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MONTROSE HEALTH CENTER: Standard poodle replaces Maggie for residents

Super-Nova brightens home



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Montrose Health Center residents interact with Nova, their new pet poodle, donated by PAW Animal Shelter.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – The Montrose Health Center just got itself a super-Nova.

The 3-year-old standard poodle is now the star of the assisted living center on Montrose's southwest side. The center test drove the girl for a week and a half before officially accepting her to replace "Maggie", who was at the center for more than a dozen years.

Maggie died several years ago and the center's administrator

Mallory Orton said they needed to let things settle in for a while after that before introducing another pet to the center.

"Maggie was perfect here, very smart and we were known as the Lee County facility with the dog for 14 years. I'd like to get that back out there that we have a dog because a lot of people don't want to leave their animals at home," Orton said.

PAW Director Sandy Brown was on hand to officially donate the animal to the shelter. She said the facility began looking for a

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OPINION

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Clean, sober celebration turns into Eras

Unlike years past, I/we didn't do any major celebrating on my sobriety birthday, Nov. 3. In fact, we forgot about it. I spent the day doing honey-dos: cleaning out the gutters, rounding up all the old "punkins" and throwing them out, and mouse proofing the garage and barn. It was Frrrrrrrryday at the Veterans Hall in Mt. Pleasant, and Ginnie and I went there for supper, since they have fish, chicken and shrimp. I turned in an application for membership to the American Legion. I figured it was high time.

On the way to the Veterans Hall, we drove by the movie theater in Mt. Pleasant, and Ginnie noticed on the marquee that Taylor Swift's "Eras" was playing. "I'd like to see that," she said.

I asked what an "Eras" was, pronouncing it, "E-Ras."

"Era," Ginnie said. "It's Taylor Swift's tour, doing all the songs of her career."

"Oh," I said. "I don't usually see 'era' as plural. It's usually just 'era.'"

Ginnie gave one of her patent sighs. "Curt, the English major."

The only thing I knew about Taylor Swift is that she's been showing up at Kansas City Chief's football games because she and Travis Kelce are an item. But I got to thinking about "E-Ras" while eating shrimp. "What the heck?" I thought. "It's Friday night Date Night. We could work in a movie after supper, if I don't eat too much. If Ginnie wants to see Taylor Swift, I can accommodate."

That was before I found out the tickets were \$18 each and the show lasted three hours. But I managed to suffer through, and rather enjoyed the performance, which was quite spectacular, I had to admit. The stage turning into a snake was something else. I could hardly understand a word Taylor Swift was

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WEST POINT

Fedler decides to run for another term as Supervisor

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Long-time Lee County Supervisor Ron Fedler announced this week that he will be running again for the 1st District Supervisor position.

Fedler announced he will be running again after Lee County Auditor Denise



FEDLER

Fraise released she will be running on the Republican ticket.

Fraise, who'd been running under the Democrat ticket for the past 10 years, switched parties this year after being

pursued by the Lee County Republican committee.

Fedler is in his third term as District 1 supervisor after beating Rick Carter, who ran on a petition campaign, in 2012.

The West Point native said his frustration with the budget process this spring that resulted in higher taxes was part of the reason.

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For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

11/13/23 - 10:21 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 15th Street and Avenue F.

11/13/23 - 10:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue M.

11/13/23 - 10:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of 12th Street.

11/13/23 - 11:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Brent Ambrose Anderson, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Avenue C, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia.

11/13/23 - 12:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

11/13/23 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Stewart Benton Spindlow II, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for violating a no-contact order.

11/13/23 - 4:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 18th Street and Av-

enue E.

11/13/23 - 4:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Austin Michael Huffman, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 23rd Street, on a charge of public intoxication.

11/13/23 - 4:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 24th Street.

11/13/23 - 5:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested John Adam Wiggins, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue M, on a charge of public intoxication.

11/13/23 - 7:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue L.

11/14/23 - 1:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

11/14/23 - 8:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of Avenue J.

11/14/23 - 1:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue L.

11/14/23 - 2:12 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 19th Street.

Keokuk Police Report

11/13/23 - 7:41 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Jody William Humes, 45, of Argyle, in the 1000 block of Main Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court and a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 3:01 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Joseph Lee Jacobson, 50, of Keokuk, at Carbine Lane and Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/14/23 - 12:02 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Joseph William Taylor, Jr., 47, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of North 4th Street, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary - vehicle 2nd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 12:38 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Joseph William Taylor, Jr., 47, of Keokuk, in the 600 block of Main Street, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary - vehicle 2nd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 12:42 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Joseph William Taylor, Jr., 47, of Ke-

okuk, in the 500 block of Main Street, on charges of 3rd degree burglary - vehicle 2nd offense and being a felon in control of a firearm. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 3:10 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Joseph William Taylor, Jr., 47, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of 3rd degree burglary - vehicle 2nd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 8:49 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested John Mitchell Donahue, 47, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of North 3rd, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 9:09 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Lydia Crystal Harlan, 40, of Keokuk, at Washington Street and Middle Road, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 9:59 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Ryne Steven Sackman, 31, of Keokuk, at North 7th and Morgan Streets, on a hold warrant for another agency. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 10:45 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Casey

Lynn Gunning, 43, of Keokuk, at North 12th and Morgan Streets, on a charge of failure to appear/contempt of court and driving under suspension. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/15/23 - 1:44 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Jessica Renee Esterday, 46, of Keokuk, in the 1100 block of Johnson Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/15/23 - 5:37 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Thurman Purdiman III, 32, of Burlington, in the 2400 block of Main Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court and a charge of interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/15/23 - 6:52 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Taylor Ann Botger, 19, of Keokuk, at North 14th and Concert Streets, on charges of manufacturing/delivering/possession with intent marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

11/13/23 - 6:15 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chad Richard Barker, 45, of Farmington, in the 1100 block

of Croton Road, Farmington, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/13/23 - 7:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brian Carl Vincent, 45, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 1st degree theft greater than \$10000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/14/23 - 12:20 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Paul Douglas Bowden, 39, of Montrose, 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.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

11/12/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls, and one lift assist.

11/13/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls, one false alarm, and one vehicle accident.

11/14/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

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In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not publish an e-Edition Thursday, November 23 through Sunday, November 26. We'll resume publication on Monday, November 27. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

We wish you a very warm & wonderful Thanksgiving.

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

DENNIS M. SEIGFRIED

Dennis Merlin Seigfried, 79, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 1:59 p.m. Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, Iowa.



SEIGFRIED

Dennis was born July 17, 1944 at home, near Niota, the son of Johnnie Merlin and Zeta (Hamm) Seigfried. In 1966, he married LaVerna Jones. They later divorced. In 1976, he married Therese Granneman in Canton, Missouri. She survives.

Dennis was raised, educated and lived all of his life in the Niota area. He worked for a short time at Anchor Metals Inc. in Ft. Madison. He spent most of his life working for JI Case in Burlington, where he retired after 35 years of employment. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed trapping, hunting, gardening, mushrooming and fishing. His fishing hobby led him to become a commercial fisherman all of his life.

Along with his wife, Therese, he is survived by three sons: Alan (Patty) Seigfried of Niota, Mark (Kerry) Seigfried of Nauvoo and Trent (Sarah) Seigfried of Huxley, Iowa; eight grandchildren: Brittany (Chris) Pierce, Brenden and Brody Seigfried, Hailey and Hannah Seigfried and Joe, Katie and Matthew Seigfried; seven great-grandchildren and one brother Cleve (Marcia) Seigfried of Ft. Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Alice Knisley and Jeannie Allen.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Dennis will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, with Pastor David Poland officiating.

Cremation will be accorded following the service.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Mr. Seigfried's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Grassley wants to bury time capsule to be unearthed in 2276

WASHINGTON – Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) today introduced a bill authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to bury a time capsule on the Capitol's west lawn as part of the planned semiquincentennial celebration in 2026, which will be 250 years since our nation's founding. The capsule would remain sealed until the United States' 500th anniversary on July 4, 2276.

"History teaches us invaluable lessons. It's our responsibility to learn from the people and events that came before us, and to preserve those accounts for future generations," Grassley said. "Burying a time capsule on the anniversary of the day the Founding Fathers adopted the Declaration of Independence would honor their mark on our nation and serve as a way to document the milestones still to come."

"As we reflect on the democratic ideals our nation was built upon ahead of its 250th anniversary celebration, it's important we

consider the impact our present-day actions have on shaping our American democracy and society in the future," Shaheen said. "I'm honored to help introduce this legislation, which will preserve the rich culture and ideas of this historical moment in the United States for generations to come."

The offices of the House Speaker and Minority Leader, as well as the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, would determine the contents of the time capsule. They could be items representing important legislation or institutional milestones, a message from the current Congress to the future Congress, or other memorabilia reflective of history when the capsule is buried in 2026.

Additional cosponsors include Sens. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.). Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.) is leading the House companion bill.

OBITUARIES

LOIS I. WIXOM

Lois Ilene Wixom, 91, of Keokuk, IA passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born October 22, 1932 in Mt. Sterling, IA the daughter of Archie and Bertha (Pruitt) Cochran. Lois graduated from Revere High School with the class of 1950.



WIXOM

Lois was united in marriage to the love of her life, James Leonard Wixom on January 2, 1950. "Wix" preceded her in death on March 17, 2012.

She is survived by three children, Steve (Karla) Wixom, Debby (Jim) Mueller and Cindy (Jim) Hardin, ten grandchildren, Kristy (Lance) Boatman, Kim Cannon, Matt (Dailyn) Wixom, Kourtney (Ben) Brissett, Mia Mueller, Misti (Scott) Maidel, Austin (Shauna) Hardin, Adam Hardin, Andy (Ashley) Hardin and Archie Hardin and fifteen great-grandchildren, Kolton, Kenton and Kaylynn Summers, Kendra Boatman, Kailey, Kyler, Karley and Kaitey Cannon, Nolan Wixom, Millie and Nick Brissett, Tayli Maidel, Isaiah Hardin, Colby and Parker Hardin. Lois is also survived by her brother, Ronald (Rovene) Cochran and one sister, Twila (Delbert) Harper along with other very special people in her life, Donna (Dale) Wixom and Candy (Mike) Mueller and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three sisters, Wilma West, Jeanie Sartori and Irma Ellen Cochran and two brothers, Robert Cochran and Stanley Little.

Lois had previously been employed by Delaney Cleaners and was the director of the Keokuk Child Daycare Center for twenty-five years. She was the co-owner of Wixom Framing and had also managed the George M. Verity for nine years.

She was a devout member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Keokuk, where she taught Sunday school. She was also involved in the Mary Larson Circle, Emmanuel United Methodist Women and numerous other offices within the church.

Lois was the president of Wells Carey PTA, den mother for Cub Scouts, Genealogy Society, Swing Easy Square Dance Club, Swing Easy Memorial Foundation, Keokuk Area Hospital and hospice volunteer. She was recognized with an award from the Governor of the State of Iowa for her volunteer services.

Lois had incredible sewing abilities. She used her talent to not only make her daughters' wedding dresses and quilts for her loved ones, but to also give to others. Over the years, she made and donated over seven hundred dresses for the children in Nepal, Haiti and Africa, lap robes for Veterans, pillowcases for children with cancer at the University of Iowa Hospital, bibs for nursing home patients, complete bedding sets for foster care children and blankets for hospice.

Lois was an avid card and game player and enjoyed playing with friends and family, normally coming out as the winner. She loved traveling, going to horse races, boat rides on the Mississippi and watching sporting events. Most important to her was spending quality time with her family and her beloved cat, Marble.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 1129 Exchange Street, Keokuk with Dr. J. Robert Burkhart officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

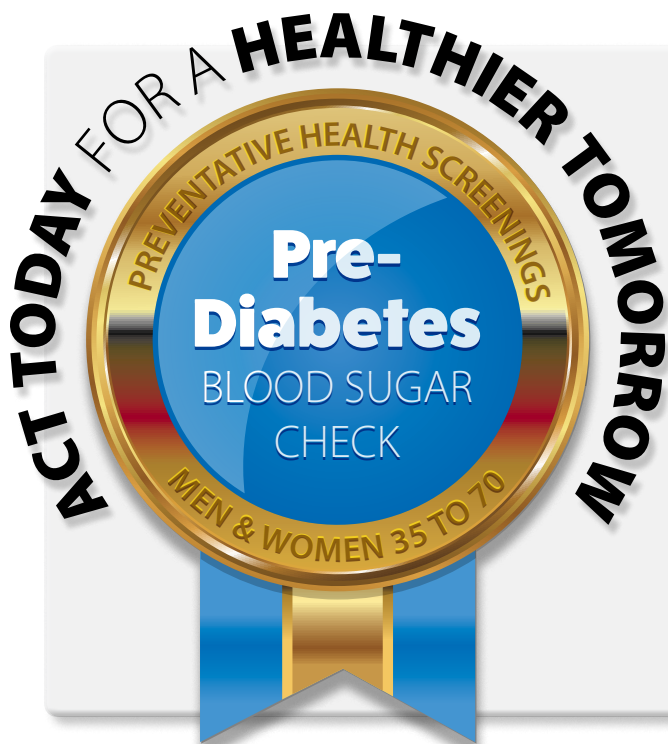
Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, at the Vigen Memorial Home 1328 Concert, Keokuk, with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church or to the City of Christmas.

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

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Iowa News/From the Front

Fedler says budget, taxes are reason to run again

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“After the budget was approved this year, I was very frustrated because I wanted to cut expenses to avoid raising taxes so much because a lot of people are hurting with inflation and I feel sorry for those people and, when it came time to approve the budget, I voted no,” Fedler wrote in a letter to Pen City Current.

“The budget the year before, I was frustrated with the large raises that were proposed by the (compensation) board. I understand they were mandated by a state law that a county sheriff should get paid the same as a police chief of a town equal in population as the population of a county. So they came up with a 45% raise for the sheriff and a 10% raise for all other elected officials.”

Fedler said he made a recommendation to lower the comp. board’s figure by 50%, which would have lowered all the comp. board’s recommended raises. His motion was defeated 4-1. Supervisors then approved the comp. board’s recommended increases. The comp. board did voice concerns over the county not listening to their recommendations and that’s why the county was facing the wage gap it was facing.

Fedler claims that Board Chairman

Garry Seyb said the county could implement the raises without raising taxes. After running a business for 26 years, Fedler said he knows you can’t raise expenses that much without increasing revenues, which, in the county’s case, is taxes.

“I don’t blame the county employees because sure they would take that big of an increase, but the taxpayers pay the bill, and they were seeing inflation in their lives also and were not getting big pay raises like this,” he said.

Fedler said after that budget was passed, he was asked if he was going to run again and he said if had to decide at that moment it would be no.

“After that, the word got out and I had a lot of people in my district, both Republican and Democrat, ask me to run again and that made me feel good and some Republicans tell me they like the job I was doing,” Fedler wrote.

“When I vote, I never consider anything but what is the best for the people of my district and the people of Lee County who pay the taxes. I would like to thank all the district one voters who have voted for me in the past and hope I have done a good enough job you will vote for me again.”

Journey to sobriety leads to date night with wife

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singing, but the dancing and theatrics were over-the-top. I don’t know how anyone’s voice can hold up for three solid hours of singing. I noticed Ginnie was singing along to Taylor Swift’s songs, as were the scrum of teeny-bopper girls sitting in front of us, along with their parent chaperons. Ginnie was obviously enjoying herself, which made it worthwhile.

What I’m trying to say is that after 34 years of sobriety, it’s not all about me. I can actually put other people first. So, in a way, WE were celebrating my 34-year anniversary of being clean and sober. Love is in the giving.

Looking back on the journey of sobriety, alcohol may have been doing me a favor, in a way. There were some pretty tough times I was going through, and alcohol was a diversion which deadened my mind to what was going on. When it just about killed me, well, that was a wake-up call. A treatment program helped me face my issues and rearrange my priorities. I’m one of the lucky ones. I lived through it and came out the other side clean, sober and wiser.

I’ve been going through some health issues lately, which is not surprising given my age—75. I’m not sure where the future is headed, which is a good thing, for it keeps me focused on where my trust should be. God. There’s a Big Guy running things, and I’m not Him.

I don’t think much about drinking or using anymore. And the “drinking/using dreams” have subsided over the years. However, Ginnie and I were at a restaurant the other night and I noticed “Swarm Ale” on the menu. Really? Talk about a drink with my name on it! Ginnie got me home safely.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation, (Iowa Patriotic Stitchers of Henry County), presented me with a Quilt of Valor that I really didn’t deserve, but was honored to accept. Sobriety has rewards that far exceed not using and abusing.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com, or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

AG Bird joins coalition opposing Trump gag

DES MOINES— Attorney General Brenna Bird and West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey led an 18-State coalition today, calling on the courts to reverse the unconstitutional gag order against President Trump. The gag order wrongfully stops President Trump

from speaking freely ahead of the approaching presidential election and denies Americans their right to hear what all the candidates have to say.

The district court overstepped by issuing an unclear and broad gag order that prohibits President Trump and his lawyers from criticizing the court, prosecutors, or even his primary opponents leading into the election. States like Iowa are home to upcoming caucuses and

elections and have a vested interest in ensuring all political candidates can speak freely with voters. Support for the First Amendment and reversal of the gag order against President Trump ranges from civil rights organizations like the ACLU to everyday citizens who value free speech. If the gag order is upheld, it sets a precedent that courts can silence their critics and undermine the First Amendment rights of all Americans.

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From the Front/Iowa News



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Residents at the Montrose Health Center pose with their new facility dog Nova, officially donated to the facility by PAW Animal Shelter Wednesday.

PAW donates animal to center

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replacement a while back.

“They came in and asked, and we immediately said they needed to look at Nova,” Brown said.

Orton said the dog fit in very quickly and became acclimated to her surroundings.

“We let her do her thing for the most part. We do have a kennel over here and she goes to that to shut down for a little bit. But she walks the halls and the other morning she rounded with the nurse when they were passing out pills,” Orton said.

Brown asked who was already sneaking the dog treats and about four residents of the 10 who were on hand to see the dog, raised their hands, along with several staff members.

Wednesday PAW officially donated the dog to the center and now the facility will be responsible for feeding and caring for the animal as it wanders the hallways spending time with residents.

“She had a trial period to make sure everything worked out and today it’s official,” Brown said.

“She will officially be their dog and this is now her home.”

Nova is a white standard poodle standing about two feet tall.

Orton said the dog is walked several times a day and has a basket with toys behind the nursing station.

At PAW, the dog ran the pasture with the other dogs and was an owner-surrendered dog so she had some manners instilled already.

“Most of the dogs we get come from breeders, but this one had a home and the owners decided to surrender her to us,” Brown said. “So she had some training when we got her.”

Brown said so far this is the only assisted living center that has a PAW dog. She said they used to take animals over to the Madison to visit with residents.

“Most people either have to leave their pets or have lost their pet or remember their childhood pet, and they are great stress relievers. The favorite thing about my dog is that I can tell him secrets and he never tells anybody,” she said.

State taking comments on next broadband funding proposals

DES MOINES-The Department of Management Division of Information Technology, formerly the Office of the Chief Information Officer, is requesting public comment on the State of Iowa Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Initial Proposal Plan. The Initial Proposal encompasses Iowa’s proposed implementation of \$415,331,313 of broadband infrastructure funding made possible through the Investment Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA).

The funds are being administered by the National Telecommunications and Infrastructure Administration. This pro-

posal will result in a future broadband grant opportunity within Iowa targeting unserved and underserved locations.

Public comments may be submitted until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 15th by going to comment.iowa.gov. The public comment link may also be accessed by going to ocio.iowa.gov/broadband. Public comments will be made available to the public with personal identifying information redacted (pursuant to Iowa Code section 22.7) no later than December 27, 2023. Any questions regarding the initial proposal may be directed to ociogrants@iowa.gov.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 "ZONING" OF THE FORT MADISON MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

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If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them at engineer@leecounty.org.



FROM R-1 ONE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO I-2, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 10 "Zoning" of the Fort Madison Municipal Code by changing the zoning district designation property north of 2205 - 48th Street (PAW Animal Shelter), from R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District, legally described as follows:

The North 335 feet of Parcel "D" as shown on plat Document No. 2018-2733 in 12-67-5 Lee County, Iowa

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 6th day of November, 2023.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
City of Fort Madison, Iowa
ATTEST:
/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
Fort Madison
Community School
District
Work Session
11/06/2023 - 06:00 PM
Central Office,
Board Room**

**1930 Avenue M
Fort Madison, Iowa
52627**

Attendees
Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Carol Ross, Director Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum The meeting was called to order by President Wykert at 6:11 p.m.
II. Consider approval of agenda Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved III. Professional Learning Update The Board received an update on the Professional Learning activities within the District. Discussion followed. IV. Announcements i. American Education Week - November 13 - 17, 2023 ii. Regular Board Meeting: November 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m. - Central Office Board Room iii. Board Work Session: December 4, 2023, 6:00 PM - Central Office Board Room V. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
FORT MADISON
PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Date: Thursday,
November 16, 2023
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: Sheaffer Meeting
Room and Online**

AGENDA

Optional Electronic Meeting
The option of attending the meeting electronically is being offered. You can participate in the meeting via telephone and can comment on an

agenda item by joining the Zoom meeting. Using your telephone, dial (312) 626 6799 and enter the meeting ID (890 8136 6377) when prompted. If you have trouble connecting to the meeting, please call (319) 372-5721.

- I. Excused absences
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of minutes
- V. Approval of the Bills
- VI. Correspondence
- VII. Director's Report
 - A. Financial
 - B. Personnel
 - C. Programming
 - D. Collection Development -
 - E. Operations
 - F. Facilities
 - G. Professional
 - H. Reports to City Council
- VIII. Unfinished Business
 - IX. New Business
 - A. 2024/2025 Budget discuss
 - XI. Upcoming Events and Information
 - Next Meeting December 21, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
October 2, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Tom Schulz, and Matt Pflug
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input: Kathy Gabel and Devon Dade representing the Talbot House in Keokuk, asked

the Board to consider donating some of the opioid settlement funds to the Talbot House, to help men struggling with addiction. Ryan Drenner with Xiphos, gave the Board an update on the NuStar pipeline project.

The Board held a discussion with County Engineer Ben Hull on the Hwy 2 Corridor Safety Designation.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Federal Aid Agreement for Project No. BROS-C056(117)—5F-56, Bridge Replacement on Belfast Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-98. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2023-98

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors have contracted with Commerce Bank to establish a county-wide credit card program,

WHEREAS, Lee County PSAP has requested to participate in this program, increasing the County's revenue share,

WHEREAS, the County's Credit Card Policy states that an amount over \$1,000 has to have the Board of Supervisor's approval,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Supervisors approve the following credit limit increase:

Tony Keefe from \$1,000 to \$3,000

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa this the 2nd day of October, 2023.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2023-99. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION
2023 - 99**

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2023-2024 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$2,811,051.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on October 2, 2023 is as follows:

Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund \$702,762.75.

Section 6. The County

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 2nd day of October, 2023.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the September 25, 2023 Board minutes and the claims for payment for the week. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Lee County Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for August 30, 2023 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Tony Mertens in Cedar Township.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on a Best You Coalition meeting. Fedler reported on the Pollmiller Park Trail ribbon cutting ceremony. Holmes reported on a Children First Board meeting and also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. Schulz held a Townhall Meeting for constituents and will continue to do this. Schulz and Pflug held a meeting with the architect for the Keokuk EMS Building.

At 11:05 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn

the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

Claims paid October 2, 2023

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Alliant Enrgy, svcs	5598.91
AP FBO Wrksrce, svcs	830.42
Armstrong Tractor, svcs	19.30
B & C Salvage, svcs	234.00
B Bonar, svcs	200.00
Cntrl IA Juv Dtntn, svcs	3724.20
CenturyLink, svcs	70.81
CNHAG, parts	1077.50
Comm Action, svcs	886.83
CSW Services, svcs	450.00
Democrat Co, publ.	37.18
Docusign Inc, svcs	4600.00
Electronic Engrg, svcs	1389.90
Farm/Home, splys	225.84
R Fedler, exps	40.00
FM Water, svcs	257.81
D Fraise, exps	98.15
N Granaman, svcs	1454.52
Grt Prairie AEA, svcs	222.27
Hrtland Bus, svcs	11531.64
Ideal Rdy Mix, mtrl	631.50
Industrial Motors, splys	724.98
IA Prison Ind, splys	1206.70
Jet Gas, fuel	5544.13

JW Medical, eqp	11047.80
LeeCo Sheriff, svcs	943.08
P Kaltefleiter, exps	55.20
Karl Chevrolet, veh	156295.10
Keo Hsing Auth, svcs	9018.32
Keo Water, svcs	281.74
Klingner Assoc, svcs	1845.14
G Knisley, exps	223.00
R Kuntz, svcs	200.00
LeeCo Hlth, svcs	243.97

Municipal One, svcs	350.00	Solutions, svcs	4200.00
Newman Signs, signs	875.17	Truck Repair, parts	591.53
Optum Rx, splys	527.38	VB Co Hosp, svcs	11518.89
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Sports

Crusaders a little stacked this season

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - The transition, Tony Johnson said, was easy.

Holy Trinity's volleyball team finished second in the Class 1A state tournament on November 2. Four days later, most of those players were going through the first day of girls basketball practice.

"That Monday, you didn't notice a difference," said Johnson, the Crusaders' coach. "They were ready to go."

If anything, Johnson said, there is a fuel for success.

"They want to really do well," he said. "For the seniors, this is their last season, and they want it to go as long as possible. The younger players, they

want to build on what we've done. It's good to see that mindset."

The Crusaders bring almost everyone back from last season's 13-9 team, but it's a matter of keeping everyone healthy. Holy Trinity didn't have guard Natalie Randolph all of last season because of a knee injury. Forward Mary Kate Bendlage missed the first eight games with a knee injury, and center Presley Myers missed the last eight games with an injury.

Bendlage is coming off a season in which she averaged 23.9 points, seventh best in the state last season. She was a 42.1 percent shooter last season, finishing second on the team with 23 3-pointers.

"MK is just super competitive," Johnson said. "It's

her senior year, and she wants to go out with a big season, not just for herself but for the team. I can see her picking right back up where she left off last year. I'm sure the focus from everybody is going to be more on her this year. But it was on her last year and she did what she did."

The Crusaders will get a big boost with the return of Randolph, who missed all of last season with a knee injury. She averaged 13 points per game as a sophomore, leading Holy Trinity in 3-pointers.

"She really meant a lot to us a couple of seasons ago," Johnson said. "It's good to get her back and I know she's ready to go."

Junior Teagan Snaadt returns at point guard after averaging 10 points



per game and leading the Crusaders with 34 3-pointers last season. Junior Anna Bendlage, who led Holy Trinity with 72 assists and was fourth on the team with 102 rebounds, also returns in the backcourt.

"Teagan has really improved," Johnson said. "I threw her to the wolves as a freshman, and her experience really helps. Anna is long, is a great defender, can get us rebounds and can do

a lot of different things."

Myers got plenty of experience in the post as a freshman. She was second on the team with 106 rebounds and led the Crusaders with 33 blocked shots.

"She's been working on her left-hand move, because she's already got a great right-hand move," Johnson said. "With the height she has, there's really no one in the conference who can defend her."

Senior Reagan Holvoet was a key player for the Crusaders off the bench last season. She played in 21 games, picking up 59 rebounds.

"With MK, Reagan and Presley inside, and Teagan, Anna and Natalie as guards,

we've got a lot of experience there," Johnson said.

Among the newcomers, Johnson has been impressed with freshman guard Ellie Hellman.

"She's been guarding Teagan, and she's not scared of her," Johnson said. "She can stay in front of her, and she's probably one of the fastest players in the conference."

Sophomore Emma Mohrfeld and freshmen Adalyn Kruse and Elizabeth Griffin have also been working with the varsity.

"We've got a good group," Johnson said. "There's a lot of experience and we have a good number of kids this year. These kids want to win, and I like their mindset."

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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...

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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!

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MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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