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Rain pounds city Friday



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison was in the middle of a deluge of rain late Friday night. Some areas of the city got more than eight inches of rain in less than four hours. Gov. Reynolds signed an emergency disaster declaration due to the storm.

DECLARATION: Reynolds signs emergency declaration to help with damage

PCC Staff

DES MOINES – Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Lee and Sioux counties in response to severe weather that occurred beginning Aug. 4. The governor's proclamation activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and the Disaster Case Advocacy Program.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200

percent of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at <https://homelandsecu->

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LOCAL NEWS

Feinbergs subject of IRS criminal investigation Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A Fort Madison company was the subject of an Internal Revenue Service investigation Thursday afternoon.

According to a spokesperson from the

IRS, criminal investigators were at Feinberg Metal Recyclers at 1510 18th Street Thursday morning with local law enforcement.

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff said police officers were on scene supporting the investigation, but had no details on the incident, and were not involved other

than to support the federal officers.

The IRS spokesperson said an IRS Criminal Investigation team was at Feinberg's conducting "official business" at the location, but was unable to provide specifics on the case.

The incident remains under investigation.

EDITORIAL



The Sandman and I are gonna fight

Is it something with aging that makes your eyes feel like an evil mini Bob Villa snuck in and scoured your eyes with 20-grade sandpaper while you were in REM mode?

I've always just thought it meant either you didn't sleep very well, or you did.

The whole sleep dynamic is fleeting and quickly ignored when the day starts rolling... for most.

I've been tired for four years straight. I was NEVER that way before. I could sleep anywhere.

I was at one of Kelsey's speech events, I think in, like, Farmington or somewhere, and they had these old wooden desks with that hard writing table hooked to the chair, you know what I mean.

Lee and I were in a hallway waiting for our daughter's performance. I sat in one of those just because it was the only place to park, leaned my head to the side on a wall...and fell asleep right there.

I still can do that, but it never seems to be as refreshing of a sequence as it used to be.

Our daughter Taylor flew in from New York City for her regular summer squat and raid. I call it that because the big city can be tough, so when she comes home for a week, she squats and raids the pantry. I wouldn't have it any other way... and she knows it. We'll spend \$400 at the grocery store before you read this.

Her flight was delayed about two hours total and we left St. Louis Lambert at about 10:30 pm to head home. I drove to Hannibal, but Bob Villa (is it apropos to call him, "the sandman" at this point?) went to work on my eyes.

In a courtroom, they'd call this foundation,

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WEATHER

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MON 07 Aug.....Mostly cloudy & cool with showers likely, 75° F/ 61° F
TUE 08 Aug.....Sunny & warm, 81° F/ 64° F
WED 09 Aug.....Partly sunny & cool with late storms, 78° F/ 63° F

IOWA LOTTERY

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CARL J. HOLTZ

Carl James Holtz, 90, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, August 3, 2023, at the Kensington in Fort Madison, Iowa.

He was born on June 19, 1933, in West Point, Iowa, the son of Dr. S.P. and Elinor (Winnike) Holtz. On January 18, 1958, he married Rita Pollmiller at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa. This happened to be Carl's parents' 36th wedding anniversary, as well. Carl and Rita celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary in January of 2023.

He is survived by his wife: Rita; four sons: Bill (Julie) Holtz of Kearney, Missouri, Jerry (Deb) Holtz of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Matt (Jodi) Holtz of Indianapolis, Indiana and Brad (Stephanie) Holtz of Lee's Summit, Missouri; eight grandchildren: Trisha Beckman, Andy (Emily) Holtz, Ashley (Cesar) Ornelas, Megan Holtz, Audri Holtz, Alana Holtz, Taylor Holtz and Ryan Holtz; four great grandchildren: Dalton, Ryan, Jase and one on the way; one brother: Delmar Holtz of St. Joseph, Missouri. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Lester Holtz; three sisters: Lucy Vonderhaar, Rozella Freitag and Imelda Groene.

Carl graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1951. He served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. Carl met Rita at a dance while on furlough. They married and raised in their four boys with great pride. He worked as a truck driver for Merschman Furniture for thirty-six years and after retirement drove for Merschman Seeds for another eight years. In between, he worked for Scott's Nursery and delivered Meals on Wheels. Carl thoroughly enjoyed truck driving for a living, and was proud of how many millions of miles he drove while keeping a clean record with no accidents or violations. Sometimes bragging on it for fun. Even with a modest income, Carl and Rita persevered in sending their boys through a private Catholic school and assisted each to attend college. He loved his family dearly and was very proud of all his sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Carl had given up cigarettes and alcohol early on in life for the sake of his family and proudly endured that way for fifty-one years. He was a devout practicing member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and a former member of the West Point Knights of Columbus. He loved to hunt, fish, target



practice, have fried chicken and ride his moped. Carl successfully achieved three goals in life: making it to sixty-five years of marriage, the age of ninety, and to have a happy death as he passed peacefully with his family at his side. He assured his family years earlier, that when he entered Paradise, he would pray and wait patiently for them all to follow and one day have the family together again!

A visitation will begin at 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A parish rosary will be recited at 1:30 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 7, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant, assisted by Deacon Jim Vonderhaar

Burial will at Calvary Cemetery in West Point with a flag presentation presented by the West Point American Legion Holtz - Geers Post #668.

Memorials have been established in his memory for Calvary Cemetery or the Monsignor J.A. Wagner Building Fund.

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



HOLTZ

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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. The news will still be published on our website.

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

KAREN M. REAL

Karen Marie Real, 80, of Keokuk, IA died Friday, August 4, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

She was born March 1, 1943 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of William and Irene Fisher Case. Karen graduated from Baldwin Park High School in Baldwin, Park, CA with the class of 1960.



REAL

Karen was first united in marriage to Jimmy Parks. They later divorced. On June 6, 1986 Karen was united in marriage to Robert Real. He survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Deanna Keener (Darrell) of Billings, MO and Sheila Parks of Yulee, FL, three step-children, Mike Real, Carol Mortimer and Peggy Boulton and one granddaughter, Cassie Watts. She is also survived by two sisters, Carol Markell of Argyle, IA and Cheryl Shipley (Skeet) of Revere, MO and four brothers, William "Sonny" Case of Ave, MO, Allan Case of Argyle, IA, Raymond, Case (Evonne) of Argyle, IA and Shawn Case (Debbie) of Argyle, IA and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one step-daughter, Roberta Stephenson, one brother-in-law, Pete Markell and three sisters-in-law, Norma Case, Kathy Case and Shirley Case.

Karen had first been employed by the Chuck Wagon, then Keokuk Steel Castings and lastly by KOKX Radio, all in Keokuk.

Karen was an avid reader. The casino was a place where Karen found excitement with trying her luck with games of chance. She enjoyed playing Bingo and games on her iPad.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 5-7 p.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

Commission sends Bailey's, Wiley's names to Governor

BURLINGTON - The 8B Judicial Nominating Commission met and held interviews on August 4, 2023 in the Des Moines County Courthouse in Burlington, Iowa.

In compliance with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 46.14, the following named persons Jennifer Bailey and Shane Wiley were selected as nominees for the office of Judge of the District Court, 8B Judicial Election District, to fill the judicial vacancy.

Governor Reynolds will appoint one of the nominees within 30 days.

OBITUARIES

MARIAN R. RITER

Marian Rose Riter, 95, of Plant City, Florida, born on October 13, 1927, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, entered into eternal rest on July 29, 2023.



RITER

She was a member of First Baptist Church Plant City, and attended First Presbyterian Church of Plant City. She loved her family dearly, and was an active church member.

She was preceded in death by husband, Vernon Max Riter.

She is survived by daughter, Janice Riter; granddaughter, Jennifer Carter; and many other nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 12 at 4:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church of Plant City, 404 West Reynolds Street, Plant City, Florida, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. Interment will be held at Oakland Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Plant City at <https://www.fpcplantcity.com/donate>.

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

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

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From the Front/For the Record

Sleep is only elusive when it's not supposed to be

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so I've laid foundation that I can fall asleep just about anywhere, including the driver's seat. When I'm with people at night they watch me and if I start shifting a lot and fidgeting, I'm getting sleepy.

She asked a couple times if I was alright and I deferred. But at Hannibal, I couldn't do it anymore so we switched.

She did a great job for someone who rarely gets to drive, until we got to Canton when the thunderstorms crept in. I was just "resting my eyes" but she handled a deluge of rainfall and some really wicked blue...then white...then RED... lightning all around our truck. Got us home great and, in the 10 seconds it took us to get from the truck to the house, we were soaked.

At 1:30 a.m. she headed straight for the kitchen. I made her some chicken soup and a small sliced chicken sandwich, mustard only. A hero's reward.

The cupboard's a little bare because, welp...I don't give food much thought until I do. A friend of mine is always messaging me what she's eating. It always makes me jealous and that's when I think about my pantry.

So now Taylor will sleep 10 hours a day for a week and I'll nap in two hour increments for about six hours a night.

Doctors say sleep is the recharge for everything. And uninterrupted sleep is better than incremental sleep. But if you can't get one, you take the other. I'll sleep in a straight back chair, a lounge, a sofa, wherever I'm at when it hits me. If you put a blanket over my shoulders, I'm done.

It's when I get into bed that the process seems to stop. I've been tested for sleep apnea and they "SAID" I didn't have it. They "SAID" I slept that night. But I don't know how anyone sleeps wired up like some kind of Chuckie-cyborg and laying on what could generously be called a slab with a pad in a big room with everyone waiting for you to fall asleep.

"Just go about your normal routines before you go to sleep," they said. "Just get as comfortable as you can and relax," they said.

I had enough wires on me to live stream the West Wing series. Talk about pressure.

They said I did, but I did NOT sleep that night. I didn't show any signs of apnea and they sent me home.

Maybe I should've been tested for narcolepsy. Maybe the nurses should've got in my car at night with a notebook and one of those monocle things and stared at me for a couple hours on a rural highway with some mundane radio programs on in the background.

All I know, all I know for sure, is that I'm really bad at the whole sleep complex. It escapes me most of the time and I'm a little mad about that. I could get serious about solving the issue, like using Headspace, or doing that whole blackout thing, but the darkness is not my friend anymore. We fight...a lot.

So I'll deal with the intermittent sleep pattern and get a little more mature with it. I'll take the high road to the Sandman and focus on the midnight to 7 a.m. thing.

But if it doesn't work, if you see me doing the headbob thing while I'm in the chair covering your meeting, don't giggle at me when I wake up - But That's Beside the Point.

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Governor asks for FEMA funding for spring flooding in county

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rity.iowa.gov/assistance. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Advocacy Program addresses serious disaster-related needs. Disaster case advocates work with clients to coordinate services and resources to address disaster-related unmet needs, build a recovery plan, and access available resources. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. To sign up for the Disaster Case Advocacy Program, contact your local Community Action Agency: <https://iowacommunityaction.org/find-an-agency/>.

The governor has also requested funding under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Program for Allamakee, Clayton, Des Moines, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, and Scott counties for the Mississippi River flooding that occurred from April 24-May 13, 2023.

Following a joint federal, state, and local damage assessment of the affected counties, it was estimated the flooding caused more than \$6 million worth of damage that could be eligible under the Public Assistance program. Funding from this program is used to rebuild damaged infrastructure that may include roads, bridges, culverts and other public facilities, or to cover costs of emergency work during, and debris removal after, severe weather.

In addition, the governor requested funding to conduct hazard mitigation activities for the entire state.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/03/23 - 10:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of 38th Street.

08/03/23 - 1:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited William Marion Kryzak III, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of 38th Street, on a charge of city: discharging firearm.

08/04/23 - 4:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of 36th Street.

08/04/23 - 7:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

Lee County Sheriff Report

08/03/23 - 10:53 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Austin Dean Schuelka, 34, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

08/03/23 - 3:21 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Hwy. 61 S. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Robin Lynn Grell, 56, of Donnellson, was traveling south in the 2300 block of Hwy. 61 when the driver suffered a possible medical issue and drove off the road onto the right shoulder. The vehicle crossed the road again into the median, rolled several times, and landed on its top. The driver was taken to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Fort Madison by EMS. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene. No citations were reported.

08/03/23 - 9:07 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Damien Ray Pope, 25, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries/Lee County News

OBITUARIES

MELODY A. RITER

Melody Ann Riter, 76 of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born June 3, 1947 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Everett Sr. and Dorothy Page Frueh. Melody graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1965 and attended Southeastern Community College.



RITER

On September 5, 1980, Melody was united in marriage to Joe Riter in Keokuk. He survives.

Other survivors include five nieces, Joy Jairl of Keokuk, Rebecca Kaylyn (Joe) of Las Vegas, NV, Wendy Canida (Mike) of Keokuk, Amanda Dailing and Jenny Ross (Jamie) of Kahoka, MO, and two nephews, Randy Frueh of Ames, IA and Jeff Johnson (Christy) of Aylett, VA. She is also survived by numerous great-nieces and great-nephews and cousins and a special sister-in-law, Katie Downey of Kahoka, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Sherry Jairl, one brother, Everett "Butch" Frueh, Jr., one sister-in-law, Betty Riter and one nephew, Brian Jairl.

Melody had been employed by several local businesses through the years, including Thomas Trucking, A&W Restaurant, Dryden, Keokuk Steel Castings, Southeastern Community College and lastly by the City of Keokuk as an assistant to the City Clerk, until her retirement in 1997.

She was a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and the Keokuk Racers Reunion. Melody was also a faithful member of New Testament Christian Church and taught Sunday School for many years.

Melody enjoyed bowling and won a state championship. She found joy in life's simplest pleasures. She had a passion for shopping, especially for purses and her travels to Florida brought her many cherished memories. Melody found solace in the pages of books and had a deep love for animals.

A funeral service will be held at 12 noon, Monday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Joy Jairl officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held prior to the service, Monday, from 10 a.m.-12 noon at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or ASPCA Guardian or to the City of Christmas.

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

Grassley asks for \$100K back from EPA for misuse of funds

BUTLER COUNTY - U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to claw back nearly \$100,000 in taxpayer dollars wasted by a former official. Dr. Katherine Lemos, former chairperson and CEO of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB), improperly spent at least \$97,835.79 on travel, unnecessary training and office décor, according to a recent EPA Inspector General report.

"Taxpayers pay members of the CSB to investigate and respond to chemical hazard situations, not to redecorate their office. This violation of taxpayer resources and public trust cannot go unanswered. These misspent funds must be returned to reimburse taxpayers and deter future abuses," Grassley said.

In her 2022 resignation letter, Lemos reportedly said, "Recent priorities of the Board have eroded my confidence in our ability to focus" on CSB's mission. However, it appears Lemos' focus was billing the taxpayer for unauthorized travel, unnecessary training and décor expenses.

The inspector general found that Lemos illegally used government funds to pay for her travel between her duty station in Washington, D.C., and her residence in San Diego. She also used government funds to cover non-official business expenses in violation of the Federal Travel Regulation. According to the IG report, Lemos spent \$22,057.26 to redecorate her office in violation of the Federal Management Regulation and federal law capping such expenses at \$5,000 without prior congressional approval.

In letters to Lemos and CSB, Grassley is seeking details on steps being taken to recover the misspent funds and CSB's plans to prevent future abuse of taxpayer dollars.

Earlier this year, Grassley similarly called for action to recover more than \$12,000 misspent by former Architect of the Capitol Brett Blanton. Those funds were ultimately withheld from his final compensation.

LCHD holding immunization clinic

KEOKUK - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, August 10th, 2023 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1:00 pm until 4:30pm. Please park on the south side of the building (the large parking lot) and enter in the door that states HANDICAPPED, there is a red awning over the door.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa. Please call for appointment.

Please call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at www.leecountyhd.org.

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Tuesday August 8

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Wednesday August 9

Tenderloin, Fries or Tots, Baked Beans

Thursday August 10

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

FRIDAY AUGUST 11

LUNCH ON THE SIDEWALK

Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Iowa Department of
Natural Resources
NEW CONSTRUCTION
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Notice to Bidders
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LUCAS COUNTY PROJECT

NO. 22-05-04-02

Red Haw State Park Design Guide Shelter Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 05/17/2024
Project Description: Red Haw State Park was hit by a tornado in the spring of 2021. A few of the shelters were destroyed in this storm and this project will replace some of that lost infrastructure. This project will demolish two building slabs and foundations, and the large concrete beach building in its entirety. This project is for a new Parks Design Guide shelter and ADA parking at the nearest possible location with a short sidewalk to the shelter location.

CLINTON COUNTY PROJECT

NO. 23-06-23-01

Goose Lake Wildlife Management Area Boat Access and Water Control Structure Proposal Guarantee: \$6,250.00
Completion Date: 05/17/2024
Project Description: This project consists of constructing a gravel parking lot and boat ramp with a PCC parking space and removing the existing CMP water control structure and installing a reinforced concrete water control structure and pipe.

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REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2023
7:00AM.**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:

- a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
- 4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) September Board Meeting - 9/12/23 at 7:00 a.m. (Workshop@ 8:00 a.m.)
 - b) IASB Convention: 11/16/23
 - c) Finance Update
 - d) Back to School Night & Freshmen Orientation - 8/21/23
 - e) Back to School Board Sponsored Luncheon - 8/16/23@ HS Commons (12:00 p.m.)
 - f) District Financial Audit FY21-22
 - g) Vacancies
- 5. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)
 - a) Approve minutes
 - b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse Funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch Account
 - c) Approve prepaid bills
 - d) Approve monthly bills
- NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Approve Purchase of Honda Side by Side for Maintenance Department
 2. Set school hours for FY2023-2024: (Motion) 8:25 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. K-5 8:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 6-8 8:20 a.m. to 3:21 p.m. 9-12
 3. Approve FY2023-2024 Teacher Listings: (Motion) (Exhibit II)
 4. Approve Teacher Quality Committee Team - Ad min. (Motion)
 5. Approve First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit III)
 - a) 104 - Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Policy
 - b) 104.R1 - Anti-Bullying/Anti-Harassment Investigation Procedures
 - c) 213 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
 - d) 402.02 - Child Abuse Reporting
 - e) NEW! 402.05 - Required Professional Development for Employees
 - f) 408.01 - Licensed Employee Professional Development
 6. Approve First Reading of Board Policies (Motion) (Exhibit IV)
 - a) NEW! 503.07 - Student Disclosure of Identity
 - b) NEW! 503.07E1 - Report of Student Disclosure of Identity
 - c) NEW! 50307E2 - Request to Update Student Identity
 - d) 505.04 - Testing Program
 - e) 505.05 - Graduation Requirements
 - f) 507.02 - Administration of Medication to Students

- g) 507.02E1 - Authorization-Asthma, Airway Constricting, or Respiratory Distress Medication Self-Administration Consent Form
- h) 507 .02E2 - Parental Authorization and Release for the Administration of Medication or Special Health Services to Students
- i) NEW! 507.02E3 - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Independent Self Carry and Administration of Prescribed Medication or Independent Delivery of Health Services by the Student
- j) NEW! 507.02E4 - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of Voluntary School Stock Over-The-Counter Medication to Students
- 7. Approve First Reading of Board Policies (Motion) (Exhibit V)
 - a) 601.01 - School Calendar
 - b) 603.05 - Health Education
 - c) 60501 - Instructional Materials Selection
 - d) 605.01 R1 - Selection of Instructional Materials
 - e) 605.02 - Instructional and Library Materials Inspection and Display
 - f) 605.03 - Objection to Instructional and Library Materials
 - g) 605.03R1 - Reconsideration of Instructional and Library Materials Regulation
 - h) NEW! 605.03E5 - Request to Prohibit a Student from Accessing Specific Instructional and Library Materials
 - i) 605.05 - School Library
 - j) 605.07R1 - Use of Information Resources Regulation
 - k) 607 .02 - Student

- Health Services
 - l) 607.02R1 - Student Health Services Regulation
 - m) 804.05 - Stock Prescription Medication Supply
 - n) NEW! 804.05E1 - Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of a Voluntary School Supply of Stock Medication for Life Threatening Incidents
- 8. Approve Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Athletics Handbooks (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
- 9. Volunteer Coach Approvals: (Motion)
 - a) Shane Weirather - Middle School Football
 - b) Carter Colby - High School Football
- 10. Resignations: (Motion)
 - a) Jesse Day - Seventh Grade Baseball Coach
 - b) Sara Barnes - 9-12 Student Success Coordinator
 - c) Stephanie Banks - High School Special Education Associate
- 11. Contract Approvals:

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- (Motion)
 - a) Lisa Kemper - Food-service
 - b) Debra Moore - Food-service
 - c) Michelle Vandenberg - Foodservice
 - d) Adrian McFadden - High School Special Education Associate (1: 1)
 - e) Abigail Sugars - Special Education Associate
 - f) Kristopher Hayes - Middle School Football Coach
 - g) Christina Ball - Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach
- 12. Board Reports
- 13. Adjourn

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Opinion

Libertyville's greatest barber Dougherty retires

Jim Dougherty, known as Libertyville's Greatest Barber, retired after 62 years cutting hair in the same town in the same location. On Sunday, July 30, Libertyville threw a barber-pole retirement celebration for Jim Dougherty in the town's old elementary school building, with event center now known as The Last Bell. Many of the people attending went to grade school there, so the retirement party was full of reminiscences. Stories abounded.

"Grandma and Grandpa had a cafe close to Jim's barbershop. It was the old bank building. The vault was still there in a room with one-foot thick walls. The farmers came to town in the morning and had a coffee klatsch at the cafe. Well, Grandma and Grandpa wanted to go on vacation. They would have to shut the cafe down for a week. But where would the farmers go for their morning coffee? Grandma and Grandpa simply took their big coffee pot over to Jim's barbershop, and the farmers went there for coffee. Problem solved."

"There was an employee for Van Buren County. He was a foreman on the road crew. He would cross the county line into Jefferson County on work time, and come to Libertyville to get his hair cut by Jim. Well, he got caught, had his pay docked for a day, and warned that he was not to get his hair cut on work time. But, he did it again. Someone saw him and reported him to the Van Buren County Board of Supervisors. Heck, he parked the county car right outside the barbershop. This time he got fired. He applied for unemployment but it was denied. The story made the Des Moines Register."

Jim's grandfather, Bill Cooksey, was a barber in the '30s and '40s in the same building as Jim's barbershop. Jim's brother, Marty, was a barber in Birmingham, and Jim's nephew, Scott Wilson, was a barber in Minnesota.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



So, Jim came by it naturally. When he was in junior high, he knew he wanted to be a barber. He never considered anything else. Barbering was his only job. Two days after graduation from high school in Fairfield in 1960, age 18, he went to barber school in Des Moines for six months, then apprenticed for two years in Ottumwa, Fairfield and Mt. Pleasant. In 1962 he took over his grandpa's old barbershop in Libertyville (the town of Independence). People told him he would go broke, but Jim showed'm, by golly. He charged one dollar for a haircut. At retirement, 62 years later, the price was \$15.

He also had a barbershop in Douds, where he went once a week, on Mondays. So he served the people of Douds, and if someone in either town needed a haircut, and Jim's shop was closed, they always knew they could go to the other town.

Jim's barbershops were "walk-in" only—no appointments. In fact, his shop didn't even have a phone. One time there was a long line of men and boys waiting to get their hair cut. A man second in line, motioned his buddy in the rear of the line to come up and take his place. Jim said, "Naw, end of the line." That ended that.

In addition to a hundred or so townspeople and friends that showed up at Jim Dougherty's retirement celebration, there were Linda, his wife, and Jim and Linda's two children, Kim and husband, from Cedar Rapids, and Wendall and wife, from Kansas. Both Kim and Wendall have one daughter each, Kinslie and Ella (Jim's granddaughters). No, there doesn't seem to be another barber or beautician in the brood.

According to Linda, Jim's wife, "He misses the people. Jim wants to go somewhere every day. Mowing does keep him busy, though. He likes to ride the lawn mower." (Reminiscent of cutting hair perhaps?)

Libertyville's Mayor, Kevin Synder, presented a plaque to Jim Dougherty for 62 years of faithful service to Libertyville and the surrounding area, as Libertyville's Greatest Barber.

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