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# Chase suspect charged

**FALSE REPORTING:** Saltzman charged with indictable false reporting in chase incident

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - Keokuk Police Chief Zeth Baum released additional details on a chase that emanated from Keokuk early Wednesday afternoon.

The chase drew attention when a call to LeeComm came in at the same time reporting of a teenager being shot near the former Lincoln school.

Police tried to make a stop on a gold Chevy Malibu known to be occupied by an individual with active warrants for their arrest at about 1:38 p.m.. Wednesday.



SALTZMAN

According to Baum, the vehicle failed to stop after the officer initiated the emergency lights and audible siren in a fully marked Keokuk squad car. The vehicle was occupied by a driver and two passengers.

Keokuk officers pursued the vehicle out of the city limits on Mississippi River Road. The driver eventually stopped the vehicle near 320th Street and 250th Avenue, where all occupants fled from the vehicle into a small area with timber.

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# GRHS to close facility in Mediapolis

**REASONS:** Health System cites proximity to other clinics, and difficulty in finding qualified doctors

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON Great River Health System based in West Burlington and parent company of SEI Regional Medical Centers hospitals in Fort Madison and West Burlington announced Thursday that they will be closing their Mediapolis clinic due to the difficulties in finding qualified physicians to run the clinic.

In a statement released Thursday morning, Great River Health said it regretted the decision.

In its entirety the statement reads: "Great River health regrets to announce the closure of the Henry County Health Center-Mediapolis Clinic, effective August 2, 2024. This decision comes with the departure of provider Naarah Hauenstein, PA-C. Other factors that figured into the decision include the proximity of similar care at Henry County Health Center-Wapello Clinic and Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington, and the difficulty recruiting and retaining a qualified provider to replace Hauenstein.

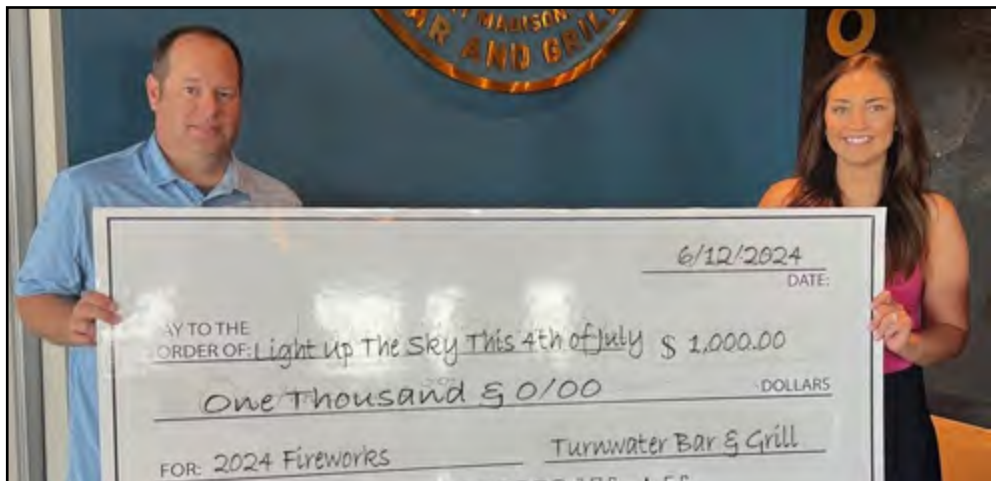
"We appreciate the trust and support the Mediapolis community has shown us over the years," said Dr. Joel Ryon, Chief Medical Officer of Great River Health. "We did not come to this decision easily, and we remain committed to ensuring a seamless transition for our patients to continue receiving the high-quality care they deserve."

Patients currently receiving care at the Henry County Health Center-Mediapolis Clinic will receive a letter with detailed information on transferring their care and/or medical records to a preferred provider. The Henry County Health Center-Wapello Clinic and Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington both

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## Lighting up the sky

Thank you to Shottenkirk Fort Madison for their continued support towards both the 2024 fireworks campaign and the 112th Kiddie Parade. Pictured are a few of the Shottenkirk sales staff in Fort Madison for their \$1000.00 contribution to the fireworks display, as well as an additional contribution to the Kiddie Parade! As we continue our fundraising efforts for both the 2024 Fireworks display and Kiddie Parade, one of our NEWEST businesses is joining in- not to mention should be one of the premiere locations to watch the show! Thank you to Turnwater Bar & Grill for your generous donation. Pictured are Chad Ward, Customer Experience Director, and Jordan Nelson, Event and Marketing Coordinator for Turnwater Bar & Grill. Dr. Mark Pothitakis of Family Dentistry continued support for the 2024 Light Up The Sky Firework campaign here in Fort Madison. Without the support of local businesses and individuals, this event would not be possible.



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## WEATHER

**FRI 14 Jun**..... Sunny & warm, 87° F/ 62° F  
**SAT 15 Jun**..... Mostly sunny & warm, 85° F/ 70° F  
**SUN 16 Jun**..... Mostly sunny & hot, 93° F/ 73° F

## IOWA LOTTERY

**DOUBLE PLAY 06/12**.....12 13 59 68 69, Powerball: 13  
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**PICK 3 MIDDAY 06/12**.....4 5 4  
**PICK 3 EVENING 06/12**.....0 1 6  
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## Obituaries/Iowa News

# Reynolds taps Moravia's Cole as 8A associate judge

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds today announced her appointment of Susan Cole as a district associate judge in Judicial District 8A.

Cole, of Moravia, Iowa, serves as the Appanoose County Attorney. She received her undergraduate degree and law degree from Drake Univer-

sity.

Cole fills a vacancy created following the retirement of the Hon. Kirk A. Daily. Judicial District 8A includes Appanoose, Davis, Jefferson, Keokuk, Mahaska, Monroe, Poweshiek, Van Buren, Wapello, and Washington counties.

### OBITUARIES

## NANCY WELSH

Nancy Welsh, 66, of Keokuk passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at her home. She was born June 19, 1957 in Keokuk, the daughter of Fred E and AnnaBelle Parsons Dunlap.



WELSH

She graduated from Keokuk Senior High with the class of 1975. She was united in marriage to Mike Welsh on February 11, 1977. He preceded her in death on July 12, 2004.

She had been employed as a waitress/bartender at One Eyed Jake's in Argyle, IA and Rosie's in Donnellson, IA.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Memphis, TN and New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk, IA.

Nancy enjoyed traveling, camping and fishing. She always looked forward to casino trips trying her luck at the next jackpot and spending time with her friends.

She is survived by her siblings, Robert Dunlap (Carolyn) of Kahoka, MO, Debbie Kisor (Jim) of Keokuk, Diana Carr (Mark Coovert) of Keokuk, Doug Dunlap (Joyce) of Hamilton, IL and David Dunlap (Diana) of Hamilton, IL and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen Parrack.

A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2024 at Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Derek Olsen officiating.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until service time.

Memorials may be made to Lee County Hospice or KASPIR (Keokuk Animal Services Partners in Rescue).

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## DIXIE L. VANZILE

Dixie Lee VanZile, 80, of Hamilton, passed away at 1:18 PM, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at the Southeast Iowa Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Dixie was born April 21, 1944, the daughter of Henry L. and Jessie B. (Boyd)



VANZILE

Schneider in Keokuk, Iowa. She attended Keokuk High School, graduating in 1962. On April 5, 1963, she was united in marriage to Richard W. VanZile at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk. He survives. Dixie was a homemaker and a longtime member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Dixie is survived by her husband, Richard, of Hamilton; three children, Roger (Donna) VanZile of Monticello, Iowa, Kristina (Gregg) Engel of Hamilton and Paula (Warren) Vickers of Warsaw; grandchildren, Heather (Adam) Washburn of Keokuk, Brian (Leslie Kay) VanZile of Keokuk, Todd (Michelle) VanZile of Keokuk and Trent (Melissa Cox) VanZile of Carthage; step granddaughter, Katie (Shannon) Smith of Kathleen, Georgia; siblings, George (Charlotte) Schneider of Montrose, Jack Schneider of Cambridge, MD, Janet (Larry) Hoppe of Hamilton, and Steve (Cindy) Schneider of Montrose; sisters and brothers in law, Nancy Gregory of Keokuk, Gordon VanZile of Warsaw and Dixie Schneider of Canton, MO; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Alice Miller, Gloria Ruffcorn, Lana Lee and Karen Nichol; one brother, Arthur "A.J." Schneider; three brothers-in-law, Jim Miller, Ken Ruffcorn and Kent Lee; and a sister-in-law, Diane Schneider.

Graveside services will be held at the Keokuk National Cemetery at 11:00 AM Monday, June 17, 2024. Family and friends are invited to meet at Printy Funeral in Hamilton at 10:30 AM Monday morning to travel in procession to the cemetery for the service at 11:00. A luncheon will follow at the Hamilton Community Center on Keokuk Street in Hamilton. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or Alzheimer's Association. Printy Funeral Home of Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DOLORES I. LOFTON

Dolores Iva Lofton, aged 92, passed away on June 13, 2024, after more than a decade long battle with Parkinson's. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she leaves behind a legacy of kindness and strength.



LOFTON

Dolores (Dee) was born in Keokuk, Iowa, on June 18, 1931, to Roy and Thelma (Waller) Rorabaugh. She graduated from Keokuk Senior High School in 1949, then attended The University of Iowa, where she was a member of the Scottish Highlanders, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1953, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education.

Dee met Richard Lofton in high school, where their love story began. They married on June 21, 1953, a marriage of 70 years that has served as a loving example for their children, Douglas (Barbara) Lofton of Greenwood, Indiana and Deanna (Mark) Long of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Preceded in death by her parents, Dee is survived by, in addition to her husband and two children, her brother Ed (Karen) Rorabaugh of Ft. Madison, grandchildren David (Lauren) Lofton, Leah (Aaron) McNeil, Benjamin Long, Anna Long, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Dee was a "doer." Supporting her community of Keokuk, Iowa, as well as the First Christian Church (FCC) in Keokuk, was a priority for Dee, and her love for the arts was at the forefront of her volunteerism. She was a board member for the Keokuk Concert Association, worked with the Keokuk Fine Arts Council as President and Secretary, and served as a member of that board for sixteen years. She spent many hours leading puppet and marionette-making workshops through the Keokuk Fine Arts Council, using her creations in many Keokuk community and church events. Her work with the Grand Theatre Corporation led to the successful, "Save the Grand Theater" campaign. She was a member of the Keokuk Community Chorus, was active in AAUW, and served as the 1992 Keokuk Area Hospital Board President.

Dee led a life of faith through action, as exemplified by her work with the church. She brought the best out in children, especially musically, and directed the children's choirs as well as numerous junior/senior high musicals and plays. She was also a preschool teacher at FCC, sang in the church choir, and made ornate banners for church events. Dee served faithfully when called as the first woman elder at FCC, and, with Richard by her side, traveled to Vietnam on a mission trip with the Division of Overseas Ministries. In 2017, she and Richard were given the Harry T. Ice Award, the highest honor to be presented by the Christian Church Foundation (Disciples of Christ).

Dolores and Richard traveled most parts of the world and were blessed with many unique experiences. And, in her spare time, she baked a mean German chocolate cake and made the best gravy!

A celebration of life for Dolores will be held on June 17, 2024, at First Christian Church of Keokuk, with visitation from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the service at 11:30 a.m., immediately followed by a luncheon at the church. Burial will be at the Keokuk National Cemetery. Dolores Lofton was a "doer" who has given us a legacy of loving service. May we honor her memory through our actions.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Keokuk First Christian Church or the Keokuk Community Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to:

Richard Lofton  
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325 Collins Rd. SE #340  
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Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com). Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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## OBITUARIES

### STEPHEN A. KOSER

Stephen A. Koser, 78, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. He was born on May 11, 1946 in Des Moines, IA to Dr. Donald C. & Janet Ashman Koser. He was an engineer on the Santa Fe Railroad and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war in the Photo Intelligence Department. He married Rhonda L. McChesney on June 21, 1975 in Pontoosuc, IL. He loved boating at the Lake of the Ozarks and loved running errands and chauffeuring his grandchildren. He could never leave the room without getting a hug. He adored his 1979 Ford Bronco and his 2010 Nissan Z convertible.



KOSER

Steve is survived by: his wife: Rhonda Koser of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Joe (Nichole) Koser of Eldridge, IA & Nate (Misty) Koser of Denmark, IA; 1-daughter: Ferra (Michael) Schinstock of Denmark, IA; 9-grandchildren: Chandler Johnson, Gabriel Koser, Mason Koser, Ames Schinstock, Macy Koser, Mira Koser, Madden Koser, Azen Schinstock, Rhett Schinstock & 1-brother: John (Beverly) Koser of Bloomington, MN. He was preceded in death by: his parents & 1-sister.



A private family funeral service will be held at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for Tunnel to Towers Foundation and may be sent to: Rhonda Koser, 32 Oak Drive, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to the Koser family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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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.
- **Take a break** from your computer, your phone, your job, your stress, AND relax!
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## For the Record/From the Front

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

06/12/24 - 8:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue F.

06/12/24 - 9:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of 8th Street.

06/12/24 - 8:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue A.

06/12/24 - 8:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue B.

#### Keokuk Police Report

06/12/24 - 2:29 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of Boulevard Road.

06/12/24 - 8:21 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 200 block of Blondeau Street.

06/12/24 - 2:22 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Boulevard Road.

06/12/24 - 4:13 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Brittany Nichole Saltzman, 33, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 15th Street on a charge of interference with officials acts. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/12/24 - 4:45 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Courtney Allen Kellum, 40 of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 13th Street on a charge of interference with official acts. She was held in Lee County Jail.

06/12/24 - 4:53 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 300 block of N. 5th Street.

06/12/24 - 9:32 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Travis Michael Hanson, 39, no address listed, in the 1100 block of Orleans Avenue, on warrants for probation violation, violation of a no-contact order, 4th degree theft, failure to appear, and charges of possession of a controlled substance and violation of a no-contact order. He was held in Lee County Jail.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/12/24 - 4:19 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brittany Nichole Saltzman, 33, of Keokuk at the South

Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for violation of probation (3x), eluding, speeding and 17 counts of failure to obey at traffic control device, and one charge of false reporting-indictable offense. She was held at Lee County Jail.

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

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/10/13 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one vehicle accident, two lift assists, and two medical calls.

06/11/13 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls.

06/12/13 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical and one assist.

## Police asking for help finding 3rd suspect

**ARREST** - Continued from Page 1

A Lee County Sheriff's Office K9 unit was deployed in an attempt to track the suspects. A Fort Madison drone was also deployed to assist in the search. A result of the search yielded the arrests of two subjects. Courtney Kellum, 40, of Keokuk, was arrested and charged with Interference With Official Acts a simple misdemeanor. Brittany Saltzman, 33, of Keokuk, was arrested and charged with Interference With Official Acts a simple misdemeanor. Saltzman was also arrested by the Lee County Sheriff's Office on multiple outstanding arrest warrants. The third suspect is at large but is not believed to be an ongoing threat to the public.

During the pursuit, at approximately 2 p.m., LeeComm received a call indicating that a juvenile had sustained a gun-related injury in the 1400 block of South 7th Street. Our officers went to that location and conducted an investigation, which resulted in the determination that the report was false and likely an attempt to hinder law enforcement's pursuit of the fleeing subjects.

According to the a report from Lee County Sheriff's office Saltzman has been charged with false reporting as an indictable offense. Baum said the successful outcome of the investigation was a result of the collaborative effort of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Iowa State Patrol, United States Marshals Service, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Lee County Narcotics Task Force, Fort Madison Police Department, and the Montrose Police Department also contributed to this investigation. Baum said the U.S. Marshals were in town following up on subjects with outstanding warrants.

He encouraged the public to contact police with any additional information regarding this event. Those with information can reach the department through social media (Facebook Messenger), the LeeComm dispatch center (319-372-1310), Lee County Crime Stoppers, calling our department directly (319-524-2741), or coming to the police department at 1222 Johnson Street, Keokuk.

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## Honor Roll/Classifieds

# Fort Madison High School releases 3rd trimester honor roll

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison High Schools has announced its third trimester honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year. Pen City Current joins our advertisers and readers in congratulating these students on their academic success. Job well done!

Academic Excellence (Cumulative GPA 4.01+ at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Iris Arevalo, Nathan Cottrell, Rosario Delgadillo, Jackson Emmett, Esterlyn Gnann, Alivia Holmes, Connor Horn, Charley Huebner, Rainer Johnson, Iyov Kelly, Mira Koser, Nolan Lamb, Adelyn Lampe, Elanor Moffett, Faye Mohrfeld, Mason Overberg, Torey Potter, Liam Prier, Cole Quittem, Emma Ramsey, Jonah Santiago, Molly Schulte, Alaina Schwerin, Hayden Stancil, Hunter Wiegand, Natalie Wright

10th Grade – Ladriel Anderson, Maleena Bentley, Madalyn Emmett, Conner Fowler-Wolf, Holden Fraise, Kadence Gobble, Nolan Guzman, Jackson Haessig, Jake Haessig, Markus Holbert, Ellie Huebner, Mason McLey, Isabella Patton, Tatum Peters, Karlyna Plate, Kaydynce Plate, Alyssa Rife, Kelli Roberts, Addison Rump, Avery Rump, Savannah Sissel, Mara Smith, Kevin Tripp, Hadley Wolfe, Mia Woodbury

11th Grade – Lucy Arevalo, Alyssa Crowther, Danika Dotson, Sydney Fraise, Lillian Gelsthorpe, Ethan Huffman, Calvin Johnson, Casey Kline, Allison Lamb, Brylie Lorence, Macey Mclees, Haley Mitchell, Katelyn Sissel, Noah Swigart, Emily Tran, Brady Wade

12th Grade – Jackson Amandus, Lily Arnold, Alexis Beebe, Aiden Benda, Leif Boeding, Jordyn Burch, Madelyn Gobble, Reed Holmes, Mazie Hotop, Castille Johnstun, Henry Morris, Emiliano Patino, Oliver

Santiago, Teague Smith, Rylee Steffensmeier, Isaac Thacher, Amy Yasenchok

Academic Distinction (Cumulative GPA 3.75-4.0 at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Rowan Benda, Brody Bolander, Avery Boussetot, Chrystina Britton, Erin Cowles, Karsen Durbin, Lanie Fincher, Ava Fuget, Brenna Gathers, Eva Genck, Madiynn Gracey, Audrey Hemm, Mia Mason, Isabella Palmer, Emmalyn Snaadt, Alyvia Stigall, Precious Wilson, Andrea Yrigoyen, Lucille Zimmerman

10th Grade – Shane Bryant, Skyler Cale, Addison Dean, Addyson Fowler, Mackenzie Huebner, Halle Menke, Clara Pollmeier, Gavin Shrum, Laila Smith, Kayden Warner

11th Grade – Ava Barnes, Olivia Buckner, Gavin Calahan, Nolen Carle, Brody Cashman, Marley Grizzle, Taylor Huffman, Isaiah Jenkins, Sabrina Jennings, Hadley Johnson, Hailey Kemper, Dacey Marshall, Morgan Miller, Kassara Muldoon, Zayne Speer, Ava Taylor

12th Grade – Kiley Bohnenkamp, Nathen Bowen, Jeddiah Bruster, Collin Campbell, John Cottrell, Chailee Cover, Daniel Dalstra, Eliana Gnann, Lauryn Helmick, Caden Hutson, Raymond Jaciunde-Sutton, Aijalynn Jenkins, Oliva Kraus, Haley Lampe, Victoria Peters, Mackenzie Rainwater, Carson Rashid, Leila Roberts, Gabrielle Ruble, Paetyn Wiegand, Alice Wyss

Academic High Honors (Cumulative GPA 3.5-3.74 at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Conner Blindt, Urijah Brooks, Connor Cale, Xander Gable, Cal Hennings, Kylie Lumino, Isaac Newton, Matthew Peters, William Scanlan, Zoey Smith, Reilynn Turnbull

10th Grade – Beverly Brogdon, Lillian Buckner, Me-

gan Curtiss, Dayonna Davis, Aiden Dostalek, McKenna Queen, Lily Schuelka, Athena Snook, Kayreena Sterling, Olivia Willits

11th Grade – Laci Gathers, Henry Graham, Claire Goldie, Jonathan Hasenclever, Serenity Hirte-Kempker, Ruby King, Mason Koser, Austin Lantry, Brandon Osborn, Kemee Peterson, Briahna Sprague, Aaron Warner

12th Grade – Gracie Blind, Hailee Carle, Cade Denning, Chloe Haessig, Michael Hollister, Ayven Osborn, Benjamin Ramatowski, Kaleb Sutcliffe, Miah Wellendorf, Henry Wiseman, Ellanore Wright

Academic Honors (Cumulative GPA 3.25-3.49 at the end of Trimester 3)

9th Grade – Jayla Bass, Alyvia Drummer, Blayne Ellis, Cora Gorham, Alexys Hartman, Gavin Hasenclever, Marshall Heitmann, Addisyn Lumsden, Owen Menke, Darls Pena, Cannon Pritchett, Hailey Tory, Beau Wagner, Ava Walton, Jake Wehrle

10th Grade – Colton Boyer, Karson Dixon, Elayna Hutson, Brook Johnson, Brian Kempker, Jr., Hanna Kirchner, Noah Krogmeier, Synthia Krogmeier-Scott, Edin Mehmedi, Austin Nesheim, Wyatt Orr, Gabrielle Quick

11th Grade – Klaire Bohnenkamp, Nicholas Carle, Hunter Cook, Julian Dear, Kayden Hansen, Autumn Hummell, Cole James, James Janic, Shelby Johnson, Peyton Lambert, Aurora Martinez-Eid, Emily Mathews, Sabrina Mehmedi, Mia Mesecher, Alexis Muldoon, Dianna Vincent, Alexa Walz, Thomas White

12th Grade – Hunter Cresswell, Taylor Johnson, Nolan Kelly, Emma Kern, Jamarkus Kline, Nolan Riddle, Irelynd Sargent, Juniper Strickland, Abigail Strunk, Alexis Whaley, Fuyuan Zhao.

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Pro-Tem Lees presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ringo Covert, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Teater

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and Police Sergeant Nathan Dunham

CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLE-

GIANCE  
ROLL CALL  
PERFECTING & AP-

PROVAL OF AGENDA  
Crowner asked Council to move a request for an Urban Chicken Permit at 410 Ramsey from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to

approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA  
• Minutes from the Special City Council meeting on April 24, 2024

• Pay Request #4 from Jones Contracting for Phase 2 of the Gear Ave. Trail - \$113,443.14

• Pay Request #5 from Jones Contracting for Phase 2 of the Gear Ave. Trail Project - \$88,468.70

• Liquor License renewal for MK Minimart, 101 E. Mt. Pleasant

• Liquor License amendment for The Broadway Bar and Grill to add an Outdoor Service Area on July 4, 2024.

• Approve donation of swimming pool daily admission passes for participants in the Burlington Public Library's Summer Reading Program

• Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$260,864.69

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crown-

er, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF  
REPORTS

• ADMINISTRATOR:  
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PORTS:  
• COUNCIL REPORTS

• COMMUNITY RE-

PORTS: Burlington Public

Library Update

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

No inquiries.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a Pub-

lic Hearing on the Budget

Amendment for Fiscal

Year 2023-2024

Mayor Pro-Tem Lees

opened the Public

Hearing on the Budget

Amendment for Fiscal

Year 2023-2024. Finance

Manager Moore present-

ed the proposed Budget

Amendment for FY23-24,

which is necessary to

account for unbudgeted

expenditures that will

exceed what was ap-

proved during the budget

process for FY23-24. The

total budget amend-

ment is \$938,530 for

revenues and \$1,723,940

for expenditures. Cap-

ital Projects (excluding

water & sewer capital projects) account for over \$518,000.

There were no written or verbal comments regarding the Budget Amendment. Mayor Pro-Tem Lees closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolu-

tion approving a Budget

Amendment for Fiscal

Year 2023-2024

Moved by Crowner,

seconded by Young, to

approve a Resolution

amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the second

reading of an Ordinance

repealing Ordinance 541

and granting Interstate

Power and Light Com-

pany a non-exclusive

twenty-five year franchise

to supply Electric Energy

to West Burlington and

require Interstate Power

and Light Company to

pay a franchise fee to the City.

In a letter to the City

Council, Alliant addressed

the Council's request to

change language in the

agreement regarding the

City's responsibility to pay

for the relocation of utili-

ties on projects that have

been done in the past ten

years, to say, the past five

years. Alliant explained

that they are not inclined

to change the road move

language in the proposed

franchise agreement,

given there were only

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

three projects in the last 10 years that would be affected. There were electric road moves on Kimberly/Melville in 2018 for a small section where these two roads meet and one gas move on West Agency Road in 2017 from 411 West Agency Road to 509 West Agency Road. Except for these two areas, any future road project would be eligible for a road move right now if it meets the other terms in the franchise agreement. Shortening the window from ten to five years doesn't provide any

additional benefit because these few blocks would be eligible in 2027 and 2028. Agenda Item #1.

Council was satisfied with the clarification of the projects that could potentially be affected by the proposed language in the contract.

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, approve the second reading of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 541 and granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to supply Electric Energy

to West Burlington and require Interstate Power and Light Company to pay a 3% franchise fee to the City. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Johnson, Lees, and Young  
Nays: Crouner

Consider the second reading of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 542 and granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five year franchise to supply Natural Gas to West Burlington and require Interstate Power and Light Company to

pay a franchise fee to the City. Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, approve the second reading of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 542 and granting Interstate Power and Light Company a non-exclusive twenty-five year franchise to supply Natural Gas to West Burlington and require Interstate Power and Light Company to pay a franchise fee to the City. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Johnson, Lees, and Young  
Nays: Crouner

Consider a quote from Morning Sun Farm Implement for Hydro Blower Attachment

During the budget process, the Council approved the purchase of the new Kubota tractor. At that time, they also discussed adding a snow blower attachment and high-flow hydraulics for maintaining the new Gear Ave. Trail. Morning Sun Farm Implement has quoted \$17,000 for the 84" Hydro Blower attachment. Public Works Director Brissey asked the Council to approve the quote so that they could proceed with the customization. Payment and receipt of the tractor will occur after July 1st.

Moved by Crouner, seconded by Young, to approve a quote for a Hydro Blower attachment from Morning Sun Farm

Implement for \$17,000. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the request to renew an Urban Chicken Permit for 410 Ramsey

The resident at 410 Ramsey has submitted a request to renew their Urban Chicken Permit to keep ten chickens on their property. Crouner said he was opposed to allowing chickens in the City's main residential area. Young asked if there had been any issues with the chickens reported to the Police Department. Sergeant Dunham said the Police Department has had reports of the chickens escaping from their enclosure. Johnson suggested tabling the request until May 15th in order to verify if any formal complaints had been received.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES ADJOURN

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Approved: Therese Lees, Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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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](mailto:cityclerk@fortmadison-ia.com) no later than 4:30 p.m. on 06.14.2024.

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## Local News/Sports

# City band to hold second concert Sunday

FORT MADISON - The Ft. Madison City Band, under the direction of Colin DePriest, will perform their second concert of four on Sunday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Park gazebo.

There are benches available, but many bring lawn chairs. The pre entertainment, beginning at 6 p.m., will be Curtis Steffensmeier. Food will be available for purchase at 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. by First Christian Church and Speer's Sweet Treats.

The Sponsor for this Sunday's concert is Joan B. Weiser. If you would like to make a donation to support the Ft. Madison City Band, please send it to Justina Cullen at the Ft. Madison City Offices, 811 Avenue E in Ft. Madison. Any size of donation is greatly appreciated!

The Ft. Madison City Band will play the following se-

lections: Encanto, The Trombone King, Revival March, Amazing Grace, Bolero, Music from Rent which includes: Seasons of Love, Rent, Without You, and Finale. The band will also perform Camino del Sol, Denbridge Way and Big Band Classics: In the Mood, Serenade in Blue, and Tuxedo Junction. Finally, the band will feature Taylor Stoddard singing the Star Spangled Banner, Blue Moon, and Can't Buy Me Love, a Beatles Medley, including Here Comes the Sun, In My Life, and Can't Buy Me Love.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at Fort Madison Methodist Church located on the corner of 510 9th Street. There is an elevator available through the Chapel door and there is a ramp on Avenue E. The Ft. Madison City Band is looking forward to playing for our Community.

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**CLOSURE** - Continued from Page 1

have availability with primary care providers as well as walk-in care services.

"We are grateful to Naarah Hauenstein and the team of healthcare professionals at the Mediapolis Clinic for their dedicated service to their patients. We look forward to continuing to serve the community and providing for all their healthcare needs at our other locations," expressed Ryon.

Great River Health System purchased the Mediapolis Clinic in 1998, employing the providers and staff.

For a comprehensive list of services and additional information regarding Great River Health go to: [www.greatriverhealth.org](http://www.greatriverhealth.org).

# Bass fishing heating up early morning, late evening

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report of southeast Iowa lakes and ponds from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

### Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature was 74 degrees on Monday; will have been warming since then. Water is clear. Duck weed is along the edges of the lake where the wind blows it; much of the lake remains open water. Bluegill - Good: Work the edges of the flooded trees in 6 to 7 feet of water. Channel Catfish - Good: Normally it would be early to talk about fishing for spawning catfish, but they are starting to spawn in the rocks along the face of the dam. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try fishing the flooded timber where bass are chasing the little bluegills.

### Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is in the mid 70s. Water clarity remains decent at just under 4 feet. Curly-leaf pondweed beds are still thick, but are starting to die back as the water warms. Black Crappie - Fair: Find crappies in 10 to 12 feet of water by vertically jigging or slow drift trolling. Bluegill - Good: Bluegills are out in deeper water. Try fishing in the early morning (before 10 am) in 6-8 feet of water along the edges of the dwindling curly-leaf beds and out a little deeper in the flooded trees. Largemouth Bass - Fair: You can still find nice-sized bass along the edges of the weed beds, especially early in the morning; work the edges of the old creek

channel with jigs. Redear Sunfish - Fair: Most redears have finished up spawning; you might be lucky enough to find a few still on the deeper spawning beds toward the upper end of the lake.

### Lake Darling

Water temperature is 77 degrees and climbing. Water clarity is good at 38 inches. Just a hint of green color. Black Crappie - Fair: With the hot weather, expect crappies to remain around the deeper (10-12 feet) habitat. Anglers are vertical jigging for them. Bluegill - Good: Most males have moved out to the mid-depth habitat in 6-8 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Good: Look for bass to be hunting for bluegills and green sunfish along the rocks and edges of the weed beds early in the morning or late evening.

### Lake Geode

Water temperature is 77 degrees. Water clarity is good at a little over 6 feet. Water has a green hint to it. Black Crappie - Slow: Vertical jig for crappie over the fish habitat in 8-10 feet of water or slow troll along the edges of the long mounds across from the beach. Bluegill - Good: You can still catch 7- to 8-inch bluegills along the fallen trees along the shoreline, especially those in the shade. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Catch chunky bass along the outer tips of the tree falls along the shoreline where they are feeding on bluegills and golden shiners.

### Lost Grove Lake

Water temperature was 72 degrees earlier this week. Water clarity is less than 7 feet. Curly-leaf pondweed is dying back as the water temperature rises, just like it does every summer. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappies are bunched up at between 13 and 18 feet down in the lower half of the lake in the flooded trees. Vertical jigging and moving around works best to find them. Bluegill - Fair: Didn't see any active spawning beds on Tuesday (6/11). Most bluegills have headed out to deeper water; a decent number of bluegills remain in the outer edges of the weed beds. Channel Catfish - Good: Mid-June seems early, but catfish are starting to nest down in the rocks along the face of the dam. Try floating a green sunfish or bluegill along those rocks to catch nice-sized males. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Males have finished up their nesting and have moved to hunting along the edges of the weed beds. Find bigger bass in their summer haunts way back in the thick habitat where anglers don't bother them.

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