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# Resale code gets move

**ORDINANCE:** Business owner stands up to city on pawnbroker license change

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A local businessman pushed back on a city effort to make pawnbrokers and resalers log their inventory online.

At Tuesday's regular Fort Madison City Council meeting, the council voted 6-0 to approve a second reading of an ordinance that would require pawnbrokers, resalers, scrap metal dealers, second-hand dealers,

and itinerant dealers to put inventories of all purchased items on a registry to make it easier for law enforcement to look for stolen property.

Sal Gonzalez, owner of Sal's Emporium, said the new law will cost him \$12,000 over the next 10 years for the price of internet service in his outlet.

Gonzalez said the move is detrimental to low and moderate income people in Fort Madison.

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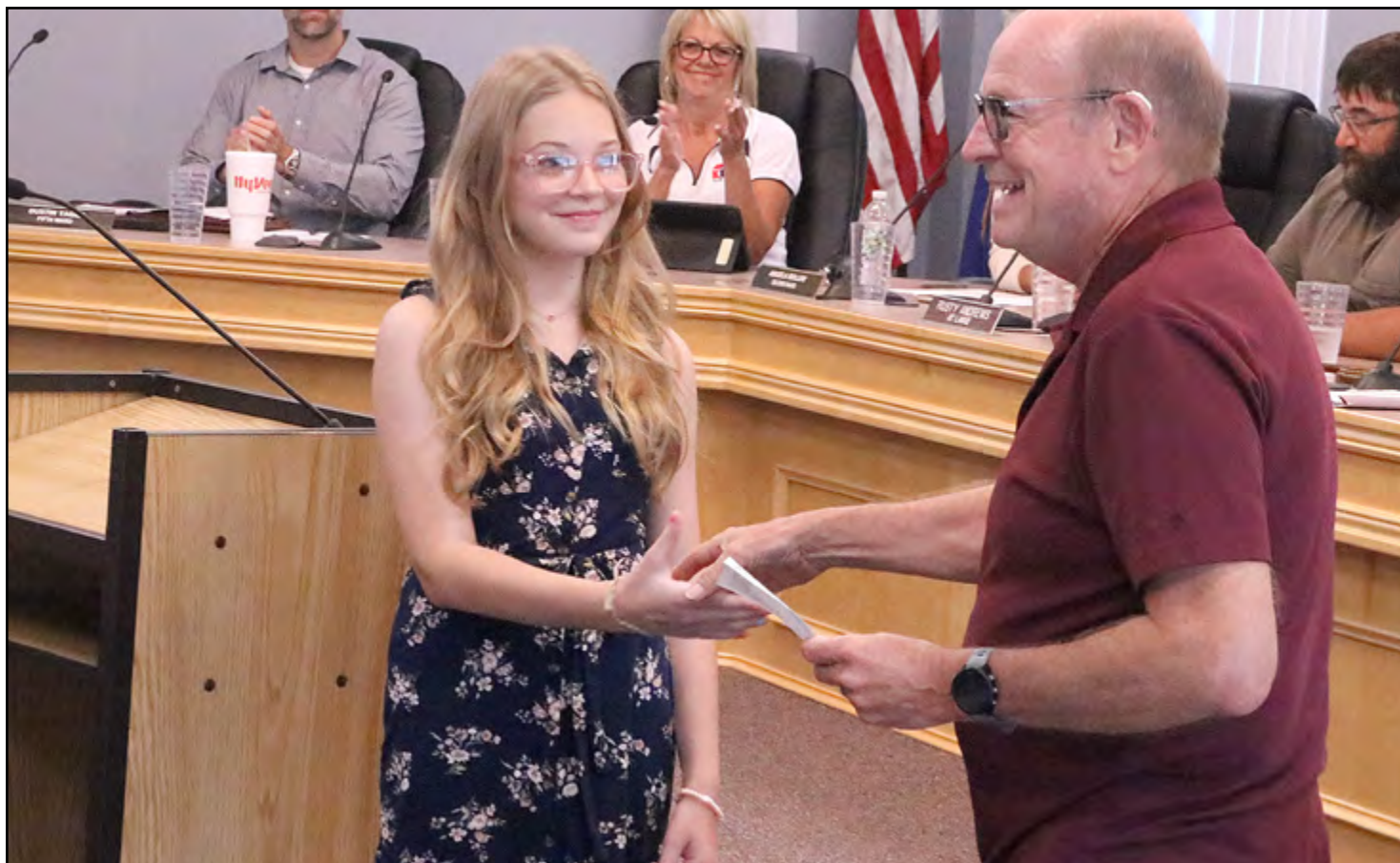


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld shakes the hand of Ripley Mena who was honored Monday night and presents her with a certificate for reading the most minutes in the Fort Madison Public Library's Summer Reading program. Mena read a total of 4,215 minutes in the program.

## EDUCATION NEWS

### Central Lee looking for Hall of Fame nominations

PCC Staff

DONNELSON — The Central Lee Community School District is accepting nominations for the 2023 inductees into its three Halls of Fame.

The Halls of Fame are part of the district's alumni recognition program, launched in 2020. The initiative aims to

honor nine individuals who achieved excellence in academics, athletics, and the fine arts during their time in the district.

"We are thrilled to begin the process of selecting our next round of distinguished alumni for our Halls of Fame," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. "This program is a point

of pride in our community and is an exciting opportunity to honor outstanding individuals who have left a positive impact on our schools and community. We look forward to celebrating their remarkable achievements."

The Central Lee Academic Hall of

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## OPINION

### Miller-Meeks says House bill honors commitment to veterans

Ensuring the well-being and support of our Veterans and active service members is a critical responsibility for our nation. This week, the House of Representatives passed the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to honor our commitment to our Veterans and ensure that we have the military infrastructure needed to keep our nation safe and support our service members.

As a 24-year Army Veteran and Chairwoman of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health, I understand how crucial it is to have a fully funded Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department of Veterans Affairs mission, as listed on their website is "[t]o fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors." That mission is one that I wholeheartedly agree with, and I understand the importance the VA has for so many former service members in our nation. This bill fulfills America's promise to our Veterans by fully funding Veterans' benefits and healthcare programs, including the ongoing effort to modernize electronic health records.

This bill also includes critical investments in the military infrastructure we need to bolster our national security and support our service members. This consists of building new barracks and child development centers, as well as other quality-of-life projects. Existing housing units will also see upgrades, and oversight of privatized housing

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From the Front

# Resale registry ordinance needs one more reading

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"I personally provide a service to those citizens. I've helped 1,000s keep the water on, pay real estate taxes, put gas in the car to get to work.

"There is talk of possibly raising the cost of a pawnbroker license. Why, what is the reason for that," he asked.

He asked if city workers are doing extra work that a pawnbroker has to pay for, and said the city should look at ways to help pawnbrokers help the forgotten citizens of Fort Madison.

"Maybe lower the price or remove it. That way I could use it to help those that need it."

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff made the proposal to city officials last week to require all inventories of goods purchased from individuals be logged onto a website that would allow quicker searches by investigators for possible stolen property.

The move would cost the city about \$3,000 per year to register with the site.

Rohloff, who was not in attendance Tuesday, told the council in July that stolen property continues to be sold to legitimate retailers in the area. He said the new ordinance, which got a second of

three approvals Tuesday night, will make it easier for investigators to look for stolen property.

Investigators will be able to log onto the tracking site, and search for stolen goods by search words, rather than making trips to retail facilities and asking for logs and then scrolling through all the logs looking for specific items.

Gonzalez said he was very careful to include IDs with any purchases he makes from sellers. He also asks a battery of questions to try to filter out any possibility that something he buys was stolen.

"My buddy Mark, who's not here, wants to implement a plan he believes will put away some hardened criminals," Gonzalez said.

"That's going to cost taxpayers \$30,000 in ten years if the cost doesn't go up."

He said for the sake of argument if one item a month is stolen. - not a complete sentence? He said that's not even 1%, but the police department is notified what's been stolen. Gonzalez said that item has to be logged somewhere. If he got a copy of the stolen items, he can watch carefully for the item.

"They can spend three minutes to drop that off,

I think that's part of the investigation."

Gonzalez also said having the officers on the property is a good deterrent.

"We need our men in blue on the streets 24/7. Not behind a desk looking at my inventory, which only has three-quarters percent chance of something being stolen," he said.

"This is fiscally irresponsible because it's not needed. We ask that you be good fiduciary stewards of our tax dollars."

City attorney Pat O'Connell said most communities in Iowa already have this in place.

"This tracks state law, it doesn't really invent the wheel. It's not a new ordinance as far as concepts of concern. Registry is already required by state law. Local licensing is a very common thing. Fort Madison isn't doing anything other communities don't already do, so this isn't an onerous requirement," O'Connell said.

O'Connell said Illinois, which neighbors Fort Madison, has a state law requiring online registering of purchased property.

He said the ordinance gets property of low and income middle people back by making it easier for law enforcement to get the property back. He said theft usually happens to low or moderate income first.

"They have less security and less access to high-grade security systems to protect their property. That's low hanging fruit. So low to mid income people are suffering the most from theft," he said.

City Councilman Rusty Andrews asked Gonzalez if the cost incurred to him would be a business expense or if he could do it at home.

Gonzalez said he wasn't taking his business home, but Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said the registration can be accessed from a phone or via a mobile hotspot.


Gonzalez said the ordinance hadn't been explained to him that way.

Andrews said when the police are looking for a specific stolen item they can do a search and it may pop up, which would save officers a lot of time. Andrews said recently a bicycle was stolen from his property and the new technology would allow him to get his bike back.


"I don't make a butt-load of money and my wife stays home to take care of three kids. My daughter's bike got stolen...and I want to know where it's at," he said.

"I'm not going to go out and buy her another one because I don't have any money, so I want to know if it's at your pawn shop," Andrews said.


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# Obituaries/For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

07/28/23 - 11:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of 23rd Street.

07/29/23 - 12:02 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of 38th Street.

07/29/23 - 6:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

07/29/23 - 11:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

07/29/23 - 2:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

07/29/23 - 5:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jacob William Klesner, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear - 1st offense compulsory education violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/30/23 - Fort Madison police had no activity to report.

07/31/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kimberly Michelle Brewer, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue O, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/31/23 - 8:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue J.

07/31/23 - 10:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 100 block of Sunnyside Drive.

07/31/23 - 11:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Avenue I.

07/31/23 - 6:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue L.

07/31/23 - 7:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited William Francis Rankin, 44, of Donnellson, at Hwy. 2 and Bluff Road, on a charge of driving while barred.

07/31/23 - 9:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

07/31/23 - 11:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kimberly Michelle Brewer, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 12:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue F.

08/01/23 - 1:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jessica Rebecca Boe, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue H, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, and a warrant for failure to appear - charge of compulsory education violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 1:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a robbery in the 600 block of Avenue E.

08/01/23 - 2:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kyler William Ross, 38, of Wever, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a

warrant for probation violation - theft 3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5100 block of Avenue O.

08/01/23 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

08/01/23 - 6:52 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H.

08/01/23 - 10:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Theresa Lynn Reiter, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

07/28/23 - 10:20 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Amanda Rose Anne Leadingham, 37, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Jail, on a warrant for 3rd degree theft \$750-\$1500. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

07/28/23 - 2:01 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cheyenne Nicole Smith, 27, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

07/28/23 - 2:08 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dalton Tanner Vaughan, 22, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Jail, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and judgment entry/mittimus. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.

07/28/23 - 3:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at Hwy. 218 and Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dakota Ellis Nichols, 27, of Carthage, was stopped behind a vehicle to make a right turn onto Business 61 and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by James Alvie Wilsey, Jr., 55, of Keokuk. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles sustained minor damages and were driven away. Wilsey, Jr. was cited for failure to stop in an assured distance and driving under suspension.

07/28/23 - 9:12 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Connen Craig Hahnbaum, 34, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/29/23 - 3:20 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Matthew Kristian Smith, 26, of Burlington, in the 100 block of S. Oak Street, Donnellson, on a warrant for contempt - violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/30/23 - 8:33 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident in the 1700 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Melanie Rena Davis, 58, of Burlington, was traveling south in the 1700 block of Hwy. 61, when the driver suffered a medical issue and passed out. The vehicle drove into the west ditch, coming to a stop after striking a culvert in the north ditch of 175th Street. No injuries due to the accident were reported at the scene. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was

towed from the scene. No citations were reported.

07/30/23 - 3:02 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at Hwy. 61 S. and 355th Street and Argyle Rd. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Candie Beatrice Davis, 53, of Keokuk, failed to yield crossing 4 lanes of travel when going straight and was struck in the passenger side by a vehicle driven by Sarah Nicole Sparrow, 40, of Keokuk. Davis was transported to the hospital by EMS; Sparrow reported minor injuries. Both vehicle sustained disabling damages and were towed from the scene. Davis was cited for no seat belt and failure to yield to vehicle to the right.

07/31/23 - 11:30 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kenna Michelle Ames, 27, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/31/23 - 8:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jason William Fountain, 33, of Missouri, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

08/01/23 - 12:36 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Austin Dean Schuelka, 34, of Fort Madison, on warrants for domestic assault - impeding air/blood flow and violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 10:02 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrea Faye Freebury, 33, of Donnellson, in the 3500 block of Hwy. 218, Keokuk, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 10:43 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Bradford Evan Smith, 53, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 5:06 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Derek Alexander Westwater, 38, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 5:12 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kenneth Eugene Morrison, 28, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 5:14 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cellous Dalonden Glover, 24, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/01/23 - 10:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brock Quinton Chestleigh, 33, of Illinois, in the 3500 block of Hwy. 218, Keokuk, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

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

## OBITUARIES

# WILBUR V. NEIL

Wilbur V. Neil, age 90, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2023 at Marshall County Hospital.

Wilbur was born on June 24, 1933 in Mount Union, Iowa to his late parents, Chester and Beulah Neil. In 1953, he married his wife of seventy years, Joan Meyers Neil, and they moved their family to Florida where Wilbur started and operated Neil's Refrigeration and Air Conditioning until he retired. Before their move to Florida, Wilbur served as a Sergeant in the United States Army. In 1999, Wilbur began building their retirement home in Cambridge Shores on Kentucky Lake which was a central location between his two sons who, at the time, lived in Oklahoma and North Carolina. He loved to fish.

In addition to his wife, Wilbur is survived by his two sons, Mike Neil of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Jerry Neil of Benton; one brother, John Neil of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one son, Steve Neil; one sister, Viola Crawford; four brothers, Bob Neil, Edward Neil, Kendall Neil, and Dewayne Neil.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home in with Rev. Pete Hagglund officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



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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.

## Cemetery clean ups start Aug. 7

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Cemetery Department has scheduled a Cemetery Clean Up at Sacred Heart, Elmwood, Oakland & City Cemeteries starting on Monday, August 7 through Friday, August 11, 2023. ALL items must be removed from the gravesites before Monday,

August 7. Any items left will be disposed of during cemetery clean-up. No items are to be placed on the graves until Monday, August 14, 2023.

For further information, call (319) 372-7700, ext. 206 or email [mblind@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:mblind@fortmadison-ia.com).

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Governor sends 109 troops to Operation Lone Star

DES MOINES – Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has announced that 109 soldiers from the Iowa National Guard will deploy today to Texas in support of Operation Lone Star to help secure the U.S. Southern Border following the end of Title 42.

The deployment will last until Sept. 1, 2023, with the mission of deterring illegal border crossings and preventing the trafficking of illegal substances by cartels through Texas. This is the Guard's third deployment to the U.S. southern border since 2020, but the first pursuant to a state mission.

Following the deployment of Iowa National Guard soldiers, the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) will deploy Iowa State Patrol officers on August 31, 2023, to support Texas State Troopers with criminal interdiction, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, and law enforcement assistance. An investigative team will also support Texas investigations of narcotics, weapons, and human trafficking. The Iowa DPS deployment will end on October 2, 2023.

All costs will be covered by federal funding allocated to Iowa from the American Rescue Plan. States are given flexibility in how this funding can be used provided it supports the provision of government services.

Gov. Kim Reynolds released the following statement regarding the state's support of Operation Lone Star:

"On his first day in office, President Biden reversed commonsense policies that protected the U.S. Southern border and American citizens. Since that time, our country has experienced a historic rise in illegal immigrants and illicit drugs entering our country. Two years later, every state is a border state, and Iowa's unique location at the intersection of two major interstates makes it a target for human traffickers and drug cartels.

"The Biden Administration has failed to respond to the crisis at the border and, in doing so, has failed the American people – Iowans included. They have created one of the most significant national security and humanitarian crises of our generation and are blatantly ignoring the impact it's having on our states, cities, and our people.

"Since the administration refuses to invest in securing the border and protecting its citizens, Texas has asked other states to help, and Iowa is ready and willing to assist.

"Iowa is deploying National Guard troops and personnel from the Department of Public Safety to protect the citizens and interests of our state by supporting Operation Lone Star and helping secure the U.S. Southern border."

# Central Lee Hall nominations due by Aug. 30

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Fame recognizes outstanding scholars and staff from the past. This year, the district will select three students and/or former staff members who have excelled in academics before or after their time at Central Lee.

The Athletics Hall of Fame pays tribute to exceptional athletes, teams, and coaches from the past. This year, the district will induct three athletes, teams, or coaches who achieved greatness in athletics.

The Fine Arts Hall of Fame celebrates students, directors, and others who achieved distinction in band, choir, art, and other areas of the fine arts. Central Lee will introduce three inductees who have achieved greatness in the fine arts.

Committees have been established to help with the selection of inductees. To qualify for a nomination, individuals must have graduated from Central Lee or have served as staff members. Additionally, they must be at least five years removed from their association with the district. The committee will continue to consider individuals nominated in years' past as potential inductees for 2023 and future years.

Nominations are due by August 30, 2023. To submit a nomination, visit <https://bit.ly/CLHOFNomination>.

# Miller-Meeks: Bill reduces wasteful spending

**VETERANS** - Continued from Page 1

will also be improved. Our overseas infrastructure will also be strengthened to ensure we have a sustained military presence to support our deterrence efforts in Europe and the Pacific theater.

Furthermore, this bill reduces wasteful government spending on social engineering initiatives that detract from the primary function of our military and are impacting recruitment and retention. For the good of the military, we should keep these politically divisive and controversial programs from distracting from the true purpose of our armed forces: keeping Americans safe. Aligning funding towards running a smooth and efficient military is critical to our national security and a step in the right direction for our country.

The brave men and women who serve our country put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms and uphold the American values we hold dear. This bill takes care of those who have served and continue to serve, and ensures our military has the resources it needs to defend our great country.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks currently represents Iowa's First District in the United States House of Representatives.

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- After the game: listen to your child and address any mental, emotional, or physical concerns.

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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Wednesday, August 9 through Thursday, August 24 for our annual summer break.  
The e-Edition will resume Friday, August 25.  
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**Thank for reading!**

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August 3, 2023  
501 Main Street  
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance:  
Special Guest Lucas Greenslaugh
3. Roll Call.
4. Mayor's Correspondence:
5. Citizen's Request.
6. Consent Agenda.
  - Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of July 20, 2023;
  - Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of July 27, 2023;
  - Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for June 2023;
  - Resolution approving a Liquor License for Meyers Courtyard, 629 Blondeau Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective August 27, 2023;
  - Resolution approving a Liquor License for Keokuk Labor Temple, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, 301 Blondeau Street, 5-day term from September 4-9, 2023;
  - Special Event Permit, Jon Morris, Firework Display August 19, 2023, 2-11 p.m., 1025 Cleve-

- land Avenue;
- Sidewalk Display Permit-TSS Inc. 906 Main Street;
  - Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5353-5355;
7. Appointment of 2nd Ward Council Person.
  8. Consider resolution approving revised Personnel Policy and Handbook.
  9. Motion to approve the third & final reading of Ordinance amending Title 20, Section 20.40.020, 20.44.020, 20.60.040, 20.60.090, 20.60.100 (e) and 20.68.020.
  10. Motion to approve second reading of an Ordinance repealing certain sections of Title 9 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Keokuk.
  11. Motion to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amendment to Title 9 Vehicle and Traffic adding Chapter 9.91 automated traffic enforcement.
  12. Consider resolution approving agreement with Horizon Architecture.
  13. Consider resolution approving agreement with Bristol for a (90) day feasibility study of the Keokuk Wastewater Treatment Facility.
  14. Consider resolution approving amendments to T. Rowe Price employee contribution 457 Plan.
  15. Boards & Commissions:
  16. Council Liaison Reports:
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## Sports/Business News

# Psychic medium to hold session at Odd Marvel

FORT MADISON - A psychic medium will hold a session on Thursday at Odd Marvel in downtown Fort Madison.

Cheryl Ann Fletcher will be at the store doing a book signing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and will hold readings for people based on appointments that can be scheduled at the Odd Marvel.

On Friday, Aug 4th, Odd Marvel will be hosting the "Odd Hour" from 7-8 pm featuring Cheryl as our guest speaker with snacks and stories for attendees.

Guests are welcome to share their own experiences as well. This event is for adults only! Cost is \$5, and early registration is encouraged due to limited space, but we'll take them in until our chairs are filled.



Area winners and medalists pose for a photo at the National Trap Shoot in Sparta on Monday. Several members and former members of Fort Madison's Clay Crushers pose with medals after the event.

Odd Marvel Welcomes the return of psychic medium Cheryl Ann Fletcher

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# Grassley, Feinstein lead fentanyl bill

WASHINGTON -- The Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating August 21, 2023 as Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) co-lead the legislation.



GRASSLEY

"Fentanyl overdoses are taking a tragic toll on families. I'm working to tackle the illegal production and distribution of this deadly drug from multiple directions: through legislation to close loopholes and by putting pressure on the administration to enforce the laws, hold adversaries like China accountable and secure the southern border. Driving awareness about the fentanyl flooding our communities adds momentum to our efforts to end this devastating epidemic," Grassley said.

"Too many families know the pain of losing a loved one to a fentanyl overdose," Feinstein said. "Those deaths are often the result of people unknowingly using fentanyl that has been made to look like a prescription drug. With fentanyl-related

deaths rising each year, our resolution will hopefully save lives by raising awareness of the dangers of this drug."

In April, Grassley hosted a roundtable in Cedar Rapids to discuss the ties between organized retail crime and the illicit drug trade. Last October in Des Moines, Grassley convened a hearing of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control and heard courageous testimony from Iowa families who lost loved ones to fentanyl poisoning. Grassley also reintroduced the bipartisan Stop Pills that Kill Act this Congress. The bill would apply the penalties for possessing paraphernalia used to manufacture meth to those for possessing paraphernalia used to make counterfeit pills containing fentanyl and fentanyl analogues.

The resolution's passage follows reports the Biden State Department discussed lifting sanctions on the Chinese Communist Party to incentivize its cooperation on stopping the flow of Chinese-manufactured fentanyl precursors into the United States. Grassley slammed the administration's proposal, saying the policy is "a further

cultivation of a failed strategy of appeasement with our adversaries" and "makes a mockery of the drug epidemic facing our nation." In May, Grassley sent a letter to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in Washington calling for an end to illicit fentanyl production in the PRC.

Background:

Overdose deaths have skyrocketed in recent years, largely due to the influx of fentanyl – a synthetic opioid – being mixed into illicit drugs. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) last year seized more than 58.4 million fentanyl-laced fake pills. The agency estimates over 40 percent of illicit pills contain potentially lethal doses of fentanyl. Further, in an analysis of prescription pills laced with fentanyl, the DEA determined six out of every 10 contain potentially lethal doses.

In the 12-month period ending in January 2023, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported drug overdoses killed more than 107,000 individuals nationwide. Over two-thirds of those deaths involved synthetic opioids, primarily fentanyl.

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