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County wants opioid panel

SUPERVISORS: Panel would look at programs, funding allocations going forward

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – County officials are looking to create a committee to handle the incoming opioid settlement funds.

At a workshop Monday following the regular county board of supervisors meeting, supervisor Garry Seyb asked that a committee of eight to ten people be assembled to review the legal language of the settlements already in place to determine the best course of action to spend the funds, which currently will total about \$1.8 million after 15 years.

Seyb said that pot of money has a very good chance of growing as there are still several settlements being finalized, with some still being negotiated. National pharmacies including Wal-Mart, Walgreens, and others are still being finalized.

Those funds would likely come to the county in the same fashion that current funding is coming in. The state gets a portion of the national settlement based on factors such as opioid use, both legal and illegal, and distribution of the drugs. Then the state's 98 counties pull half of the state's

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COUNCIL MEETING

West Point library sees uptick in traffic

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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WEST POINT – The West Point library saw a substantial uptick in activity over the past fiscal year, including a 68% increase in computer usage.

West Point Library Director Dara Sanders presented her annual report to the West Point City Council in a short monthly meeting Monday night.

Dara said checkouts, including e-book checkouts and audio books, were at 12,966 for the year with about 2,300 of those coming as electronic book downloads through the library. That represented an increase of 23%.

“That continues to rise each year,” Sanders said. “That generally is rising year after year because more people are using that format for some of those things.”

Actual visits to the library were up 17% with 14,597 users coming through the doors with 55% of those being West Point residents. 38% are from rural areas including St. Paul, Houghton or rural Lee County, and 7% from open access which is all other users not included in the other two categories.

Sanders said the free Wi-Fi and computer access have been a big hit since the pandemic overwhelmed the country. She said the library has four mobile wifi hotspots that can be checked out for a week at a time. They can extend that by a week, if there isn't a waiting list, but then the equipment must be returned.

“We had a lot of kids find us again. Sometimes they come in waves, but they found us again and they like to play on the computer, and they took advantage of that over the summer,” Sanders said.

Library programs were up about 8% with 302 programs serving 3,181 attendees. One of the most popular was a Mega Foam Blaster Cannon that was set up in the park on the square for kids this summer.

The summer theme was “Find Your Voice”. Including the foam blaster, the library also brought in Sheltered Reality, which is a drum

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Construction crews are moving along briskly on the new hospitality center at the Fort Madison Marina. Investors in the facility are hoping to have construction mostly completed before the end of the fall.

DOLLAR GENERAL

FMPD looking for help finding armed robbery suspect

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison police and local law enforcement are asking the public for assistance in locating a robbery suspect involved in an armed robbery over the weekend.

According to a release from the Fort Madison Police Department, on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 at 9:08 PM, Fort Madison officers and a K-9 unit responded to a robbery report at Dollar General, 429 Avenue H. A lone male subject entered the store displaying a knife to the clerk and instructed her to open the register. He proceeded to remove cash from the drawer and fled on foot. No one was injured in the incident.

The initial response did not yield an arrest or immediately identify the suspect. He was described as a male, of medium height, smaller build, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, black sweatpants, black tennis shoes,

and a blue facemask. Surveillance videos from the store and other sources are being analyzed by detectives. Further details are being withheld pending investigation.

The Fort Madison Police Department asks area residents and businesses to check their security camera video about the time of the robbery for any similar sightings. Information can be submitted to: Police Dept. Office M-F 7:00 AM 4:30 PM (319)372-2525 or LeeComm Dispatch 24/7 (319)372-1310.

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WEATHER

TUE 10 Oct.....Early frost, then sunny and cool, 64° F/ 43° F
WED 11 Oct.....Cool with afternoon storms, 63° F/ 52° F
THU 12 Oct.....Partly sunny and cool with chance of storms, 68° F/ 56° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

VERONA A. WILLIAMS

Verona Alberta Williams, 86, of Ankeny, Iowa, formerly of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, in Ankeny, Iowa.

Verona was born on March 11, 1937, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of William P. and Isabel (Webster) Barker. On August 12, 1951, she was united in marriage to Robert Lee Williams in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2021.

Verona was a faithful member of God's Way Christian Center in Keokuk for many years, and after moving to Ankeny, attended the Philadelphia 7th Day Adventist in Des Moines. Her faith was the most important aspect of her life, and she lived it out by teaching Sunday School and serving as an evangelist in Keokuk, even appearing on TV. In her younger years, she was employed at Sheller-Globe, Walmart, and in house cleaning. However, her greatest work was raising her children and loving her family.

Verona is survived by eight children: Caren Taylor of Davenport, Gordon (Carrye) Williams of Keokuk, Lynn (Lawrence) Manson of Des Moines, Wanda Williams of Ankeny, Robert (Cynthia) Williams Jr. of Keokuk, Julie (Michael) Kennerly of Ankeny, Kathy (Alan) Sampson of Lakeport, Ca, Timothy (Rose) Williams of Quincy, Ill, in addition to her many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Verona is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Robert.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, October 13, 2023, at God's Way Christian Center in Keokuk, with Pastor Sylvia Tillman officiating. Burial will follow at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk.

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

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

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



WILLIAMS

OBITUARIES

MARY K. COOPER

Mary Kathryn Cooper, 91, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:14 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Birkwood Village in Fort Madison. She was born on February 3, 1932 in Fort Madison, IA to Dennis & Agnes Kokjohn Moline. She married Edwin Dwayne Hartman and they later divorced. She then married Lester Dean Cooper on January 9, 1960 in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on February 11, 2005. She was a homemaker and a cashier at Greenwald's Grocery Store for many years. She was of the Catholic Faith and enjoyed camping, baking, playing cards, needle point, spending time with her family and attending grandchildren's ball games.

Mary is survived by: 2-daughters: Diana (Randy) Gaibel of Montrose, IA & Lisa Cooper of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Mike (Tina) Hartman of Canton, MO; 6-grandchildren; several great grandchildren; 1-sister: Patricia Burkhart of Cedar Rapids, IA and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-son in law: David Glasgow and 1-sister: Rose Mary Gordon.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences to the Cooper family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



COOPER

BACK PAIN?

Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy?") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER: Turn over in bed without pain waking you up?

Get up in the morning without being as stiff as a board?

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Lean forward over the sink without that "stabbing" in your back or leg?

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- Bent...crooked off to one side and can't stand up straight if your life depended on it
- Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
- One-sided...right at that "bone" on one side
- Jack hammer...pounding off and on like a heartbeat or a toothache in your back
- Aching from 1-5 years
- Chronic pain for over 5 years

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM K. DAW

William Keith Daw was born January 7, 1956, in Keokuk, Iowa and passed away September 30, 2023, at his home in Alexandria Missouri. William is preceded in death by his parents Edward (Bud) Daw Jr. and Clara Daw, and his sister Patricia Daw. William is survived by siblings Lawrence (Butch) Daw (children Elizabeth and Thomas (wife-Brittney), Ronald Daw (wife Marianne, children Bonnie and Daniel Daw), Barbara Young (husband Larry), Sharon Menke (husband Doug), brother-in-law Rich Wolfert (late wife Patricia) and several grand nieces and nephews.

William served in the Army from 1981 to 1985 where he was stationed in Colorado, Germany and Korea. He held a number of jobs during his life including electro-metals worker, uranium miner, fertilizer plant worker, and truck driver. He was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and San Francisco 49ers. He enjoyed hunting for and eating mushrooms. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 1974 where he played baseball and basketball, and was a drummer in the band. He attended Southeast Iowa Community College. He enjoyed food, beer, cigarettes, sports and a good joke. He had a big heart and was very generous to children.



DAW

William will be missed by his family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Keokuk National Cemetery. A celebration of life will follow at the community center in Saint Francisville, Missouri, directly following the service. Everyone attending is encouraged to dress casually or wear their favorite St. Louis Cardinals attire in memory of William.

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

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



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Fort Madison officials are looking for help identifying the individual in the security image above taken from the Dollar General on the city's east side.

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ALBERTA L. ROBINSON

Alberta L. Robinson, 99, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, October 6, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.

Alberta was born on December 6, 1923, in Farmington, Iowa, the daughter of James Jasper and Blanche (Davis) Dawson. She graduated from Farmington High School in 1943, and later was united in marriage to Charles Nathaniel Robinson, Sr. He preceded her in death on January 3, 1995.



ROBINSON

Alberta was employed in housekeeping at the Chief Motel and Sheller Globe in Keokuk, but her primary role was raising and caring for her children and family. The sixth child of thirteen, Alberta enjoyed drinking beer and playing cards. She was known for her witty quips, and walked everywhere she went. Alberta was a fantastic cook, and her potato salad was always in high demand. Above all else, she treasured her family.

Alberta is survived by five children: Lester Dawson, Patty (David) Robinson, Chucky Robinson, Margie (Steven) Kirchner and Jay (Linda) Robinson; fifteen grandchildren: Shatanza, Shantel, Jermaine, Corey, Brittany, Cisaley, Candice, Taylor, William "Billy", Miranda, Shon, Stefani, Shalese, Shakayla and Shaquille; thirty-two great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her sister Marline Malcom of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Alberta is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles, Her son Steven, two grandchildren: Charles and Shania, four sisters and eight brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. Burial at Keokuk National Cemetery will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Miranda Smith.

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

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

THOMAS S. BURRIS

Thomas Stanley "Stan" Burris, 93, of Keokuk, passed away on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Stan was born on November 15, 1929, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Thomas Nelson "Neils" and Madeline (Shaffer) Burris. He was of the Baptist faith and was employed as a union carpenter for forty years. Stan was a member of Local 1260, the American Legion and the NRA. He enjoyed hunting and watching sports, cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and the Hawkeyes.

Stan is survived by two sons: Tracy Burris of Keokuk and Rome Burris of Texas; four grandchildren: Zachary (Lindsay), Elijah, Jeremy, and Nathan Burris; and three great-grandchildren: Charlie Arrowood, Isaac Burris and Gabriel Burris.

Stan is preceded in death by two sisters: Paula Burris and Ardeen Marlett.

Private burial will be held at Keokuk National Cemetery.

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

10/05/23 - 10:22 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 14th Street and Avenue K.

10/06/23 - 3:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4200 block of Avenue L.

10/06/23 - 7:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue C.

10/06/23 - 9:34 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

10/06/23 - 9:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue E.

10/06/23 - 10:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Seth Thomas Wright, 31, no hometown reported, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/06/23 - 11:17 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue Q.

10/06/23 - 11:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

10/06/23 - 6:51 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at 33rd Street and Avenue H.

10/06/23 - 7:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Carrie Mae Smith, 30, no hometown

reported, at 33rd Street and Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving under suspension and speeding. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/07/23 - 3:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Aneika Shatterrah Forrest, 26, no hometown reported, in the 3200 block of Avenue N, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/07/23 - 4:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of 34th Street.

10/07/23 - 7:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at 34th Street and Avenue Q.

10/07/23 - 9:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a robbery in the 400 block of Avenue H.

10/07/23 - 10:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Michael Christopher Long, 19, no hometown reported, at 22nd and Avenue H, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd.

10/08/23 - 4:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Justin Robert Bowden, 42, no hometown reported, at 31st Street and Avenue N, on a charge of driving while barred.

10/08/23 - 11:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dale Lee Heidbreder, Jr., 43, no hometown reported, in the 1500 block of 36th Street, on charges of interference with official acts and disorderly con-

duct - loud noise. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Keokuk Police Report

09/26/23 - 12:16 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident in the 100 block of South 5th Street southbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Zachary Scott Vagenos, 30, of Keokuk, was traveling in the 100 block of South 5th Street in the southbound lanes when the vehicle left its lane of traffic and struck a telephone pole. No injuries were reported. Vagenos was cited for failure to maintain control and the vehicle's owner, John Crutcher, was cited for permitting an unauthorized person to drive. The vehicle was disabled and had to be towed from the scene.

10/05/23 - 3:50 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Erin Michelle Ross, 45, of Hamilton, in the 300 block of Main Street, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/05/23 - 4:00 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested James Franklin Horton, 48, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Main Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court and a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/06/23 - 8:17 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 15-year-old male juvenile, no hometown reported, in the 2200 block of Middle Road, on a charge of possession of alcohol under legal age. He was released to a guardian.

10/06/23 - 8:29 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Xavier Addison Hutchcroft, 22, of Keokuk, in the 1700 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/06/23 - 9:51 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Timothy Daniel Washburn, 46, of Keokuk, at S. 2nd Street and Johnson Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/06/23 - 11:11 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Luke Jacob Steele, 35, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of S. 7th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/07/23 - 11:16 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Danny Earl Lamma, Jr., 24, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of N. 10th Street, on charges of domestic assault impede air/blood flow and domestic assault choking/bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/07/23 - 2:21 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Melinda Jo Saunders, 48, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of S. 12th, on charges of violation of a domestic no-contact order and 5th degree criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/07/23 - 8:37 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 16 year-old male juvenile, no hometown reported, in the 1400 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released to a parent.

10/08/23 - 2:48 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Brooke Lynn West, 26, of Keokuk, in the 10 block of S. 10th Street,

on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - marijuana 1st. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/08/23 - 8:45 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Candice Maree Robinson, 29, of Alexandria, in the 100 block of Hwy. 61 bypass, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/05/23 - 1:39 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Amber Rae Grooms, 39, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/05/23 - 2:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at Hilton Road and 250th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Drew Edward Garretson, 38, of Burlington, was eluding officers at a high rate of speed when the vehicle struck an embankment while trying to make a right turn onto 250th Avenue from Hilton Road. No injuries were reported. The driver was placed under arrest and the vehicle was towed.

10/05/23 - 8:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Gabino Gomez, 28, of Mississippi, in the 300 block of Hwy. 61, Montrose, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/05/23 - 9:37 p.m. - Lee

County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy. 218 S. at 200th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ryan Jacob Elash, 26, of St. Louis, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 218 S. when a vehicle driven by Richard Earl Pardall, 32, of Donnellson, crossed the southbound lane of Hwy. 218 S., causing Elash's vehicle to strike Pardall's vehicle causing disabling damage to Elash's vehicle. No injuries were reported. Pardall was cited for not yielding while entering the highway. Elash's vehicle was towed from the scene; Pardall's vehicle was driven from the scene.


10/06/23 - 4:58 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Derrick Rodney Lynn Howe, 38, of Warsaw, in the 2300 block of Hwy. 61, Fort Madison, on a charge of eluding - speed 25 over limit. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/06/23 - 1:02 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Quincey Oshay Coleman, 27, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.


10/06/23 - 2:58 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jill Marie Lovell, 34, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

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


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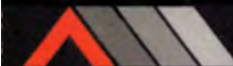


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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEAVERDALE SUBDIVISION, WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA - WATER SERVICE DISRUPTION DUE TO EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPAIR

EFFECTIVE: Monday, October 9, 2023 at 3:45 p.m.

LOCATION AFFECTED: Beaverdale Subdivision, West Burlington, Iowa

REASON: Water Main Break - The water is being shut off immediately due to the nature of the break (3" line) and until the contractor for the Beaverdale Subdivision/HOA receives the necessary parts and completes the

HELP WANTED

Lee County IT has two open IT Technician positions, one based in our Keokuk office and the other in Fort Madison.

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Successful applicants will have three or more years of relevant experience; be well organized; possess excellent communication skills; and be disciplined, ambitious, and self-motivated. The Keokuk position will be based in our South Lee County Courthouse office after appropriate amount of training in our Fort Madison office.

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The application form can be obtained online or at:

Lee County Auditor's Office
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

Please submit cover letter, resume, and completed application to kharter@leecounty.org or:

Kevin Harter, IT Director
933 Avenue H
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Post-offer background check, physical, and Board of Supervisors approval are required.

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repairs.

This main break will not affect hydrants. The Fire Department has been made aware of the issue.

Following the repairs, a boil order will likely be in effect for the Beaverdale Subdivision/HOA.

DURATION: Water will be off in the Beaverdale Subdivision until repairs are completed.

City of West Burlington
Phone: 319-752-5451

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 10/3/2023

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Gray, Yager, Amandus, Roller, Rink and Andrews (arrived at 5:32 P.M.) present. Council Member Bowker was absent.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 9/19/2023; Liquor License Renewal: Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, Inc., 2600 Avenue A; Fort Madison Sports Complex, Inc., 909

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- This position will be for 28 hours per week, no Saturday, Sundays or holidays.

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48th Street; Claims dated 9/28/2023, September Manuals, September Library Claims; & Payroll of 9/22/2023.

At 5:46 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning Rezoning Property north of 2205 - 48th Street from R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:47P.M. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to rezone property north of 2205 - 48th Street from R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District.

At 5:49 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the Sale of City-Owned Property at 215 Avenue G. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:50 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-67, approving the sale of City-Owned property at 215 Avenue G to RJ55, Inc. for a cost of \$5,075 plus fees.

On motion, Council approved to waive the three readings requirement of Iowa Code 380.3. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-105, rezoning property located at 6315 and 6139 Reve Court, 5811 and 5909 Avenue O and two parcels of land bounded by Business Highway 61, Highway 61, Reve Court and 5909 Avenue O, from B-2, Highway Business District, to B-3, General Wholesale District and from R-1, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-3, General Wholesale District.

On motion, Council approved the second

HELP WANTED

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reading of an ordinance enacting a Code of Ordinances and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the City of Fort Madison dealing with subjects embraced in such Code of Ordinances. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-68, approving the FY 2022-23 Street Finance Report.

On motion, Council approved to request the Lee County Board of Supervisors assign Tax Certificates for certain properties within Fort Madison City Limits. On

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 54,037.57
Special Revenue	136,271.37
Road Use	82,138.36
Capital	17,500.00
Water	125,755.21
Sewer	53,265.17
Sld Waste, IWC	5,406.28
SW Utility	1,219.36
	<u>\$475,593.32</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$20,490.61
Special Revenue	284,362.84
Road Use	160,479.00
Debt	1,430.09
Capital	80,223.52
Water	6,517.06
Sewer	27,263.07
Sld Wst & IWC	1,932.40
Sewer	1,062.72
	<u>\$583,761.31</u>

CLAIMS - 10/3/2023

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECT	724.70
ACCESS LEASING SYSTEM, PRINTER LEASE	771.09
ACCESS SYSTEMS, COMPUTER/IT AGREEMENT	5,531.62
AGRINEED, INC, GRASS SEED	63.75
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	52,112.34
AMERICAN TEST CENTER, ANNUAL TESTING OF TRUCK	1,470.00
AMSOIL, INC, OIL/FILTER	382.15
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM/SHOP SUPPLIES	438.97
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, PRE-TREATMENT STUDY	3,338.93
BERGANKDV, FINAL AUDIT PAYMENT	3,900.00
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, REPLACE TIRES	987.42
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, CHEST SEAL	46.08
BRYSON HENNIGAR, TRAINING	602.92
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES	1,484.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOC, PROF FEE	6,373.89
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., ROCK	437.99
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, PENS	254.63
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE	657.44
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, OIL CHANGE	89.44

motion, Council approved authorizing City Department Heads to pre-screen applicants for the Transitional Assistant to the City Clerk position and to forward qualified candidates to the City Council. A motion to temporarily waive the two-hour parking restrictions around the Fort Madison High School failed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL 9/22/2023	
General	\$ 232,614.70
Old Fort	1,446.94
Emp Benefits	7,692.31
Road Use	23,769.08
Water	34,359.87
Sewer	32,687.42
Solid Waste	17,604.20
Airport	314.82
Storm Water	3,077.50
	<u>\$353,566.84</u>

EMD MILLIPORE CORP, TESTING SUPPLIES	607.29
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, LEACHATE INSPECTION	1,585.00
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, BOOT ALLOW	1,019.80
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER @ AIRPORT	43.56
FULLSOURCE, UNIFORM	268.87
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, TOWELS	120.11
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, PAPER PRODUCTS	223.70
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, WIRE DISCONNECT	483.81
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, TRAINING	625.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., YEARLY SUPPLY FEE	115.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, PRINTER PAPER	181.20
JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, TIME CLOCK SUBSCRIPTION	184.80
JON COAKLEY, TRAINING	52.00
KIESLER'S POLICE SUPPLY, INC, AMMO	977.97
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL	3,367.08
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, VIDEO SNAKE PUSH KIT	1,636.60
MCFARLAND, GLOVES	159.99
MCMaster CARR SUPPLY CO, CONNECTORS/TUBES	33.23
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, CLOTH-	114.31

MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, DAILY SAMPLE	532.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT	336.20
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC, REPLACE FILTERS	412.68
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE	3,701.02
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, FIX LIGHT POLE (SENIC DR)	157.50
MOTOR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO, BATTERY BOX	35.03
NAT'L FIRE PROTECTION ASN, PREVENTION WK SUPPLIES	265.55
NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING, SURFACING	528.24
NORTHERN SAFETY CO. INC., GLOVES	338.70
PAVEMENT STENCIL CO., DOT STENCILS	401.00
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROF FEE - PLAN REVIEW	75.00
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PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT, HOSE	562.58
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RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL	356.10
SEITHER & CHERRY CO., ELECTRICAL WORK	26,262.42
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, WATER SAMPLE TESTS	63.50
THE SHREDDER, ON-SITE SHREDDING	120.00
TRUCK REPAIR INC., REPLACE TIRES	460.93
USA BLUE BOOK, TESTING SUPPLIES	1,232.25
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - SWR SEPERATION	2,963.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS	8,707.60
TOTAL	146,336.51
GENERAL	25,368.52
SPECIAL REVENUES	909.18
ROAD USE	6,079.01
CAPITAL PROJECTS	6,373.89
WATER	72,038.68
WASTEWATER	31,237.06
SOLID WASTE	3,235.92
AIRPORT	369.29
STORM WATER	724.96
TOTAL	146,336.51

LIBRARY CLAIMS SEPT 2023

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SHELF MATERIAL	325.01
BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL	1,561.09

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CENGAGE LEARNING INC., SHELF MATERIAL 283.29	EXCEL IT SERVICES, CLOUD BACKUP ... 36.33	KANOPIY, INC., ONLINE MATERIAL 27.00	MADISONIAN, SHELF MATERIAL 50.00	PETTY CASH, CRAFT SUPPLIES 88.28	TOTAL 6,259.85
DEMCO LAMINATING, GLOSS/BOOK JACKETS 619.47	G-MAC DOOR & HARDWARE, REPAIR DOOR 170.00	KING KLEEN LLC, WIN- 170.00	MEDIACOM, BUSINESS PHONE 413.97	QUILL LLC, LABELS 74.22	GENERAL 5,188.85
			MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT11.61	WORLD ARCHIVES, AN- 1,071.00	SPECIAL REVENUES 1,071.00
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From the Front

County expecting substantial opioid payments

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portion. Only Davis County declined to be party to the settlements. That share is divided out based on the formulas in place.

Lee County gets 1.495% of the state's portion, which is the 11th largest percentage in the state.

Last week supervisors got a presentation from Kathy Gabel, the previous owner of the Talbot House in Keokuk. Gabel was asking if any of the county's opioid money could go towards costs of assisting residents at the home, whom she said regularly have addiction issues.

Seyb said he's also had conversations with Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS) about possible funding assistance.

"They only have one counselor in the county in one location," Seyb said.

Seyb said he had originally thought of using some of the funding to prop up space at the new Lee County Health Department/EMS facility. But a core strategies listing that was part of all of the previous settlements makes using those funds for that precarious, even though the mitigation has gray areas for usage of the

funds.

The committee is to be composed of one supervisor and an alternate, someone from Fort Madison and Keokuk, a faith-based representative, a member of the sheriff's department, Lee County Health department, Lee County EMS, and an at-large representative.

The committee would make recommendations to the full of board of supervisors as to how the money could possibly be divvied up.

Seyb said it may be good practice to set up the fund allocations as the board did for the America Rescue Plan Act funding.

"We could set it up so a certain percent goes to prevention, a certain percent goes to treatment, a certain percent goes to law enforcement, however that may look," Seyb said. "But that would be something that the committee would recommend."

The county has already used about \$250,000 to help train new EMS staff on opioid recognition, treatment, and first-contact counseling. There is about \$56,000 still remaining in the fund with additional contributions scheduled now each spring.

The law firm of Crueger Dickinson out of Wisconsin is handling the settlements for Iowa counties.

Library data shows service to all

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corp, Mikayla Oz, a magician, the storywalk around the square, and a library BINGO treasure hunt.

Sanders said the library passed a Tier 3 accreditation this year, which is the highest status in the state, and is now accredited through June 30 of 2026.

An honor was bestowed on long-time board member Carl J. Johnston by naming the Genealogy Room after him. Brian Schmitz of Schmitz Funeral Home donated the plaque for the new room.

Sanders said library staff continues to work to keep the collection robust and relevant. She said that will be ongoing to weed out inventory that's not being used frequently.

"We work to provide a valuable service to the entire community from babies and preschoolers who attend our storytimes, to our oldest citizens," Sanders said.

Last week during the senior Crafternoon, she said the group had three ladies over the age of 90. She said staff is also working hard to fill technology gaps for residents who don't have it or don't know how to use it.

"Now when you are applying for jobs, it's all online. You have to know how to get your resume uploaded onto that computer and uploaded to that job site. We've been helping people with that. I think we do a good service with that," she said.



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