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FORT MADISON – Get ready for an evening full of friends, music, and fun with Fort Madison Porchstock 2023! This free music event will take place on Friday, September 22nd from 6-9 p.m. on various porches and yards. There will be 10 bands of different genres within an eight-block span between Avenues D-G in Fort Madison.

Be sure to come hungry and stop by one of the awesome food vendors starting at 5 pm. Bring your lawn chair to sit and enjoy one of your favorites or stroll through town and catch them all. Maps are available by QR Code on the Facebook Event Page and on the signs at each location.

Current locations include:

- Jason Allen Humes at 1304 Avenue G along with Wilson Bros. BBQ
- Dennis Albee at 1236 Avenue D
- The Hillsiders at 1135 Avenue E
- Laughing Soul at 1002 Avenue G along with The Garden of

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LIBRARY UPDATE

Library sees busy summer reading

BY SARA CLENDINENG
FM Library Director

FORT MADISON - We had a great summer reading program this year thanks to many people in our community.

Thank you to United Way of the Great River Region for providing funding to help pay for performers and supplies for the summer reading program. If you have donated to United Way, thank you for helping to provide quality summer programming for kids and adults. Additional funding for library employees and supplies was provided by the City of Fort Madison and Lee County through property tax funds.

We were able to provide 41 programs this summer, attended by more than 1,000 people. Programs included crafts, puzzles, stories, magic, science and bubbles. In addition to programs, we had about 300 people register for the reading program. Together, they have read more than 2,000 hours as of August 1 and kids 18 and younger can still earn prizes by reading up until the first day of school.

Online Learning From the Fort Madison Public Library

Looking to learn new skills or explore new topics? The Fort Madison Public Library has a couple of ways for you to expand your knowledge base.

The library has a subscription to Craftsy available through the Libby App either on a device or on a desktop computer by going to LibbyApp.com. When you go to Craftsy through the Libby app, you can get a 7-day pass that gives you access to classes in baking, drawing, sewing, knitting, crocheting and other fiber arts, woodworking, home décor and gardening. Enjoy as many classes you want during your 7-day pass and, if you need more time, go back to Libby for another pass.

If you need help in using online resources or computer programs, or just want to build on existing skills, check out NicheAcademy. Find this by going to FortMadisonLibrary.org and following the link for "Fort Madison Public Library Tutorials". You can find

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Raking the soil

Workers continue to smooth out the surface of Riverview Park just west of the new Fort Madison Marina on the city's riverfront. Resetting the playground and landscaping the east side of the park is part of the second phase of work after the Marina is completed.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

CONTEST

City in finals for League of Cities All-Star Community

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld wants your vote, even before Nov. 7.

The mayor is pushing to get Fort Madison a coveted Iowa League of Cities All-Star Community Award and it all hinges

on Facebook votes.

The city's dog park is up against a Waukee Splash pad, but the winner is determined by "likes" and "loves" on the League's Facebook page.

Residents who would like to vote to support the city can do so by clicking the following link and then selecting both a

"like" and a "love" reaction after clicking the dog park picture.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=621953286787510&set=pcb.621953780120794>.

You can also access the photo on Mohr-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LINDA PRATT GREGORY

The much loved mother, wife, stepmother, friend, photographer, teacher, student, volunteer, philanthropist, mentor, mentee, and all-around amazing woman, Linda (Pratt) Gregory, passed away on September 8th, 2023, in Wichita, Kansas, after a tragic accident.



GREGORY

She has given the gift of tissue donation, as per her wishes. Linda was born on November 6, 1953, in Fort Madison, Iowa, where she lived for 46 years. Linda is survived by a former husband, with whom she has two grown children: son Lance Dingman and daughter Sonya Dingman. Linda relocated to Wichita, Kansas, in 1999. There, she married and is survived by her husband, Mel Gregory, and two stepchildren, Brenda and Tara Gregory. Linda is also survived by a brother, Steve Pratt; a sister, Debbie Rollins; several nieces and nephews; and three fur babies.

Linda loved to travel. As a child, she visited many states. As an adult, she went camping with her family in many more states, particularly at well-known landmarks like Mount Rushmore, Niagara Falls, and the Grand Canyon. In 1996, Linda traveled to Haiti. Together with her husband Mel, Linda traveled to many destinations, including Germany, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Romania, Ireland, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein.

Linda's camera, which she carried at all times, was a vital component of her trips. Linda never stopped being a photographer. Linda always sought to capture the candid moments between people as well as the glorious landscapes of the places she was visiting. When home, she was often volunteering her time, photography skills and warm heart wherever needed. Photography was a large part of Linda's life, and after 15 years of diligent effort, beautiful photographs, volunteer activities, learning new processes and techniques, she was awarded Master of Photography on January 17, 2022, by the Board and Council of Professional Photographers of America. Her photography was something else. The world is a more beautiful place with her in it.

Much like her photographs, Linda's heart brought beauty into the world. Her children and spouse knew how amazing she was, but she also spent every moment of every day trying to make each person she came into contact with feel special. Linda's heart was bursting with love for everyone around her, regardless of their walk of life or where their zip code was. To know Linda was to know a strong, warm, enveloping wisdom and true love for yourself. Linda made that happen.

That is why, to honor and continue her legacy, Linda's family requests that donations be made to the scholarship foundation set up in her honor, in lieu of gifts or flowers. <https://gofund.me/57ebfcf7> Linda would be proud. A Celebration of Life memorial will be held on November 6, 2023, Linda's 70th birthday, in Wichita, at a location and time to be announced.

OBITUARIES

JASON A. CREEN

Jason Alan Creen, 53, of Fort Madison, Iowa, unexpectedly and sadly passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at his home. He was born June 28, 1970, in Fort Madison to Bonnie J (Beelman) Williams and Nathan M Creen.



CREEN

Shortly after graduating from Fort Madison High School in 1988, he took a job at the Walmart Distribution Center in Mount Pleasant, IA, where he worked his way up to systems operator. He was a dedicated employee for twenty-six years.

While Jason never married, he had many love interests. His love of music began early, which evolved into playing the clarinet in concert and marching band in both Jr. and Senior high school. He also played guitar and keyboard for his personal pleasure and occasionally jammed with friends. Jason developed a passion for all things football and was an avid fan of the Buffalo Bills. Jason also enjoyed spending time with family playing assorted board and card games, especially euchre.

Jason is fondly remembered as an independent, open-minded, amiable person with a witty sense of humor and always ready to tell a joke. As he had a lifelong curiosity and love of learning, his favorite saying was "The more you know". We know he was loved and will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his parents, Bonnie (Tim) Williams of Fort Madison and Nathan (Laura) Creen of Pleasant Hill, Iowa; one brother, Luke Williams of Fort Madison; two sisters: Erica (Marty) Crenlon of Chicago, Illinois and Haeley (Steve) Serio of Greenbay, Wisconsin; four nephews: Forrest, Ellis, Callan and Julian Serio; one niece: Leona Crenlon; five uncles: Bruce (Diane) Beelman of Sun Lakes, Arizona; Dan Beelman of Brimfield, Illinois; Rick (Rose) Beelman of Fort Madison; Jeff (Amanda) Creen of Des Moines, Iowa; and Matthew Leaverton (Liz Mannering) of Madison, six aunts: Connie (Mike) Basham; Robin (Dave) Foehring; Michelle (Rick) Seager; and Sheri (John) Hawk, all of Fort Madison; Melissa (Tim) Freeman of Independence, Missouri; and Leigh Leaverton of Dallas City, Illinois; and many cousins. He was preceded by his grandparents: Carl Beelman and Lois Wilson Beelman; LeRoy and Shirley (Kuntz) Leaverton; and one uncle, Ron Beelman.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Jason's honor at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 4821 Avenue O in Fort Madison on Sunday September 17 at 3:00. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Creen family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



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For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/06/23 - 3:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael Douglas McCabe, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue D, on a charge of 1st offense domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/06/23 - 6:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue G.

09/06/23 - 8:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3000 block of Avenue K.

09/06/23 - 2:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 18th Street and Avenue N.

09/06/23 - 10:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue.

09/06/23 - 11:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jonathan David Isaac Horn, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of 303rd Avenue, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and an undisclosed warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/07/23 - 12:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Alexis Louise Garretson, 18, of Burlington, in the 2000 block of 203rd Avenue, on charges of 1st offense - possession of alcohol under age, public intoxication, and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/07/23 - 7:13 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

09/08/23 - 6:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street.

09/08/23 - 6:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue E.

09/08/23 - 11:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Dale Lee Heidbreder, Jr., 43, of Fort Madison, in Riverview Park, on a charge of city: disorderly conduct.

09/09/23 - 1:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

09/10/23 - 2:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested John F. Doering III, 24, of Illinois, in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/10/23 - 4:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bradley William Penrod, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue, on a charge of public intoxication and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/10/23 - 7:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 100 block of Crescent Lane.

09/11/23 - 2:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Amelia Mae McCollum, 38, of Fort Madison, at 17th

Street and Avenue H, on a warrant for violation of a no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

09/05/23 - 1:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brock Quinton Chestleigh, 33, of Illinois, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/05/23 - 5:24 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Alexis Taylor Pfeiff, 20, of New London, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and judgment entry/mittimus. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/05/23 - 7:28 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Candi Isabella Kay Medina, 29, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/06/23 - 3:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Anthony Lamar Baker, 52, of West Burlington, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/06/23 - 3:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at Hwy. 16 & Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Roger John Menke, 63, of Bonaparte, was traveling southbound near the intersection of Hwys. 16 & 218 when the vehicle left the roadway, entered the median, went airborne into a creek area, struck the creek embankment, and

spun. Menke suffered critical injuries and was transported to Henry County Hospital. No citations were reported. Menke's vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

09/06/23 - 5:47 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Ezra Justice Farmer, 25, of West Point, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/07/23 - 9:16 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jerry Lee Blackwell, 31, of Burlington, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/07/23 - 4:12 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brian Wayne Nuebel, 53, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

09/08/23 - 3:34 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident in the 800 block of Avenue D, West Point. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Nicholas Hayes Carter, 22, of Fort Madison, was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes when it approached the intersection of 8th Street and Avenue D it left the roadway and began traveling through a yard, striking a mailbox and then a telephone pole, re-entered the roadway and came to a rest in the westbound lanes. No injuries were reported. Carter was arrested for 1st

offense OWI and taken to Lee County Jail. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

09/08/23 - 4:15 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Nicholas Hayes Carter, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue D, on charges of 1st offense OWI and failure to maintain control. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/08/23 - 10:34 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joshua Dean Potter, 36, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

09/08/23 - 12:17 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Autum Michel Davis, 33, of Argyle, in the 3100 block of Argyle Road, Argyle, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/08/23 - 5:42 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Adam Barnes, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.

09/08/23 - 6:02 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Michael David Jones, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of Hwy. 2 E, Montrose, on charges of driving under suspension, provide proof of financial liability, failure to carry registration card, speeding, and false ID of law/public service officer. He was taken to Lee County

Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

09/08/23 - 6:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Adam Ray Sutton, 45, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/09/23 - 2:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Payton Scott Young, 23, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/09/23 - 2:43 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Robert Dane James, 27, of West Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/09/23 - 2:45 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Paul Dean Burleson, 28, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/09/23 - 2:47 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Samuel Evon Christopher Robert McCoy, 23, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue

09/03/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medicals, one fire call and one burn complaint.

09/04/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls

09/05/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls.

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Sports

CRUSADER VOLLEYBALL

Lady Crusaders roll Mediapolis behind Myers, Kruse

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

HOLY TRINITY - Holy Trinity's offense worked from the middle out in Tuesday's three-set sweep of Mediapolis at Shottenkirk Gym.

And that's exactly what the No. 3 (Class 1A) Crusaders want.

The 25-20, 25-22, 25-10 win was a clinic in the game plan of the Crusaders (10-3 overall, 3-0 SEI Superconference South Division), who built off the dominance in the middle from sophomore Presley Myers and freshman Adalyn Kruse.

"We've been really pushing that in practice, the connections with all of our setters and hitters," said Myers, who had 11 kills and four blocks. "And I think it's definitely helping. We're getting that connection down. And we can only get better as the season goes along."

Myers' production, and the work from Kruse (seven kills, two blocks) wore down the Bullettes (5-4, 2-1) by the time the match got to the third set.

"Definitely getting our middles involved is something we want to work on," said senior Natalie Randolph, who had eight kills from the outside. "Having our middles have a great presence is really going to take us far."

It's a blueprint that has always worked well for the Crusaders.

"We have to establish our middle game, so we can get the outsides open," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "We have two solid middles, and we have four solid outsides. If we establish that middle early, we can do a lot



of things."

Myers and Kruse were especially dominant early in the second set. Myers had two kills and two blocks in the 5-1 start to the set, then Kruse had two kills and a point off a tip to fight off a rally from the Bullettes.

Kruse continued her impressive run to start her career. "Oh my gosh, she's on fire," said Myers. "She's so amazing. She's this freshman coming in, and she's doing a great job. For being so new at this, she's getting so many reps and she's doing amazing."

"We go way back. We've played together on travel teams, off and on. We have a good connection, and that helps us have a good relationship."

It was their work that provided opportunities for Randolph and fellow senior Mary Kate Bendlage. Randolph had three kills in Holy Trinity's late run in the first set, and Bendlage had three kills and a block in the final surge to end the second set.

"Us middles were running, faking it, and it throws the blockers off," Myers said. "It really leaves our outsides open so they can do what they do best."

"There were definitely times we had some ups and

downs," Randolph said. "But I think how we ended showed us how we are as a team, how far we've come. We had good energy out there."

Randolph, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, hurt the same knee late in last Tuesday's win over Notre Dame. But she was cleared to play earlier in the day, and she finished with a team-high 19 assists and 17 digs to go along with a 19-for-19 serving night with four aces.

Randolph has played all season with a brace on the knee.

"It slides sometimes, but it doesn't really bother me," she said. "I had so much stuff on it tonight. It was kind of crazy."

Kruse added seven digs and was 12-of-13 serving with two aces. Bendlage had 10 kills, 14 digs and three blocks. Anna Bendlage had four kills, 12 assists, seven digs and was 11-of-11 serving. Teagan Snaadt had 17 digs and four assists. Taegan Denning had one kill, 11 digs, and was 13-of-13 serving.

The South Division grind continues for the Crusaders on Thursday, when they play at No. 13 (Class 2A) West Burlington.

"This conference is tough," Randolph said. "It's fun getting everyone's best match every night. It's fun to have competition."

"Every day in practice, we know — we have another big game coming up, we have another big game," Myers said. "No team ever gives us an easy game. So we know we have to be prepared."

"The South is tough," Freesmeier said. "But you like that. You don't want easy teams in it — that's not going to help in the postseason. I'm glad we're in the South, glad we can play this competition."

Thomas leads Hawks at Central Lee Invitational

VPCC Staff

DONNELLSON - The Central Lee Hawks' Leo Thomas led the way at the Hawks' Invitational Cross Country event Tuesday night at Green Acres Golf Course in Donnellson.

Thomas set the pace for the Hawks' fourth-place team finish with a 13th place in the 5K at 20:40.33. Austin Fogarty and Ayden Kent were also in the top 20. Fogarty's 21:08.60 was good enough for 15th overall, while Kent's 22:05.73 was 19th fastest on the day.

Other scoring runners for Central Lee's boys were Kaidin Humes who finished in 21st at 22:39.71 and

Zach Manwill at 22:59.54. The Hawks finished with 93 points.

Other finishes for the Hawks were Caden Crozier at 24:49.02 and Beau Boyd at 25:53.99.

Winfield Mt. Union won the boys' meet with 49 points followed right behind by Van Buren County with 50. Louisa-Muscatine was third with 62 points.

Three Lady Hawks ran in the varsity girls' run with Gabby Maynes having the fastest time for Central Lee at 29:05.02, good enough for 23rd overall. Sapphire Cummings finished at 35:51.30 for 29th place and Sydnie Larson finished at 37:07.55 for 30th place.

The girls didn't place as a team due to not having five girls run.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MOUNT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
July 26, 2023**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair

**HELP
WANTED**

**PUBLIC WORKS
GENERAL OPERATOR**

GENERAL PURPOSE

Performs a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled maintenance work, operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City street, sanitary and storm drainage facilities and systems.

**DESIRED MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS**

Education and Experience:
• Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and
• Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair, or
• Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirements:

• Valid State Driver's license
• Class B CDL or the ability to obtain one within six months of hire.

Necessary knowledge, skills, and experience:

• Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;
• Skill in operation of some of the listed tools and equipment;
• Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Justina Cullen at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com by 4:30pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.



and the following named Councilmembers-

Present: Engberg, Crull, White, Griffith, Batty
Absent: McWilliams

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote:

the minutes of the July 12, 2023, City Council meeting;

the payment of bills totaling \$176,211.17

the Report of officers.

the renewal of a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Main Street Mount Pleasant at 101 W Washington Street;

the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License with Catering for Mi Pueblo Real at 1106 E Baker Street;

the renewal of a Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for St. Alphonsus Church at 607 S Jackson Street.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmem-

**HELP
WANTED**

**WASTEWATER
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GENERAL PURPOSE

Assist in the operation and monitoring of the water reclamation facility. Additional duties performed include collecting routine water samples and performing laboratory test; cleaning clarifiers, wet wells and elevated tanks; maintenance of pumps, valves and meters; property maintenance to the building and grounds; and completing daily documentation.

**DESIRED MINIMUM
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ber White seconded that the Council approves the agenda as printed. Roll call vote, 5-0.

5:31 p.m. Public

Hearing on appeal of Dangerous or Vicious Animal determination was held as advertised.

Brad Gillis, the first police officer to respond, gave his account of the incident. When he arrived, the dog was contained in the bathroom. He spoke to owner, Jason Conrad.

The dog was normally contained but was not on this day. The screen door was unlatched and the dog was able to get out and attack the victim who is a USPS mail carrier. He checked for rabies and vaccinations which were current. Jason Conrad, the owner of the dog, addressed the City Council and confirmed Officer Gillis' story. He stressed that he did not like the description of a dangerous or vicious animal. The dog is 13 years old, and this is an isolated incident. The family and dog are in a new residence which he thinks could have been the reason the dog attacked the victim. Cindy Conrad also spoke in defense of the animal. She is the owner of the residence where the attack happened. She said the screen door should have been kept locked, which is no fault of the animal and also believes that the changes in residence prompted the attack. She asked the Council to consider the children. Councilmember Kent White asked Jason Conrad how long it would take to find a new home for the dog if it is determined that the dog is a dangerous animal. Conrad replied that he has been working on finding a new home for the dog but has not been successful. He thought if the decision is affirmed that he could have the dog removed from the city limits in three days.

5:45 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Public Hearing close. Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Engberg moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-57:

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING CODE EN-

FORCEMENT OFFICIAL DANGEROUS ANIMAL DETERMINATION

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council read for the second time the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, BY REZONING AND CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 200 AND 202 N JEFFERSON ST FROM "B-3 GENERAL RETAIL AND SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT" TO "B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT"

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council read for the second time the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, BY REZONING AND CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 200/300 BLOCK OF S SCOTT LANE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM B-3 GENERAL RETAIL AND SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO B-4 HIGHWAY SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

5:47 p.m. A public hearing was held as advertised on the proposed ordinance to allow accessory buildings on the side yards of large residential lots and prohibit shipping containers to be used as accessory buildings. Sue and Jack Sorenson, owners of The Grange restaurant at 129 N Jefferson Street spoke in support of their shipping container which is located behind their business. Their container matches the building, serves as security and is used as storage. 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved and was seconded by Councilmember White that the hearing close.

Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffin moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the ordinance to allow accessory buildings on the side yards of large residential lots and prohibit shipping containers to be used as accessory buildings be tabled and sent back to the Ordinance Committee for further review.

Roll call vote, 5-0. Motion approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council read for the first time the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE II, ENTITLED "STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING", OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF S MARION STREET

Roll call vote, 5-0. Motion approved.

Councilmember Giffith moved and Councilmember Crull seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-58:

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX D, CHAPTER 19.09 (SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS) OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA TO EXEMPT HAND-PAINTED WALL SIGNS (MURALS) FROM PERMIT, SIZE, AND DESIGN REGULATIONS OF SAID CHAPTER AND THE B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT:

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty to reappoint Jennifer Moutrie and Kim Davis to three-year terms and Bruce Oviatt to fill the unexpired term of Ted Wiley to the Airport Advisory Board. Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Batty moved and Councilmember White seconded that the Council approve the reappointments of Tabitha Schimmelphenig, Brent Rich and Dan Kohler to three-year terms to the

Park and Recreation Board. Motion carried, 5-0.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve Steve Emerson to a three-year term to the Construction Board of Appeals replacing Justin Lang whose term expired in March. Motion carried, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to meet in a regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2023.

Steven K Brimhall, Mayor

ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE WEST POINT CITY
COUNCIL
WEST POINT, IOWA
52656
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

Mayor Joseph Loving called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on September 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Joseph Loving indicated the following

Council Members were present: Phil Krnse, Dan Waters, Bruce Wellman, Brian Meierotto and Will Stueketjuergen.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library.

Randy Welding presented the City Administrator's report.

**CLAIMS REPORT FOR
AUGUST, 2023**

3rd Generation Electric 169.95

Agrineed Inc. 937.24

Altorfer Inc 80.23

Amazon Capital Services 112.34

Armstrong Tractor LLC 300.00

Aspelmeier & Fisch

Classifieds/Public Notices

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Baker & Taylor 736.57 1,425.00	Pranger, Mary Jane	Trophy Outlet..... 15.64	47,965.83;	er; -26391.44; --; --;
Bentler Automotive	Holtkamp Automotive	..... 132.00	USPS..... 223.48	424,295.38 Grants:	-26391.44; Walk Path;
..... 69.50	Repair..... 524.25	Quadient Leasing USA	Verizon Wireless... 200.05	---14,777.92;--; 1,277.80;	43354.13;--;
Bituminous Materials	Huffman Welding & Ma- 200.00	Welding McKenzie	-16,055.72; Cap Equip:	--; 43354.13; Ameri-
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..... 1,350.40	vices 484.00	Robins Sales & Service	Hardware..... 626.93	5,942.82; 949.07, 809.81;	Sewer: 57,088.28;
Daily Democrat..... 258.72	lowa League of Cities	..... 40.00	West Point Professional	6,082.08; Lib Mem & Gift:	21,944.93;
Delta Dental of Iowa	..... 458.00	Safety Meeting Outlines	Group..... 750.00	14,395.67; --; 135.04;	16,542.02; 62,491.19;
..... 243.84	Kempker's 173.98	..... 33.00	West Point Utilities	14,260.63; Hoenig Es-	Sewer Sinking: 11,655.70;
Drake Hardware & Soft-	Madison Turf & Timber	SEIRPC 1,068.00	..... 2,054.66	tate: 522,754.37; 12.54;	8,413.33; --; 20,069.03;
ware..... 423.40	..... 55.54	Signature Streetscapes	WexBank 687.76	--; 522,766.91; Road Use:	Landfill: -11,013.56, --;
Garden & Associates	Mastercard..... 1,243.52	..... 2,326.00	Windstream 197.76	51,009.47; 10,241.15;	--; -11,013.56
..... 8,942.28	Mediacom..... 156.34	Sonny's Supermarket		27,677.22; 51,009.47;	/s/ Joseph Loving,
Great Western Supply Co	MidAmerican Energy	..... 18.34		LOST: 10,217.72;	Mayor
..... 25.36	..... 8.22	State of Iowa..... 20.00		11,827.94; 11,827.94;	Attest: Randy Welding,
Gregory Concrete Con-	Paul's Plumbing & Heat-	Sun Life Financial		10,217.72; Restricted	City Administrator
struction..... 1,144.00	ing..... 1,273.02 202.39		Gifts: --;	DRM /City Clerk
GRRWA..... 992.00	Petty Cash..... 44.50	Treasurer-State of IA		8,026.75; 1,656.00;	
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From the Front

Friday event carries over at Rail Yard and Vinnie's

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Eatin'

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- Test Kitchen Band at 807 Avenue G
- Little Evil at 804 Avenue E along with Speer's Sweet Treats

- Curtis John at 630 Avenue E
- PoManTone at 535 Avenue E
- 6 Strings Down at 535 Avenue G along with De-Lovely's Delicious Mini Donuts

This event is free to attend but tips for the bands are certainly appreciated.

Vinnie's Longbranch and The Rail Yard Sports Bar are both going to keep the fun going by hosting an after party at 9:30 pm! Fidelio will be rocking out at Vinnie's at 2601 Avenue L while Staggard will be getting down at The Rail Yard at 1310 14th Street.

This event is made possible by our generous sponsors: UFCW Local 617, W.M. Johnson Truck Line, Edward Jones - Tony Fullenkamp, Shottenkirk, Matt's Greenhouse, Avenue O Laundry, Link Wealth Advisors, Brickhouse Society, Bent Oak Books and Heartland Harley Davidson. Thank you to the committee that put this all together: Tara Vincent, Brian Peterschmidt, Matt and Beth Mohrfeld, Bobby Holtkamp, Chi Eastin and Savanna Collier.

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Library has full schedule for fall, too

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help for using library resources, including genealogy databases, as well as other computer programs such as google, Microsoft Office products and social media. Looking for help with something and don't see a tutorial for that? Let us know and we will see if we can find, or make one, to add to the page.

Community Calendar

We have begun adding community events to the online library calendar at <https://fortmadison.librarycalendar.com>. Events are added to the calendar as they are submitted by community organizations using the form found here <https://tinyurl.com/547jam3h>. Does your group have an upcoming community event? Let us know by submitting it through the form. Most community events open to the public are eligible for inclusion in the community calendar.

This Summer's Top Fiction at the Library

1. It starts with us: a novel by Colleen Hoover (F/PB HOO)
2. Storm watch by C. J. Box (MYS BOX)
3. Mad honey: a novel by Jodi Picoult (F PIC)
4. Desperation in death by J D. Robb (MYS ROB)
5. The it girl by Ruth Ware (MYS WAR)
6. Her deadly game by Robert Dugoni (F DUG)

7. Don't open the door by Allison Brennan (MYS BRE)
8. Distant thunder by Stuart Woods (MYS WOO)
9. Hope Creek by Janet Dailey (F DAI)
10. The boys from Biloxi: a novel by John Grisham (F GRI)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library - All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, October 5, we will be discussing "Stories from the Tenants Downstairs" by Susanna Clarke.

Cook the Book - September 12 at 6:00 pm, we will be selecting recipes from "Feast by Firelight" by Sidik Fofana.

Other regular programs will be resuming after September 4:

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Hang Teen - Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 for ages 12-19.

Minecraft - 3:30-5:00, all ages on Mondays.

Once Upon a Wednesday - Join us from 1:30-2:30 for a variety of adventures when school gets out early on September 20 and 27.

Thursday Crafternoon - Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14 through adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month.

Facebook contest could yield award for city

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feld's Facebook page where he posted about the contest.

"We're in the finals!!!! DON'T like my page---Click on the dog park and like and also love it. Put us over the top!! We need another 1000 likes and loves," the mayor wrote.

The dog park description on the League's Facebook page, which is where you land after clicking on the photo of the dark park said the new addition to the park is a natural fit for the community.

"The Fort Madison Parks, Recreation, and Docks Board were looking for a way to repurpose two unused slow pitch

softball fields at Fort Madison's Rodeo Park. Citizens had previously suggested a dog park and it seemed a natural fit to turn one of the softball fields into a dog park. The location featured already had a parking area and playground equipment located on the other side of the road.

The project with the most likes or love will determine the All-Star Community. Voting took place in rounds; city projects with the most likes and loves in the current week's photo album moved onto the next round. The final round will close on Thursday, September 21. The People's All-Star Community Award winner will be announced at the Annual Conference & Exhibit in Cedar Rapids during the award ceremony.

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