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Cameras could face snag

TRAFFIC CAMERAS: New law has DOT official looking at Lee County situation

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A glitch in the wording, along with some generosity of the county, could end up forcing the county to shelve its automated enforcement cameras until 2026.

The county was notified last week by an Iowa Department of Transportation official that according to the specific language of House File 2681 signed in May of this year, because the county hadn't issued any citations before the end of the year, they may not be able to keep using the automated enforcement system currently in place on Hwy. 27.

The new law allows for agencies that had systems in place prior to

Jan. 1, 2024, to continue to operate the systems in the same fashion they had prior to that date.

However, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said the county was issuing warnings in December as part of a data collection process.

Weber said he's looking for an opinion from County Attorney Ross Braden on the new law, but said for now, the county will continue to use the enforcement systems to try to slow down traffic on Hwy. 27.

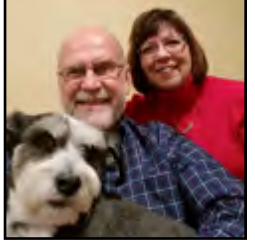
Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb said he's aware of the issue, but has been told by area legislators that Lee County is "good to go." "I am aware of one DOT official who has expressed there may be

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WEEKLY COLUMN

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Exchange students make return trip to MP

In 1978 Mike and Marilyn Vincent of Mt. Pleasant welcomed their second-of-five Youth For Understanding students (Foreign Exchange Students). This one from Finland. Her name is Outi (pronounced "Otie") Svinhufvud. She was 17 and a senior in high school. Mike and Marilyn's only disappointment was that Outi had black hair. They had pictured a Scandinavian blonde. But Outi soon warmed their hearts. She was outgoing, smart and had a deep, resonating voice—but it's easy to understand, even when she whispers. She's been told her hertz, or voice wave length in cycles per second, is ideal for hearing. Outi would spend the year with the Vincents and graduate from Mt. Pleasant. She would then return to Finland for a second graduation. Her mother had wanted Outi to be in the Youth for Understanding program so that she would learn to speak English. Although extremely smart in mathematics, physics and chemistry, Outi struggled with foreign languages.

As luck, or Divine Providence, would have it, Marilyn just happened to be a high school English and speech teacher. Much to Outi's terror, Marilyn pushed Outi to take speech. In Finland, there was no such course. Marilyn was patient and taught Outi composure, eye contact and tricks to overcome nervousness, like deep breathing. Most importantly, Marilyn taught Outi how to make each individual in the audience feel like she

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Tateum Schelich lays on the ground after stumbling over the first base bag trying to beat out a double play in game two of a doubleheader with Keokuk in Fort Madison Monday night. Schelich would return to the bases after being evaluated.

SPORTS

Cresswell shines in Bloodhounds' split with Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Bloodhound senior Hunter Cresswell probably had the best night of his baseball career in the Crimson and Black Fort Madison uniform.

Cresswell pitched a four-hit 3-2 win in the nightcap to give Fort Madison a split with Keokuk Monday night in a doubleheader at Fort Madison High School.

Cresswell struck out 11 Chiefs and threw 68% of his pitches for strikes

enroute to his fifth win against no losses to lead Fort Madison. The senior had held Keokuk to a two-hit shutout in the nightcap through five innings, but gave up a one-out walk in the top

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

BOBBI J. UYEMURA

Bobbi Jo (Risk) Uyemura, 87, of Keokuk, Iowa, died on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa. She died peacefully after a sudden and severe stroke, with her family close by.

Bobbi was born January 16, 1937 in Canton, Missouri, to Robert and Margaret (Gruber) Risk. Her family moved to Keokuk when she was in elementary school, and she graduated from Keokuk High School, excelling in academics and music. After receiving a college scholarship from Steel Castings, her father's employer, Bobbi attended Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa, earning high marks and graduating with her Bachelor's degree. While at Parsons, she met fellow student Paul K. Uyemura. The two became engaged and were married in December 1958.

After graduation, their eldest son, Daniel, was born and the family moved to Muscatine, Iowa, where Deborah and David were born. Vicki and Rob were born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, following a move there.

After her marriage to Paul ended in 1968, Bobbi and her children returned to Keokuk to live. She dedicated herself to raising her five children, but when her youngest child was in middle school, she accepted a job at the Lee County Courthouse, rising quickly to become South Lee County Trial Court Supervisor. She held that position for 20 years until her retirement in 2001.

She was a voracious reader, immersing herself many different types of books. She had a deep appreciation for American history and stories of the past. She had a passion for politics and loved to watch "Morning Joe" on television, along with other news and programs covering politics. She made it a point to vote in every election. She also read her Bible daily, and was a nearly life-long member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Keokuk until her hearing loss made attending services too

frustrating.

Bobbi loved to garden, tending to her flowers and keeping her yard well-trimmed. She was an exceptional cook, known for her delicious meals that brought family and friends together. Bobbi seemed happiest when there were as many chairs as would fit around her huge dining room table on holidays and family get togethers, with the kids' table right alongside. She taught all her kids how to cook from a young age, passing along many of the skills and recipes she'd learned, especially from her two grandmothers. Gathering for Christmas in Keokuk was a treasured tradition for Bobbi, her kids, and her grandkids.



UYEMURA

Bobbi is survived by two sons, Daniel, and David (Ginger), both of Dallas, Texas, two daughters, Deborah, of Irving, Texas, and Vicki (Paul) Horter, of Wayland, Missouri, and daughter-in-law Mitzi Uyemura of St. Louis, Missouri. She is survived by five grandsons, Brandon Hall (Meredith) of Longmont, Colorado, Corey Horter, of New London, Iowa, Jonathan Uyemura (Samantha Steele) of Keokuk, Iowa, and Owen and Ethan Uyemura, both of St. Louis, Missouri. She is also survived by one great grandson, Kazuma Robert Uyemura, of Keokuk, Iowa, as well as by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son Robert Sachio Uyemura, her parents, her brother, Gary Risk, her much loved Aunt Jo (Gruber) Brown, and Jo's husband, Bill Brown.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 16 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 17 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Keokuk, Iowa, with The Rev. Milo Van Veldhuizen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Keokuk, Iowa, www.ucc.org/church/st-paul-united-church-of-christ/ or to the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa at www.greatriverhealth.org/about-us/foundation/.

Online condolences may be sent to Bobbi's family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com/.

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JUDITH M. CULLEN

Judith M. "Judy" Cullen, 67, of West Point, IA, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA, surrounded by her family. She was born on December 8, 1956 in Fort Madison, IA



CULLEN

to Cyril & Lois Coster Meierotto. She married Ronald R. Cullen on September 13, 1980 in Fort Madison, IA. She worked at Lee County Bank and the Sheaffer Pen Company until their closing. She then used her Hawaii vacation fund to help start Cullen Construction & Excavating, where she did the bookkeeping from 1988 until her death. She was an avid runner all her life and also enjoyed mowing, planting flowers, babysitting her grandson, Eli, camping & playing cards with friends, traveling, golfing & helping her children make their houses a home. Of all her accomplishments, she was most proud of her children and their accomplishments. She loved spending time with them and helping them achieve their goals any way she could. She cherished the time she had with her grandson Eli and was heartbroken that she wasn't able to reach her goal to see her two unborn grandchildren.

Judy is survived by: her husband: Ron Cullen of West Point, IA; 1-daughter: Tarah (Misty) Shaver of Ankeny, IA; 1-son: Travis (Justina) Cullen of Fort Madison, IA; 1-grandson: Eli Cullen of Fort Madison, IA; 3-brothers: Dave (Brenda) Meierotto of West Point, IA, Larry Meierotto of Fort Madison, IA & Mark (Lori) Meierotto of West Point, IA and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cyril & Lois Meierotto.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The memorial mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Madison with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Following the burial, a luncheon will be held at the Fort Madison Eagles Club. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House. Online condolences to the Cullen family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

MARY C. JENKINS

Mary "Meri" Carol Jenkins, 65, of Carthage, Illinois, formerly of Nauvoo, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 2:15 a.m. at the Macomb Post Acute Care Center.

Born on December 23, 1958 in Brookfield, Missouri, the daughter of William Herbert "Bill" and Margaret Joan (Cleveland) Bevier. She married Kyle Jenkins, they later divorced.



JENKINS

Survivors include her two daughters: Adriene (Matt Hayes) Jenkins of Fort Madison, Iowa and Jandy (Jay) Mitchell of Burnside, Illinois; grandchildren: Madison, Alyssa Connor, Mera, Savanna, Ethan, Gavin, Alexander, Marissa, Annabelle, Noah and Kayden; sister Jena (Kurt) McManis of Bozeman, Montana; four brothers: Jerry (Connie) Bevier of Niota, Illinois, Kerry (Kathy Mosley) Bevier of Fort Madison, Iowa, Andy (Tammy) Bevier of Nauvoo, Illinois, and Joe (Lieann) Bevier of Bozeman, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son Ryan Kanye Jenkins.

Mary was a 1977 graduate of Nauvoo - Colusa High School. She worked at Hotel Nauvoo, Colusa Elevator, and the Nauvoo Family Inn and Suites.

She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Mary enjoyed spending time with her family, writing poems, and listening to music, especially (The Red Rocker) Sammy Hagar.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory and can be mailed to Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home P.O. Box 201, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/08/24 - 12:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block alley of 23rd Street.

06/08/24 - 8:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of 37th Street.

06/08/24 - 9:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jennifer Wake, of Missouri on an active warrant out of Missouri. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/08/24 - 10:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Trenton Michael Blint, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue Q on a charge of disorderly conduct.

06/08/24 - 12:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

06/08/24 - 4:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas odor in the 2300 block of Mokena Terrace.

06/08/24 - 7:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of prop-

erty damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

06/09/24 - 1:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

06/09/24 - 7:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue G.

06/09/24 - 10:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

06/09/24 - 10:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue G.

06/09/24 - 10:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Crescent Lane.

06/09/24 - 3:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue G.

06/09/24 - 3:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue L.

Keokuk Police Report

06/04/24 - 1:51 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Drake Joseph Fosdyck, 23, of Keokuk, turned eastbound onto North Park Drive and allegedly lost control of his motorcycle laying it down on the pavement. Fosdyck was transported to SEI Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was cited for improper registration, no insurance and no license.

06/07/24 - 1:46 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Megan Jo Plowman, 31, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of S.7th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/07/24 - 4:17 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 300 block of Main Street.

06/07/24 - 4:17 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 400 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Haley Raye Evans, 18, of Sutter, Ill was eastbound

in the 400 block of Main Street while a vehicle driven by Don McDoy, 61, of Warsaw, Ill was northbound on S. 4th Street. Evans allegedly ran the light at 4th and Washington and struck McCoy's vehicle. McCoy was taken by hospital to SEI Regional Medical Center for evaluation. Evans was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

06/07/24 - 7:12 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1100 block of S. 7th Street.

06/07/24 - 10:05 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Stripe Street.

06/08/24 - 7:42 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Doug Alan Daughters, 50, of Montrose, on a charge of 3rd-degree theft.

06/08/24 - 8:35 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 2100 block of Des Moines Street.

06/08/24 - 3:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 400 block of N. 4th Street.

06/08/24 - 3:38 p.m. - Ke-

okuk Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 300 block of N. Park Drive.

06/08/24 - 4:24 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of F Street.

06/09/24 - 7:48 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of S. 16th Street.

06/09/24 - 11:22 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of S. 2nd Street.

06/09/24 - 1:39 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Bank Street.

06/09/24 - 3:07 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larcenytheft in the 1500 block of Stripe Street.

06/09/24 - 6:33 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of N. 13th Street.

06/09/24 - 9:44 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Washington Street.

responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2700 block of Hwy. 61 southbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Christopher R. Sargent, 42, of Burnside, Ill., lost control and traveled through the media and the center barrier disabling the vehicle. Sargent was charged with OWI and was taken to Lee County Jail.

06/08/24 - 7:40 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Raymond Sargent, 42, of Burnside, Ill., in the 2600 block of Hwy. 61, on charges of OWI, open container, failure to maintain control and no vehicle registration. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.

06/09/24 - 4:34 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Elizabeth Diane Mortimer, 32, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on an arrest affidavit. She was held at Lee County Jail.

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

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/08/24 - 8:33 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 25, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/08/24 - 4:05 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Desiree Kristina Trent, 31, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/08/24 - 7:29 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/07/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one burn complaint, three medical calls, one smoke detector alert, one small shed fire

06/08/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, and one gas odor investigation.

06/09/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, and a report of smoldering wood in a pick up.

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- Cut back on red meat, and eat more vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and beans.
- Move more - commit to 30 minutes of physical activity every day.
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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY J. RASHID

Shirley Jean Rashid, 87, of Burlington, Iowa, formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away surrounded by her family at 8:25 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at her home in Spirit Hollow, Burlington. She was born to Joe Wakin and Martha Harris Wakin in Middlesboro, Kentucky, on March 28, 1937. She married George Rashid Jr. of Fort Madison, Iowa, at the St. Julian Catholic Church in Middlesboro on August 13, 1958. She was a member of the Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison; the Thespian Club of Middlesboro High School ('55); and the National Honor Society of the Bowling Green College of Commerce ('57), where she earned her associate degree in business.



RASHID

As a young woman, Shirley worked as a bookkeeper at an insurance company and was known as "the prettiest girl in all of Middlesboro." As a wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Shirley was the matriarch of a large Lebanese family. She never forgot a birthday or missed an opportunity to feed (or overfeed) her loved ones with their favorite dishes and desserts rooted in her Lebanese and Southern heritage. In addition to cooking and baking, Shirley loved playing golf, traveling, and spending time with her family and the love of her life, George, with whom she also loved dancing to their song, "The Twelfth of Never."

Shirley is survived by: her loving husband of 65 years, George Rashid Jr.; her four children, Denise (Michael) Vlamis of Palos Park, IL, Cindy (Tony) Baxter of Fort Madison, IA, David (Patti) Rashid of Kahoka, MO, and Joe (Canda) Rashid of Wever, IA; her thirteen grandchildren, Elysia (Jason) Rashid-Clark, David Rashid, Michael Vlamis, Marissa (Jason) Huffman, George (Gizeh) Rashid, Michael Baxter, Kelsey (fiancé Iver) Vlamis, Kayla (Cory) Christensen, Stephanie (fiancé Jeremy) Vlamis, Julien (fiancée Caroline) Rashid, Maya (fiancé Connor) Rashid, Elle Rashid, and Ava Rashid; her seven great grandchildren, Liam, Ben and Sophia Huffman; Miles, Autumn, and Iris Clark; and Luca Rashid. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Martha; her granddaughter, Ashley Rashid; her sister, Martha Russell; and her two brothers, Bob and Tom Wakin.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Madison. The funeral mass will immediately follow at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A luncheon will follow the burial at Spirit Hollow Clubhouse in Burlington, Iowa. Online condolences to the Rashid family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website, www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

GRHS hosts patient partner volunteer program

WEST BURLINGTON - Palliative Care-Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center is hosting an informational session on a new Patient Partner Volunteer program. The informational session will be held on Tuesday, June 18 from 2-3 p.m. in the Maple/Walnut Conference Rooms on the West Burlington campus (Lower Level).

This new Patient Partner Volunteer program aims to match volunteers with Palliative Care patients to help them navigate the healthcare system, accompanying them to medical appointments, helping them understand their plan of care, and supporting them in successfully achieving their goals of care. The Patient Partner Volunteers will help Palliative Care patients reach independence when possible.

Palliative Care patients are people of all ages managing a serious illness, such as cancer, heart or lung disease, and dementia. They are under the care of the Palliative Care team of specialists who help improve their quality of life and their families through care coordination, education, and communication.

The ideal volunteer would have a caring heart, strong organizational skills, and time available to attend medical appointments. All volunteers will work under the direction of the Palliative Care Team and receive extensive training to realize success in this role.

For more information, contact Great River Health Volunteer Services at 319-768-3340. Registration is required by Friday, June 14.

OBITUARIES

EVA B. HEATON-BEACH

Eva Bernice Heaton-Beach, 83 years, of Denmark, Iowa died Sunday, June 9, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born June 21, 1940 at Quincy, Illinois, a daughter of Elva and Anna Bernice (Wood) Heaton. On April 21, 1963, she married Ernest M. Beach in Missouri and they had three children. They later divorced.



HEATON-BEACH

She graduated from the Memphis Missouri High School in 1958. She worked for Sheaffer Pen and then retired from Fruehauf Trailer Corp. She also did a lot of sewing for families in the area. You could always find her a couple times a day at the Jet Stop Coffee Club. She loved reading, hummingbirds, mowing and tending to her garden, where she would grow various things, including up to 125 tomato plants. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Eva was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by her children: Bryan (Ranee) Beach, of Colusa, Illinois; Kristi Beach and Scott Beach, both of Denmark, Iowa; siblings: Dorva Arbor, of Memphis, Missouri; Dale Heaton; Dorothy Hornung, of Montrose, Iowa; grandchildren: Brandan Beach, A.J. Beach, Lindsay (Jake) Whittaker, Alex Beach, Jade Beach, Jorja Beach and Josie Beach; great grandchildren: Owen Beach and Walker Whittaker; step-grandchildren: Kelsey (Ben) Glancy and Chloe (Tanner Perdum) Walker; step great-grandchildren: Charli and Palmer and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Kathryn Lovekamp and Vern Heaton.

No services are planned at this time. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Eva B. Beach family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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Application packets must be returned to the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 240, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627 or emailed to cityclerk@fortmadison-ia.com no later than 4:30 p.m. on 06.14.2024.



Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan. These documents include design and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the City's 10th Street Sewer Separation Project.

The City of Fort Madison is undergoing a large, phased project to eliminate combined sewer overflows from its wastewater collection system. The general service area for the 10th Street combined sewer system consists of urban downtown, urban residential, and recreational parks throughout the eastern portion of the City of Fort Madison. The existing combined sewer system collects both stormwater and sanitary sewer flows which are directed to the overflow structure east of the Riverview Drive lift station. During low flow conditions, the flow

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is conveyed to the lift station and is pumped to the wastewater treatment plant where it is treated. Under high flow conditions, the overflow structure allows flows exceeding the lift station capacity to discharge, untreated, to the Mississippi River.

The 10th Street combined sewer currently has 31 identified stormwater intake connections that are being collected by the sewer. Television data of the existing system has revealed that some sections of pipe have accumulated sediment, been deformed, or otherwise become malfunctional. The most severe deformations occur underneath the railways near the Santa Fe Depot. In order to reuse the existing pipe for either sewer or stormwater, corrections of these issues are necessary.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform area residents of this proposed action, discuss the actual cost and user fees associated with this project, and to address citizen's concerns, if any, with the plan.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:

Tuesday, July 16, 2024
- 5:30 p.m.

Fort Madison City Hall
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All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Written comments on this proposal may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Questions regarding this hearing or the availability of documentation may be directed to the Public Works Director, Mark Boussetot, at 319-372-7700 ext. 204 or by email at mboussetot@fortmadison-ia.com. Additionally, public comments can be sent to cityclerk@fortmadison-ia.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission

Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 14, 2024

The West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission met on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Chairman Karen Dewey presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blake Ruther, Karen Dewey, Kathy Newberry, Joe Rector, Mike Davis, and Sandy Lee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Storch
ALSO PRESENT:
City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and City Clerk Kelly Fry
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Rector, seconded by Ruther, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, and Lee

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on November 14, 2023

Moved by Rector, seconded by Davis, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Commission Meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, and Lee

NEW BUSINESS

Consider request amending the Zoning Code to allow the construction and regulation of a Campground

The City has received a request from Clifford Reif, who owns the Hwy 34 Truck Stop at the corner of Hwy 34 and Hwy 406 Rd. Mr. Reif addressed the Commission to explain his plan to build an RV Park on the property between the Truck Stop

and the IAAP property. Mr. Reif explained that they have seen a demand for overnight and temporary camping sites in the area. The RV Park would be for temporary camping to serve people traveling through the area and for people working in the area. They are also planning to make improvements to the Truck Stop as well and planned to make a gated secure area for truck parking. Mandsager stated that the truck parking would fit with the current use of the property. He was concerned with the RV Park and how it would be regulated in the future.

This is the last piece of property located inside the city limits. The property to the west is owned by the IAAP. The lot is zoned I-3 (Heavy Industrial) and a campground is not a permitted use in that zoning district. The City Code does have a Zoning District that allows for a Mobile Home Park, which regulates permanent mobile home residences. Mandsager expressed his concern with opening the door to allow additional mobile home parks in the city limits. The Commission agreed with his concerns and felt creating a special zoning district for RV Parks would be more appropriate. The Commission also agreed this is the only area in town that a RV Park would be appropriate.

The Commission reviewed proposed regulations that could be adopted for a Special RV Park District. The purpose of an RV Park District would be to regulate temporary campgrounds in the City of West Burlington and to provide the minimum standard specifications for the construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of said parks.

The Commission recommended several changes to the regulations that were present-

ed and agreed to hold another meeting to review them again before setting a Public Hearing to create a new RV Park Zoning District.

OLD BUSINESS
Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Updates
Bolten-Menk has started working on updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan and gathering input from staff. City Administrator Mandsager reviewed a list of questions Bolten-Menk would like the Commission members to fill out and return. Mandsager encouraged the Commission to participate in public input sessions that will be held over the next year.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Moved by Rector, seconded by Ruther, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, and Lee

Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 26, 2024

The West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Chairman Karen Dewey presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Blake Ruther, Karen Dewey, Kathy Newberry, Joe Rector, Mike Davis, Sandy Lee, and Mary Storch

MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and City Clerk Kelly Fry

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by Ruther, seconded by Storch, to approve the agenda as amended to remove Minutes from the March 14 2024 meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, Lee, and Storch

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING NEW BUSINESS

Consider regulations for a proposed Recreational Vehicle Park Zoning District The Commission reviewed proposed regulations for a new R-6 Recreational Vehicle Park District. This would create a new code section titled "Special Regulations for an R-6 Recreational Vehicle Park District". The new regulations would require a person desiring to operate an RV park to apply for an annual license with the Building and Zoning Enforcement Officer. The proposed regulations would require minimum design, development, and maintenance

standards to be met. In reviewing the regulations, the Commission agreed that the RV Park should submit any Park Rules that would be enforced by the property owner. The Commission agreed that the RV park district is not intended for extended or permanent occupancy. After a brief discussion, the Commission agreed that continuous occupancy extending beyond 90 days in any 12-month period should be prohibited. They also agreed that if someone was working in the area, the City may grant an exception if a tenant can provide documentation showing they are working locally and in a temporary capacity. The Commission also asked that a violation be included in the regulations if the RV Park is not in compliance with the regulations.

Consider setting a Public Hearing date of May 2, 2024, to consider establishing a new zoning district "R-6 Recreational Vehicle Park District"

The Commission needs

to hold a Public Hearing to consider amending the Zoning Code to establish a new Residential Zoning District titled "R-6 Recreational Vehicle Park Zoning District", establish the boundary lines of the district, and regulations for the district. Following the Public Hearing, the Commission will make a formal recommendation to the City Council regarding the amendment. The boundary lines for the district will include the vacant property west of the Hwy 34 Truck Stop.

Moved by Ruther, seconded by Rector, to set a public hearing date of Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, Lee, and Storch

OLD BUSINESS ADJOURN

Moved by Ruther, seconded by Davis, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis,

Lee, and Storch
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL WORK SESSION April 29, 2024

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Council Members Bailey, Graham-Murray, Scott and Weiss present. Mayor Billups was absent.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 5:09 p.m.
Approved: May 6, 2024
Chad Bird, City Manager

Lynda Graham-Murray, Mayor Pro-Tem

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From the Front

Area legislators say county is "good to go"

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some concern," Seyb said.

The bill was signed into law on May 17th and puts permitting and regulation of the camera systems in the hands of the DOT. It also defines what the revenue can be used for. That will likely require the county to revisit the ordinance.

Seyb, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors, has said from the moment the cameras went live, he didn't want the revenue generated by the system to be placed in the general fund. He said that could create a scenario where the county starts to rely on that money for operations, and then the law gets challenged or changed, and counties would then have to scramble to make up the funds that were being generated.

The snag could exist in a definition of automated traffic enforcement systems in the law which states: "Automated or remote system for traffic law enforcement" or "system" means a camera or other optical device designed to work in conjunction with a speed measuring device to detect motor vehicles being operated in violation of the speed limit, the use of which results in the issuance of citations sent through the mail or by electronic means".

The definition leaves out the word "warnings" and Lee County had been issuing warnings at the outset of camera operations under DOT direction to capture traffic data for the Hwy. 27 corridor.

Revenue from citations minus the vendor's fee are currently separated into an interest-bearing account. At the end of the 3rd quarter of each fiscal year, the county will deposit at least 25% into a County Reserve/Emergency Fund. After that deposit, any overtime expenses incurred by the sheriff's department for expert testimony will be paid. Also 1% of the fees collected annually will go to Crimestoppers, 1% to the Lee County K9 Association, 1% to Lee County Narcotics Task Force; 1% to Lee County Attorney's Office, 1% to Lee County Auditor's office; 1% to Lee County EMS Ambulance, 1% to Lee County Secondary Roads, 5% to Lee County Sheriff's Office. The remaining funds, including the interest, may be used at the discretion of the board of supervisors.

According to the specific language of the new law, agencies that were using automated enforcement systems for traffic enforcement prior to Jan. 1, 2024 can submit a list of locations and justifications for placement of the systems and receive a permit to continue those operations. Those who started after January 24th or those communities with less than 20,000 population cannot seek a permit until 2026.

Finnish family back to pursue Pokemon championship

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was talking directly to them.

Outi credits the speech training she received at Mt. Pleasant Community High School as a key ingredient for the successful career she would have. She went on to earn a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Technology in Finland, and worked in computer sales, and international banking management, positions that required much public speaking.

Why is Outi back in the US? Her 28-year old son, Öjvind (pronounced "Ovind"), is a world class Pokemon Cards player. The North American Championship for Pokemon Cards is being held in New Orleans. He has played in 11 World Championships. Outi and Öjvind decided that since they were coming to the United States anyway, they would drop by Mt. Pleasant to visit with Mike and Marilyn Vincent. They all have such fond memories of the year they spent together. The Vincents had no other children at the time, so Outi had the Vincents and their home all to herself.

Outi comes from some royalty. Her Great Grandfather was the third president of Finland from 1931 - 1937. His name was Pehr Evind Svinhufvud, and was known by friends and family as Ukko-Pekka, which translates to "Friendly Old Man" or just plain "Friendly Dude." According to Outi, her son, Öjvind looks a lot like her Great Grandfather.

BTW: Finland is known as the happiest country in the world. They received their independence from Russia in 1917 during the Russian Revolution. According to Öjvind, Russia was too busy with the Revolution to worry about Finland. Finland joined NATO after Russia attacked Ukraine, because Finland has an 800-mile border with Russia. All males in Finland are required to serve in the military, with nearly half of its population of five-million people involved with the military.

From Tuusula, Finland, both Outi and Öjvind say that compared to the United States, the politics in Finland is boring. Big news in Finland might be what the President had for breakfast. Outi says that when she was here in 1978, the United States was much more united. She sees a lot of division now and what she calls, "nonsense news."

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, or email him curtswarm@yahoo.com. Curt is available for public speaking.

Bloodhounds rebound with 3-2 win in game two with Chiefs

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of the sixth that was followed by Blake Chase's two-run homerun to center to make it a 3-2 game.

The Hounds got three runs in the third inning loading the bases with no outs on a Brody Cashman double, a Reece Huey single, and an error by incoming Keokuk freshman pitcher Jackson Morgan.

Cashman would come in to score on a wild pitch and then the Hounds would score two more when Tateum Schelich hit into a fielder's choice at short. Schelich would beat out the throw at first allowing Creswell and Huey to score. Schelich was injured stumbling over the bag at first, but after a short evaluation, was able to return to the game.

Back-to-back ground outs would end the threat and neither team would get on the board again until the sixth inning. Nolan Lamb would single in the sixth to put a runner on with two outs, but the Hounds

couldn't get him home, stranding him on flyout to center.

Cresswell would then strikeout two of the Chiefs' hitters in the seventh around a flyout and a hit batsman, to get the complete game win.

The Chiefs took the opener 11-5 but Fort Madison showed a little gumption with the bats with both Cresswell and Cashman connecting on homeruns for the Hounds. Cresswell's two-run homer came in the sixth inning to help close the gap to 7-5, but the Chiefs would respond with four more runs in the top of the 7th for a little cushion.

Keokuk's Brenton Hoard got the complete game win. He gave up a single to Huey in the bottom of the 7th, but got the next three hitters in order to get the win.

Luke Hellige took the loss with a line of five runs, four earned on eight hits, while fanning five and walking four.

Caden Barnes came on in relief and threw two

innings giving up six runs, three earned on one hit, and six walks. Cashman was 2-3 with a double and the homer and scored two runs in the loss. Huey and Stephan Berlett had the other hits for Fort Madison in the opener.

In the nightcap, Cashman, Huey, Schelich, Ames Schinstock, and Nolan Lamb all had hits for the Bloodhounds (8-8, 4-3 in Southeast Conference).

Keokuk was led at that plate in the nightcap by Chase who had two RBIs and a hit in three at bats. Jacob Lantz, Brendan Worster, and Drake Anderson all had hits for the Chiefs. In the opener, Chase and Lantz each had two hits. Chase scored three runs and an RBI. Anthony Stice went 2-4 with 3 RBIs. Lincoln Wray, Worster, and Hoard also had hits for Keokuk.

The Hounds take on Keokuk again in a single contest Thursday at Joyce Park in Keokuk and then travel to Davenport for a non-conference doubleheader with Davenport North on Friday.

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