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## Bills would beef up safety at Iowa schools

**MANDATES:** Iowa House bills written after Perry High School shootings

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A new house bill focusing on school safety, in the wake of tragic shootings in Perry High School, is being moved forward by Iowa House Republicans.

House Study bills 692 and 695 include additional policies such as requiring comprehensive safety reviews and radio systems that can access the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System.

It also creates a taskforce to make recommendations for safety standards, implements a firearm detection pilot program and bars schools from using SAVE funds on athletic facilities until all bill criteria are met. In Bill 695, schools with more than 8,000 students would be required to have a full-time School Resource Officer and allows for permits for a school employee to carry a firearm after completing a comprehensive training course.

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said school safety is top priority for students, staff, parents, and community members.

"School districts all went through

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## HTC girls advance



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

### London bridge

Holy Trinity Catholic's Presley Myers (14) and Anna Bendlage trap English Valleys' Kennedy Axmear (25) in what looks like a game of London bridges. But the Lady Crusaders' defense was on point, holding the Bears to just 13 points in Tuesday's regional win. See inside for the complete game story.

## ABUSE SURVEY

## LCHD launches survey to guide opioid funding

Survey to help county determine how best to use opioid settlement funds

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Board of Supervisors has made a commitment to determining the best use of statewide opioid settlement funds the county is expected to receive over the next 15 years. As part of this commitment, a community-wide survey focused on Opioid/Substance use is underway to obtain local input on issues related to opioid or substance use in the county.

Since early December 2023, Lee County Health Department has been convening and meeting with subject matter experts who have firsthand experience with or knowledge in areas of prevention, treatment and recovery, and/or harm reduction practices. This has involved representatives from Alcohol & Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa; the Best You Coalition and Lee/Van Buren County SAFE coalition; Transition Link; Parent Partners; the Talbot House, and the National Opioid Response Network.

This fully-engaged group has been

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## COMMENTARY

## Winfield woman will turn 100 years old on Valentine's Day

There are 100 cookies with Shirley Madden's picture on them in the freezer at Sunrise Terrace Care Center in Winfield, waiting for her extra-special birthday party on Valentine's Day. Shirley Madden will be 100 years young! But it isn't any ole picture on the cookies. No. It's the picture her husband Robert (Bud) Madden took of her when they were newly married.

Woo Woo! It was the only picture he was allowed to keep on his person while in the Navy during World War II. He would place the picture above his upper bunk on the ship he was on during WW II, a Destroyer Escort.

Shirley was the second oldest of four girls raised by Luella and Perry Mathews on a farm, called Poverty Hill, in Canaan Township, northeast of Mt. Pleasant.

She attended Pleasant Lawn School where her Grandfather was on the school board. They wanted her father to be Superintendent but he was off for WW I at the time. Friends encouraged Shirley to attend Wellesley Girls' College in Massachusetts, but she wasn't interested. Shirley had her own education in mind—marriage.

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## WEATHER

WED 14 Feb..... Clear and cool, 54° F/37° F  
THU 15 Feb..... Partly sunny, breezy, and chilly, 44° F/27° F  
FRI 16 Feb..... Cold with chance of snow, 35° F/17° F

## IOWA LOTTERY

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# Obituaries/ For the Record

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
 02/12/24 - 6:47 a.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Isaak Emanuel Phillips, 26, of Fort Madison on River Valley Road on a charge of domestic assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/12/24 - 5:59 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Avenue F.  
 02/12/24 - 7:46 p.m.  
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Thomas Joe Sebastian, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
 02/12/24 - 2:14 p.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested A'neika Shatterrah Forrest, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for drug tax stamp violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/12/24 - 5:41 p.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Thomas James Benner, 29, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/12/24 - 6:03 p.m.  
 - Lee County Sheriff's

deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Hwy. 27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tony Lee, 28, of Burnsville, Minn., left the west side of the pavement and struck a guard rail. No citations or injuries were reported.

**Keokuk Police Report**  
 02/02/24 - 1:40 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 500 block of Johnson Street Road. According to the report, a vehicle traveling northbound on Johnson Street Road when it left the roadway and ran into a yard striking a mail box and fence. The vehicle then struck another vehicle in the driveway and struck an electric pole. The vehicle then left the scene and was found by police unattended. The driver is unknown at this time.  
 02/12/24 - 7:27 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of S. 16th Street northbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Carmine Thomas Martin, 18, of Keokuk, struck a legally parked vehicle. Martin was charged with having an obstructed window/windshield, failure to provide insurance, violation of graduated driver's license condition.  
 02/12/24 - 10:38 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded

to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Johnson Street Road.  
 02/12/24 - 11:21 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of Cleveland Avenue.  
 02/12/24 - 1:16 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 14-year-old male juvenile in the 2000 block of Orleans Avenue, on a charge of minor use of tobacco/vapor products.  
 02/12/24 - 5:07 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3800 block of Main Street.  
 02/12/24 - 7:10 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of 19th Street.  
 02/12/24 - 8:08 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Matthew LeRoy Stice, 50, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Johnson Street Road on a warrant for domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*  
**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
 02/10/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls.  
 02/11/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls.  
 02/12/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical calls.

## OBITUARIES

### LEON J. OTT

Leon J. Ott, 84, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the West Point Care Center. He was born on February 12, 1939 in St. Michael, MN to Joseph J. & Helen M. Niesen Ott. He married Dorlaine "Dory" A. Langenfeld on April 22, 1961 in Hastings, MN. She preceded him in death on April 28, 2003. He then married Rubey C. Wickham on December 16, 2005 in Keokuk, IA. She preceded him in death on August 11, 2019. He was a maintenance worker for Armour Dial, retiring in 2001. He enjoyed fishing, reading books, watching westerns, woodworking, growing roses and playing Euchre at the Newberry Center.



OTT

Leon is survived by: 1-son: Andrew (Suzanne) Ott of Henderson, CO; 3-daughters: Leann (Randy) Callahan of Fort Madison, IA; Sandra Petrillo of Johnston, IA & Marjorie (Mark) Bunt of Burlington, IA; 15-grandchildren; 12-great grandchildren; 3-foster sisters: Mary Schanno of Hastings, MN, Ann Hoffman of Red Wing, MN & Jane Kelley of Minneapolis, MN. He was preceded in death by: his parents, foster parents, both wives, 1-daughter: Barbara, 1-son in law: James Petrillo, 2-sisters & 1-brother.

A visitation was held January 2, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service was Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Anna Sadler officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to the Ott family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### ROSY SENIVA

Rosy Seniva, 82, of River Hills Village in Keokuk, passed away at 12:11 a.m. Sunday, February 12, 2024, at River Hills Village.

She was born on April 5, 1941, the daughter of Allie and Edna Palmer. On August 20, 1964, she married Nolan Seniva. He preceded her in death.



SENIVA

She is survived by her children: Arthur (Beth) of North Pole, Alaska, Loren (Wendy) of Montrose, Iowa, Brent (Shawna) of Des Moines, Iowa, Ruby (Adrian) of Phoenix, Arizona, Gary (Sonya) of North Pole, Alaska, Sandy (Anthony) of Oceanside, California; twenty grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Nolan; sister: Mitzy; sons: Clifford, Robert and grandson: Eric.

A graveside service will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Liberty Center Cemetery, Liberty Center, Iowa with family friend Pastor Gary Majavec officiating. A memorial has been established in her memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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## Governor extends harvest proclamation to help farmers move crops

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Kim Reynolds signed an extension of the proclamation relating to the weight limits and transportation of grain, fertilizer, and manure.

The proclamation is effective immediately and continues through February 23, 2024. The proclamation allows vehicles transporting corn, soybeans, hay, straw, silage, stover, fertilizer (dry, liquid, and gas), and manure (dry and liquid) to be overweight (not exceeding 90,000 pounds gross weight) without a permit for the duration of this procla-

mation.

This proclamation applies to loads transported on all highways within Iowa (excluding the interstate system) and those which do not exceed a maximum of 90,000 pounds gross weight, do not exceed the maximum axle weight limit determined under the non-primary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa Code § 321.463 (6) (a) and (b), by more than 12.5 percent, do not exceed the legal maximum axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds, and comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

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# Girls Regionals

## HTC GIRLS REGIONAL

# Lady Crusaders hold English Valleys to just 13 points

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - Postseason play means seeing some-one new.

It's why Holy Trinity girls basketball coach Tony Johnson figured it would take a few minutes for his team to figure out English Valleys in Tuesday's Class 1A regional quarterfinal at Shottenkirk Gym.

Then the Crusaders got going, and picked up their 20th win of the season.

Holy Trinity's 49-13 win was all about the defense that worked all night, and an offense that got better as the clock kept ticking.

Now the Crusaders (20-2) advance to Friday's regional semifinal at No. 8 Montezuma (18-4).

Holy Trinity hasn't seen too many opponents outside the SEI Superconference this season, so Johnson told his team that this game would be like when the Crusaders faced Lone Tree in the Superconference Shootout championship game — take the time to figure out your opponent, and go from there.

Holy Trinity won that game 50-26, and this game was a lot like that one.

"I said the first two minutes are going to be a grind, you're going to feel them out, you've never played them ever," Johnson said. "It was kind of like the Lone Tree game — feel them out, feel them out, feel them out. Once we got going and doing what we were supposed to do, we were fine."

It took the Crusaders until the second quarter to get their offense going. They led 9-4 with 5:50 left in the first half, and didn't score again until Presley Myers' free throw with 1:30 left.

"I think it was just going to be a grind at first — I didn't think it would be a nine-point grind for a while," Johnson said. "But that's all right. The defense didn't stop, and that's what matters."

"We didn't know how they were," senior Natalie Randolph said. "We knew if we came in, played good defense, we would come out good."

Myers' free throw started a 7-0 run over those last 90 seconds, and when Randolph scored three quick baskets in the first 90 seconds of the third quarter, Holy Trinity had a 22-4 lead.

"Our defense was good all night, but in the first half we were a little slow on the offense part," said Randolph, who led the Crusaders with 26 points. "Then we started getting into our plays, running them completely through, and they finally started working."

Randolph took the game over in the third, scoring 17 of the Crusaders' 25 points in the quarter. She got most of her points inside, although she hit a 3-pointer with 1:15 left in the third quarter and added a second three 11 seconds into the fourth quarter.

"I think we had a really fast-paced offense today, and my teammates were finding me," Randolph said. "I was cutting through, and my teammates were really getting good



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic's Presley Myers (14) and English Valleys' Imigyn Stratton (12) finagle for position off a missed freethrow in the first half of Tuesday's 49-13 Regional quarterfinal win at Shottenkirk Gym. The Crusaders now travel to Moravia on Friday for the semifinals.

looks for me. And finally some of my outside shots went in tonight, and it was good."

"She was getting open and people were finding her," Johnson said. "She's really good at finding the holes in the defense. Then tonight it was great to see her hit some outside shots."

English Valleys (14-9) didn't get into double digits until 1:40 left in the third quarter, when Delaney Hall hit a 3-pointer to get the Bears to within 36-11.

"It's really hard for the other team to keep wanting to play when you keep choking them down, not letting them score," Johnson said. "The goal all of the time is keep the ball out of the lane — I'll give up 28-foot threes, stuff like that, but we do not want the ball to penetrate the lane."

Mary Kate Bendlage added nine points for the Crusaders. Teagan Snaadt had six and Myers had five.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Natalie Randolph lines up a free-throw in the third quarter of the Crusaders' regional win Tuesday night. Randolph led Holy Trinity with 26 points. Below, Presley Myers and Anna Bendlage squeeze EV's Kennedy Axmear (25) before a shot in the first half.



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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Madden played Rosie the Riveter in Atlantic City

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

Naysayers said it would never last. It lasted 71 years.

Shirley did a little bit of everything during WW II. Bud was stationed in New London, Connecticut, so Shirley moved to Chicago so she could be closer to him. If she opened the window to her tiny apartment, she could hear cheering at Wrigley Field. But she never went to a game. They were saving money so they could buy a farm. Shirley worked for the Rock Island Railroad. When Bud had time off, he hopped a train and traveled to Chicago so they could be together.

Bud's destroyer was home stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. On one Atlantic convoy, Bud came down with appendicitis. Fuel oil leaked into the galley of the ship, contaminating food. Bud ate bread made from flour that had diesel in it, and got sick. They were going back to Iowa before he was shipped to the Pacific to fight the Japanese. He was so sick they got him to a doctor in Galesburg, IL. But Bud pushed on to Iowa. He wanted to get Shirley home before he had anything done. Finally, in Ft. Madison, he had his appendix removed. They had to pay for the surgery out of their own pocket because he was on leave.

Shirley moved to New York City and lived in an apartment under the Brooklyn Bridge so she could see Bud when his ship came back to port. She worked for the New York Central Railroad. She got on the subway and rode to Times Square, and then took the train to Grand Central Station. From there she walked a block to the New York Central Building.

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



When Bud was going to school in New Jersey, Shirley modeled swimsuits on the Board Walk. She was told to smile. The swimsuits were the two-piece kind that showed two inches of midriff. Scandalous! She was paid one cent for each dollar of material that was sold.

There was also a defense plant in Atlantic City where she worked. She was Rosie the Riveter making Fire Bombs. But she could wear jeans!

When Bud got out of the Navy, they headed back to Iowa. He went to work at the Ordinance Plant in Middletown, driving a bus. They lived at the Ordinance Plant.

They were able to buy their first farm from Shirley's grandparents. They had purebred, registered Holsteins and a 1,000 chicken-layer business. When that was no longer profitable, they raised hogs. The three children born to Shirley and Bud Madden are Sandy, Kenneth (Kenny) and Kathy.

When asked what her secret to longevity is, Shirley doesn't hesitate, "Stubbornness, by golly."

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

# Bill pushes water permitting

DES MOINES — Amidst mounting public pressure to bolster transparency and accountability for Iowa's worsening water pollution crisis, Representative Art Staed introduced the Clean Water for Iowa Act (HF2354), with the endorsement of Food & Water Watch and Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement.

The proposed legislation requires that all medium and large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), also called factory farms, obtain water pollution permits.

Although water pollution permits are standard requirements for industrial polluters, nearly 4,000 factory farms currently operate in Iowa without such permits. A Food & Water Watch analysis of USDA and EPA data found that Iowa's factory farms produce at least 108 billion pounds of manure every year, all without the oversight necessary to prevent contamination of surface and ground waters. The Act seeks to, for the first time, require these facilities to monitor for waste released into waterways and reduce such discharges where necessary to protect water quality.

Representative Art Staed said: "Voluntary approaches have proven that Iowa's corporate agriculture industry will not regulate itself. We must act urgently to rein in factory farm pollution and clean up Iowa's water. I am proud to introduce the Clean Water for Iowa Act, a mandatory approach to keeping waste out of our water."

Food & Water Watch Iowa Organizer Jennifer Breon said: "For too long, factory farms have been given a free pass to pollute

our precious water. Today's spiking cancer rates, algae-choked rivers, and skyrocketing water bills are the result of decades of see-no-evil legislating in Des Moines. Enough is enough. The Clean Water for Iowa Act will finally bring desperately needed transparency and accountability to our worsening water crisis."

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) member Jan Wann from Mason City said: "Water is essential for all life. While factory farms pollute with no accountability, the people who are hired to protect our water are unable to do so. The Clean Water for Iowa Act would give the Department of Natural Resources the ability to hold factory farm polluters accountable. If Iowa had clean water, my grandkids and I would wade and swim in our waters. Supporting this bill is a reasonable first step to protecting Iowa's water."

Iowa Farmers Union President Aaron Lehman, a farmer from central Iowa, said: "Partnerships between farmers and the state of Iowa are essential to clean up Iowa's waters. Unfortunately, Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy hasn't come close to living up to that end of the bargain. Factory farms need to be held accountable in order for family farmers to thrive."

Dr. Silvia Secchi, Professor of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences at the University of Iowa said: "Iowa contains almost one fifth of America's CAFOs. Yet, only 4 percent of them are permitted. By contrast, in Minnesota, over three quarters of CAFOs have permits. Minnesota is the second biggest CAFO state after Iowa."



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES  
KEOKUK CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
January 4, 2024  
501 Main Street  
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on January 4, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Code Enforcement/Housing Casey Barnes, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose and Bridge, Cemetery, Parks, and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Thanked Joe Shuman and all those who assisted making City of Christmas a great success; wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Dorothy Cackley made a request regarding the city administrator search, commented on sidewalk shoveling ordinance, and voiced concerns regarding item No.7 on agenda.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Walker to approve the agenda, including the consent

agenda. (8) AYES, (1) ABSTAIN – Crenshaw, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of December 21, 2023;

- **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024:** Approving a Liquor License for Columbian Room of Keokuk, 11 N. 6th Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective January 20, 2024;

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2-2024:** Approving a Liquor License for West K Mart, 707 Palean Street, switching from a Class B to a Class E Retail Alcohol License, effective January 5, 2024;

- **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024:** Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Thomas & Carrisa Crenshaw, 424 Orleans Avenue, Sunporch;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5381-5382;

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Tillman to consider resolution to vacate and dispose of a platted unimproved portion of H Street between Blocks 72 and 73 and Alley in Block 72, Masons Lower Addition, City of Keokuk, Lee County Iowa. David Bogner from Keokuk Municipal Waterworks explained details of the project. After further discussion a motion was made by Crenshaw, second by Garcia to table resolution. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. TABLED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to approve the final notification for Rena Mackie to Rand Park Pavilion Commission, 5-year term to expire 10/22/2029. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** Garcia reported on signage for Oakland Cemetery Initiative, Homeless Alliance

masquerade ball, and Keokuk Little League; Mayor Mahoney updated on Historic Preservation Society.

**STAFF REPORTS:**  
Greenwald requested update on odor around the city. Keith Gilley from Glycerin Traders gave explanation of any odor that could be coming from their operations.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Tillman to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MOUNT PLEASANT  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Mount Pleasant, Iowa,  
November 21, 2023**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, November 21, 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 and the following named Councilmembers.

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

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

- the minutes of the November 8, 2023, City Council meeting.

- the payment of bills totaling \$46,139.01

- the report of officers.

- Renewal of a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Cobb Oil Co. INC at 2120 E Washington Street.

Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.  
Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve

the agenda as printed.  
Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

5:31 p.m. A Public Hearing was held as advertised to sell/transfer 202 N. Porter. 5:32 p.m. Batty motioned to close the Public Hearing, Engberg seconded the motion. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried. No oral or written arguments were heard.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-87:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 N PORTER ST TO GREAT RIVER HOUSING, INC.**

Roll call vote 4-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

5:33 p.m. A Public Hearing was held as advertised on a zone change application from M-1 to M-2 on vacant land at 2000-2200 block of W Washington Street. 5:35 p.m. McWilliams motioned to close the Public Hearing, Batty seconded the motion. Roll call vote, 4-0. Motion carried. No oral or written arguments were heard.

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

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, BY REZONING AND CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY CONSISTING OF VACANT FARMLAND AND A DWELLING LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF W WASHINGTON ST COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2000-2200 W WASH-**

**INGTON ST FROM "M-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT" TO "M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT"**

Roll call vote 4-0.  
Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve the Annual Finance Report that must be submitted to the State.

Motion carried, 4-0.

Councilmember Griffith introduced the following Resolution entitled Resolution "2023:88" **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY AND FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MOUNT PLEASANT URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN** and moved its adoption.

Councilmember Batty seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was:  
Ayes: Engberg, Griffith, Batty, McWilliams  
Nayes: None

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2023-88**

**RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE NECESSITY AND FIXING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MOUNT PLEASANT URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 404, by resolution adopted June 27, 2007, the City of Mount Pleasant, Iowa (the "City"), designated certain areas of the City as a revitalization area, by the adoption of the Amended and Restated Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan for the Mount Pleasant Urban

Revitalization Area (the "Revitalization Area" or "Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Amended and Restated Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan has subsequently been amended twice, lastly by the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Amended and Restated Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2022-14 on February 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, by the foregoing action, the Council has determined that the Revitalization Area within the City can be revitalized as authorized by Iowa Code Chapter 404; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Second Amended and Restated Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan (the "Plan") has been prepared the purpose of which is to, among other things, extend the duration of the Plan and to reflect changes to Iowa Code Chapter 404; and

WHEREAS, before such Plan can be adopted, it is necessary that a public hearing be held thereon and that due notice be given in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 404.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. It is determined that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, economic development or a combination thereof of the Area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the City, and the Area substantially meets the criteria of Iowa Code Section 404.1 and the proposed Plan, attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1, is declared to substantially meet the criteria of Iowa Code Section 404.2(2).

Section 2. It is determined that it is in the best

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

interests of the citizens of the City to hold a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of the Plan at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council, on December 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Section 3 That the City Clerk. be and is hereby directed to publish a notice of a public hearing on the Plan, at least once not less than seven days prior to the date of said public hearing, as provided in Iowa Code Section 404.2(6): December 13, 2023, should be the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting after the publication of notice.

Section 4. Be it further resolved that copies of the Plan be made available to the public through the office of the City Clerk.

Section 5. The notice

of the proposed hearing shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED SECOND AMENDED AND RE-STATEMENT MOUNT PLEASANT URBAN REVITALIZATION PLAN**

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, at which meeting the Council proposes to take action on the adoption of a Second Amended and Restated Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Plan ("Plan") for the Mount Pleasant Urban Revitalization Area ("Area")

described therein, under the authority of Iowa Code Chapter 404, as amended.

The purpose of the Second Amended and Restated Plan is to, among other things, extend the duration of the Plan and to reflect changes to Iowa Code Chapter 404.

Any persons interested may appear at said meeting of the Council and present evidence for or against the adoption of the Plan. The proposed Plan is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for public inspection or copying during ordinary business hours.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, pursuant to Section 404.2, Code of Iowa.

Dated this 21st day of November 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of

November 2023.

Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council approve the 5-year Master Agreement with McClure Engineering to provide Engineering Services at the airport. Motion carried, 4-0.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council approve an Engineering Service Agreement with McClure Engineering for Airport Taxilane Extension Project. Motion carried, 4-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council approve an Engineering Service Agreement with McClure Engineering for Airport Hangar Roof Replacement. Motion carried, 4-0.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-89:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1205 N BROADWAY STREET, MT. PLEASANT, IOWA**

Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-90:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCALLY KNOWN AS 500 NORTH HAMLIN STREET LOCATED GENERALLY IN LOT 16 OF WIER'S ADDITION TO MT. PLEASANT, IOWA**

Roll call vote 4-0. Motion carried.

Ed Kroppa, 20th Century

Car Club, thanked the City staff and Council for their support of the 2023 car cruise events.

Marlene Hill, 303 E Butternut Lane, had questions and concerns regarding the new solid waste collection program.

Dean King, 103 N Adams, asked if the new solid waste collection program would affect commercial properties and was told that the new system is only for residential properties.

It was moved by Councilmember Batty and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. to meet in regular session on Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

Steven K Brimhall, Mayor  
ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# County set to receive \$1M in funds

**SURVEY** - Continued from Page 1

gathering data, discussing known gaps in and barriers to accessing needed services, and has now finalized a community-wide survey to be completed by any willing individual in the area for gaining valuable and necessary feedback. The link to the online survey can be found at:



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<https://s.surveypplanet.com/bce-h0ovp>.

“We hope to have this survey largely distributed to our public through organizational websites, social media, newspapers, newsletters, and by mass emails,” said Michele Ross, Administrator at LCHD.

“The survey is a great way to seek feedback needed from county residents on what their views are of the real issues and to help identify gaps in supportive services that are needed or could be strengthened. We also need to have a better understanding of what real barriers people may face in accessing services or needed support.”

Ross says paper surveys will be available at LCHD if people would prefer paper and/or need help in completing the survey. She hopes other organizations, including local businesses and industry, will follow suit to help get as many responses as possible. The community-wide survey

will be open for completion through April 1, 2024.

Once community survey results are reviewed, a final report will be completed and provided to the Lee County Opioid Planning Committee appointed by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

The intent will be to provide the Board of Supervisors with locally-informed community information as they make future funding decisions with the use of Opioid Settlement Funds.

The county has received just over \$250,000 in settlements to date and has about \$16,000 remaining after using about \$225,000 for EMS payroll in accordance with a 25% rule. Funds are to be spent according to a core abatement exhibit that was part of the state’s Memorandum of Understanding in accepting the payments. Seventy-five percent of the funds are to be spent in direct-abatement strategies while the other 25% can be spent on indirect abatements such as staffing. The \$225,000 will be less than the county’s total disbursement so the remainder of current funds will be spent according to the core abatement strategies.

That funding will be disbursed by the county as information from the surveys is compiled and needs are determined.

The county has signed agreements that will yield an additional \$54,000 from Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and distributor payments will total right at another \$1 million through 2038.

# Area schools have a lot of bill pieces in place

**BILLS** - Continued from Page 1

a comprehensive school safety review as part of the school safety funding allocation process last year. Central Lee did this in conjunction with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office,” he said.

“Additionally, we have prioritized school safety infrastructure improvements over the past several years and have had a School Resource Officer on site for the past six years.”

Crozier said he agreed with funding SROs for districts across the state because Central Lee has been paying for the officer out of general funds.

“I am not in favor of creating another burden on educators by allowing them to be armed on school grounds,” he said.

“Schools will be more favorable to these requirements if a funding appropriation is part of the bill. Without the appropriation, this is another unfunded mandate.”

Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the district’s threat assessment team includes a School Resource Officer and completing a comprehensive review of the district’s safety plan would be a natural step.

The district already has radios with the capability to access the SICS system that were purchased with a safety grant in 2023.

She said any additional recommended school safety standards would be implemented in Fort Madison.

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