Wshngtn Co Hlth, svs	6180.21
C Wells, exps.....	155.14
L Wessel, svs.....	1280.00
West Pt Utility, svs	917.43
Windstream, svs...	806.24
B Zinnert, exps	466.50
4imprint, splys.....	210.39

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY,
AUGUST 1, 2023
5:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS,
CITY HALL**

INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS: At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.
LIBRARY SUMMER READING RECOGNITION

CONSENT AGENDA
1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:
• Minutes of July 18, 2023;
• Vapor License: Steam Demons Vape Lounge;
• Liquor License Renewals: Fort Madison Lodge No. 671, Loyal Order of the Moose, 624 Avenue G; effective August 1, 2023 – Class C Retail;
• New 14-Day Liquor License: Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, for the Tri-State Rodeo, 2013 – 303rd Avenue, effective August 27, 2023 - Class C Retail with Outdoor Service;
• Liquor License Refund: Corks and Barrels, in the amount of \$211.25;
• Claims dated July 27, 2023 and July Library Claims; and
• Payroll of July 28, 2023.
PRESENTATION: Fire Station and Public Works facilities
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third and final reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, Special Events.
3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 4, Business, Chapter 6, Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers.
4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve hiring a City Manager Search Firm.
5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Resource Enhancement and Protection Program (REAP) for construction of Connecting Fort Madison Phase IV 48th Street Trail Connector.
6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution appointing City Treasurer Peggy Steffensmeier as the primary contact and Mayor Matt Mohrfeld as the Alternate Contact to represent the City of Fort Madison with the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool.
OTHER
7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED

to move forward with a Request for Proposals from interested parties to operate Old Fort Madison.
CLOSED SESSION
8A. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to enter into Closed Session to discuss the purchase of particular real estate, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j).
B. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to come out of Closed Session.
C. Possible Motion concerning the purchase of real estate
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT -The next regular City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council
Meeting
Wednesday,
August 2, 2023
6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street**

TENTATIVE AGENDA
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA
All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.
1. Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on July 19, 2023
2. Liquor License Renewal for Target
3. Approve a quote from Reid's Landscaping for seeding related to the Mt. Pleasant Water Tower & Booster Station Project - \$8,600
4. Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Mt. Pleasant St. Water

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Tower & Booster Station Project - \$1,117.07
5. Payment to Fye
Excavating for water main repairs in the 500 block of Spring Street - \$36,750
6. Payment of Claims as listed on the Ex-

pense Approval Report - \$134,387.39
COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS
• ADMINISTRATOR:
• PUBLIC WORKS:
• POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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

CITIZEN INQUIRIES NEW BUSINESS
1. Consider a Resolution setting wages for Non-Union positions for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
2. Consider a Resolution setting the wage for

a Non-Union position for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
3. Consider removing Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz from the probationary status
4. Consider a Resolution approving a transfer

from America Rescue Plan Act Fund to the Water Fund for \$2,121.30
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Sports

Four drivers claim first wins at Lee County Speedway

DONNELSON - A rare Saturday night of racing took place at the Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa on July 22nd. Which happened to be the sixth of seven qualifying rounds for the Iowa Corn Growers Association IMCA Late Model "Drive For 5", presented by Floyd's Waste Systems, JJ Nichting Company Case IH Company, Ideal Ready Mix, Triple 777 Trucking, Woodworth Attorney at Law, Triple R Performance Engines, B&B Propane, Budweiser, Conrad Trucking, Donnellson Tire & Service, KQ92, and Big Country 103.1. When the final checkered flag flew at 10:01 PM four driver's claimed their first victory of the season at the track, while three others won for multiple times on the year.

First up was the American Iron Racing Series (A.I.R.S.) 15 lap feature, with Doak Allen and Bart Miller drawing the front row. Miller would edge out Allen at the line to lead lap 1, only to have Allen slip under him to take the top spot on lap 2. But Miller would work back past Allen to grab the lead on lap 3. Then just after the lap was scored complete the caution would appear, as Kase Kohlmorgan spun down the frontstretch to bring out the yellow. On the restart Miller jumped back out front, with Allen and Domanic McNabb close behind. Allen and McNabb tried to work by Miller for the lead over the next 4 laps, when another caution appeared on lap 8 to slow the action. This time Jeff Hollenbeck came to a stop in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. Miller jumped back out front on the restart, with Allen and Owen Hayes giving chase. Two more cautions, one on lap 11 and another on lap 12, would slow the action for the final time, as Brian Stock spun in turn 2 on lap 11 and Kohlmorgan spun in turn 1 on lap 12. On the final restart Miller moved back out front, with Hayes overtaking Allen for the runner up spot. Miller held on over the final laps to claim the win. Owen Hayes was 2nd,

Allen was 3rd, Jake Hayes came from 16th to finish 4th, with McNabb crossing the line in 5th.

Next up was the 18 lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Neal Kohlmorgan and Jason Cook leading the field to green. Cook grabbed the lead on lap 1 over John Oliver Jr. and Jeremy Pundt, who started 6th. While Cook worked the bottom of the track, Oliver Jr. worked the middle to the top to try and grab the top spot away from Cook. On lap 3 Oliver Jr. used the momentum off the top of turn 4 to edge out Cook at the line to take over the top spot. The action up front was slowed on lap 5, when Eric Glass spun in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Oliver Jr. jumped back out front, as Cook and Pundt looked to work past him. The side-by-side battle for the top spot was slowed one final time on lap 10, as Andrew Schroeder, who started 9th and was running 4th, spun in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. Cook worked under Oliver Jr. on the restart to grab the lead away. Oliver Jr. then tried the low side, middle and top to try and get the top spot back over the final laps. But Cook would hold him off to score his second win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Pundt was 3rd, Dakota Simonsen came from 11th to finish 4th, with Austin Schrage completing the top 5.

Jarrett Brown and Chris Zogg drew the front row for the 18 lap J&J AG Auto and Truck IMCA Modified feature, with Brown taking advantage of his draw to grab the lead on lap 1 over Zogg and Zack Rawlins. While Brown set a fast pace out front, Zogg had to work to hold back Austen Becerra for the runner up spot. Despite Brown getting into lapped traffic on lap 10, and with no caution to bunch the field up, there was no catching Brown on this night. As he went on to claim his first win of the season at the track. Zogg held off Becerra for 2nd, Jadin Fuller was 4th, with Rawlins coming home in 5th.

Round six of the Iowa Corn Growers Association "Drive For 5" for the IMCA Late Models took to the track next for 25 laps, with Tommy Elston and Dennis Woodworth making up the front row. Woodworth would edge out Elston at the line to jump out into the lead on lap 1. Elston followed in Woodworth's tire tracks over the next 12 laps, when Woodworth started to enter lapped traffic. The lap traffic allowed Woodworth to get away from Elston, who had Jeremy Pundt working on him for the runner up spot. Heavy lapped traffic and no caution to slow Woodworth's pace, allowed Woodworth to go on to claim his second "Drive For 5" qualifying win of the season worth \$1,000. Elston won the battle for 2nd, Greg Kastli was 4th, with Christian Miles completing the top 5.

Jim Gillenwater and Brandon Dale drew the front row for the 18 lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA Northern SportMod feature, with Gillenwater grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Dale and Shane Paris. Just after lap 1 was scored complete, Jason Van Zomeren spun in turn 2 to bring out the caution. On the restart Gillenwater moved back out front, with Dale and Paris close behind. The final caution of the race appeared on lap 6 to slow the action. Gillenwater once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Brayton Carter, who started 5th, overtaking Paris for the runner up spot. Carter tried to work under Gillenwater over the final laps. But Gillenwater would hold him off to score his second win in a row and third of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Paris was 3rd, Dale was 4th, with Matt Mayo finishing 5th after starting in 12th.

Up next was the 15 lap Sonny's Super Market Sport Compact feature, with Spencer Coats and Jeffrey DeLonjay making up the front row. Coats jumped out into the lead on lap 1 over Josh Starr and DeLonjay. While Coats' paced the field out front, Starr, DeLonjay and Chuck Fullenkamp battled for the runner up spot. The one and only caution of the race came on lap 8, as Matt Milligan slowed in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Coats jumped back out front, with Starr and DeLonjay close behind. Despite DeLonjay putting pressure on Coats over the final laps, Coats would hold on to score his first win of the season at the track. Fullenkamp was 3rd, Starr was 4th, with Luke Fraise coming home in 5th.

The final feature to take to the track was the 12 lap Mini Hauler Truck feature, with Jeff Bockes and Sheldon Brockett drawing the front row. Bockes grabbed the lead on lap 1 over Sheldon Brockett and Don Wood. Disaster would strike Wood after the completion of lap 1, as he got upside down in turn 2 to bring out the red. He climbed from his truck okay. On the restart Bockes jumped back out front, with Sheldon Brockett and Grady Jones following. The final caution of the event appeared on lap 3, when Larry Hooper stopped in turn 4 on fire. Bockes once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Tim Wagner, who started 5th, overtaking Sheldon Brockett for the runner up spot. Bockes would lead all 12 laps to claim his first win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Wagner was 2nd, Sheldon Brockett was 3rd, Jim Ruble was 4th, with Roger Brockett finishing 5th.



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