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## Wilson named Grand Marshal

**KORSCHGEN KIDDIE PARADE:** YMCA director to be honored at 4th of July parade

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kid-die Parade committee announced today that Ryan Wilson has been named grand marshal for the 112th annual Parade.

The committee always looks for an individual that has supported the parade or performed great service to the youth of the area.

Wilson fits this role as has been an employee of the YMCA since 2008 and was promoted to CO/Executive Director in

2012. During his tenure there, he has been instrumental in such activities as the development of the YMCA Summer Camp Program, the introduction of free preschool and the operation and program development of the City Swimming Pool among many other YMCA sponsored events.

He has coached various youth athletic programs, both in schools and the YMCA.

Wilson is also a member of many local organizations.

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### SUNDAY COMMENTARY



## If you need a waiver to eat it - don't eat it

This week I'm gonna talk to you a little about food.

Yeah, I'm a foodie. I love to explore places away from the comfort of extreme southeast Iowa and sample food. I think I made up the term street-eating. That's what my daughter Taylor and I do when I visit New York, or when we meet up in other places like Chicago, or Tennessee. We usually plan for dinner some place a little iconic, but for the most part, we walk around and go in doors and sample ice cream, or baked goods, pizza, we had some dip at one place that was kinda good, but kinda gross, too. I can't remember it, I just know it was one of those, "yeah-you-gotta-try-that" options.

We stopped in for a slice of pizza in a joint in NYC and ended up sharing a shot of Mezcal with the owner while we waited for him to warm up the 'zah. He didn't charge us for the pizza either 'cuz he was a friend of Taylor's. What a place!

Oysters are a palatary foible for me. I've slurped them down. I can't bring myself to chew them, and they have to have lemon, a dash of horseradish and hot sauce, and ground pepper. And I still have to get it down as soon as freakin' possible.

My niece loves them. I just - can't.

I've been going a little healthy in the morning and I have to be creative on my own now, since the mayor has stopped posting his Breakfast with Matt. Suffice it to say a couple 8-minute eggs, dark berries, and coffee (black - I don't want dessert for breakfast) is what has been on the menu lately. Sometimes fat free yogurt. An easy workout and I'm off and running.

I think there's something special about hot coffee and a spicy breakfast. It just does a

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Media representatives question Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, center, and Kelly Garcia, the director of the Iowa Dept. of Health and Human Services, Friday at the ADDS center in downtown Keokuk. The two were in town for a private roundtable on mental health and substance use disorders.

### GOVERNOR STOP

## Reynolds makes stop at Keokuk ADDS facility

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - Just months after the Lee County Health Department conducted a countywide survey of substance abuse disorders, Governor Kim Reynolds and other state officials made a quick trip to Keokuk Friday for a round-table



WEBER

discussion on one of the state's most pressing issues.

Reynolds, with Iowa Department of Health and Human Services director Kelly Garcia in tow, met with other county and state officials at the Keokuk Alcohol, Drug and Depen-

dency Services facility in downtown Keokuk.

The discussion part of the forum was closed off to media. Representatives of Reynolds' office who organized the meeting told media they had to wait outside the room where the discussion was being

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### WEATHER

MON 24 Jun.....Mostly sunny & hot, 92° F/76° F  
 TUE 25 Jun.....Hot with chance of thunderstorms, 96° F/69° F  
 WED 26 Jun.....Warm & mostly sunny, 84° F/60° F

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DON F. HALL

Don F. Hall, 83, of West Point, IA, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024 at his home. He was born on June 24, 1940 in Fort Madison, IA to Melvin & Mary Holtkamp Hall. He married Donna L. Wright on January 23, 1960 in Fort Madison, IA. She preceded him in death on February 7, 2015. He owned and operated Hall Towing for more than 50 years and was a member of the Fort Madison Elk's Lodge and the Eagle's Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and going to Canada & Alaska on hunting trips. He & Donna loved traveling to fishing tournaments together.



HALL

Don is survived by: 1-daughter; Denise (Jay) Boyer of West Point, IA; 1-son: Clip Hall of Wever, IA; 2-grandchildren: Nysha (Taylor) Kegley of Castle Pines, CO & Travis (Sally) Boyer of Fort Madison, IA; 4-brothers: Dale Hall of Fort Madison, IA, Bill (Delores) Hall of Fort Madison, IA, Gene (Judy) Hall of Fort Madison, IA & Jim (Marian) Hall of Argyle, IA; 2-sisters: Carol Fedler of West Point, IA & Mary Jo Gavilett of Carthage, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church in Fort Madison.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Dan Dorau officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Great River Hospice. Online condolences to the Hall family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### KATHLEEN L. VINCENT

Kathleen "Kathy" L. Vincent, 42, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at her home.

She was born on November 28, 1981 in Ft. Madison to Lewis and Debra Riis Vincent. Kathy married Colin Poetting in 2005 and they later divorced. She worked in the vault at Catfish Bend Casino for several years and was also the owner and operator of Li' Lewie's. She was currently a Supervisor over the Quality Inspectors at IAAP. Kathy enjoyed gardening, art, drawing and watching bands. She was an avid gamer and was known as "Meat Cow". Kathy had a contagious smile and was known and loved by many, she would brighten a room the moment she walked in.



VINCENT

Survivors include her son, Lewis Poetting of Ft. Madison; a stepdaughter; her mother, Debra Vincent of Ft. Madison; two sisters, Eileen (Doug) Sweezer of Winfield, IA and Rianna (James) Ralph of Nauvoo, IL; one niece Liana; two nephews, Dane and Kade and her beloved dogs and cat, Lardo, Rudy and Precious; two step daughters, Minerva and Natalia and her former boyfriend, Tony Damico. She was preceded in death by her father, grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM. A private family burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### TEDDY R. PEARSALL

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Teddy (Ted) Rex Pearsall. Ted was born October 26, 1941, in Morning Sun, Iowa to Lloyd Demar Pearsall and Verle Irene (Pickerel) Pearsall. He peacefully left this world on June 19th, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in Burlington, Iowa.



PEARSALL

Ted started working for multiple farmers at the age of 13 and later became a shop supervisor for Churchill Truck Lines for 27 years. He was known to all as a "Jack of all trades".

He was a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served as a crew chief on a T33. He was also a proud member of the Shriners, 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of the Moose for many years.

Ted Married Linda Charbonneau-Schnedler, and resided in Florida for some time. They later divorced and moved back to Iowa, where they remained close friends and loved each other very much.

Teddy enjoyed buying, fixing, and selling things on Marketplace. His fur baby Baxter was his constant companion and went everywhere with him.

As his health declined, his daughter Terri took over his care and was lovingly known by all as Daddy's Girl.

Teddy is survived by two daughters Terri (Bob Dorothy) Self of Fort Madison and Melody (John) Meyer, of Lakeland, FL; one son Rodney (Kandi) Pearsall of Lakeland, FL; a step-son Kent (Sue) Davis of Logansport, LA; one sister Charlene Robinson of Knoxville, IL; a special niece Diane (Sam) Cherrington of Cameron, IL; three very special grandchildren Kristin (Jeremy) Sullivan of Knoxville, IL, Tyler Hillery of Galesburg, IL, Dakota (Amelia) Hillery of Helsinki, Finland, 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.



Teddy was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and two sisters.

The family would like to express our sincere appreciation to his wonderful doctors and nurses, the entire staff at the Hospice House, and his friend and neighbor Jody (Karrie) Jones.

Full military honors will be rendered by the Burlington Area Veterans Honor Guard 1:00 PM Friday, June 28, 2024, at Prugh Funeral Service, 3940 Division Street. Burial will follow at Burlington Memorial Park Cemetery. A time of food and fellowship will be held in the community room at Prugh Funeral Service following the burial.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Teddy's obituary at [www.prughfuneral.com](http://www.prughfuneral.com).

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As we remember and celebrate all who fought for our independence, Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Tuesday through Tuesday, July 2nd through the 9th. The e-Edition will resume Wednesday, July 10th.

Please celebrate safely and responsibly. We care about all of you.

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## Obituaries/From the Front

# Registration still open for Korschgen Kiddie Parade

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Registration for the parade will be open at 8:30 a.m. at the west entrance to Lincoln School with some groups forming up on the Lincoln School playground and others in the 1400 block of Avenue G.



WILSON

The 112th annual parade will kick off from 14th and Avenue G at 10 a.m. and proceed down Avenue G to the Loyal of the Moose parking lot at 622 Avenue G where members of the Moose Lodge will provide treats to all the parade participants as the committee starts announcing the category winners and hands out trophies and prize money to the top 3 winners of the 10 categories.

The Loyal of the Moose has provided this service to the parade for 78 years and is greatly appreciated by all as July 4th weather has been unpredictable.

Anyone having any questions about the parade may contact the chairman, Andy Andrews, at 319-371-5379 or co-chairman Rusty Andrews at 319-470-9413.

The committee is always in need of more assistance the day of the parade to help keep the children in categories and safe along the parade route.

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### OBITUARIES

## STEVEN L. RAIRDEN

Steven "Steve" Lee Rairden, 70, of Keokuk, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Steve was born on February 9, 1954, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Carroll and Faye (Symmonds) Rairden. He graduated from Keokuk High school in 1972, and on June 16, 1973, he was united in marriage to Lisa Howell Rairden in Keokuk, Iowa. She survives.



RAIRDEN

Steve worked with his father at Rairden's Auto Salvage for many years and eventually at Griffin Wheel up until his retirement. He also enjoyed his part time job at Hy-Vee. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Steve loved his granddaughters dearly and his world revolved around them. He was also a very avid St. Louis Cardinal and Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Steve is survived by his wife Lisa of Keokuk; his mother Faye Rairden of Keokuk; his son Steve Rairden, Jr. of Keokuk; his daughter Melissa (Marc) Coleman of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; two granddaughters: Kylee and Kelsey Coleman, both of Mt. Pleasant; three brothers: David (Melanie) Rairden of Williamsburg, Iowa, Daniel (Theresa) Rairden of Keokuk; and Paul (Denise) Rairden of Keokuk; two sisters: Rhonda (Ron) Nelson of Ankeny, Iowa, and Kathy (Charlie) Hayner of Keokuk; five sisters-in-law: Sandy (Bruce) Marmion of Hamilton, Illinois, Cindy Howell of Keokuk, Susan Howell of Keokuk, Robin (Rick) Kitzman of Donnellson, and Candy (Jim) Dupuy of Kokomo, Indiana; his brother-in-law Brian Howell of Keokuk; his aunt Alice Jean Hartweg of Quincy; and many nieces and nephews, cousins, and great friends.

Steve is preceded in death by his father Carroll Rairden, his mother and father-in-law Carolyn and Kenneth Howell, his brother-in-law Louie Howell, his nephew Jason Russell, and his niece Lindsay Dupuy.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at New Testament Christian Church (The Church on Hilton Road), with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 25, from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 4 to 7 pm at Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to the family for nursing home resident gift basket items.

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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From the Front

# Governor bristles at Trump conviction questions

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held, including Iowa Public Radio, WGEM and KHQA television outlets, and Pen City Current.

Following the 70-minute roundtable, the Governor made a few short remarks about her visit and then brushed by media visibly frustrated after a few questions from Iowa Public Radio about the fetal heart beat law and whether she would call a special session to craft legislation if the law is struck down.

Iowa Public Radio's Zachary Smith pressed the Governor on that issue before she got to comments about the forum. He also pressed her about comments she had made on the Donald Trump court convictions in New York City and asked if she now doesn't trust the U.S. Court system.

"It's a sham. Everybody knows that and I think the people of this country know that. It needs to be equal justice across the board and I think justice should be blind and I don't think that's what we're seeing and I think the majority of Americans would agree," she replied.

On the fetal heartbeat law, she said she wanted to wait to see how the Supreme Court was going to handle the issue.

"We're going to wait and see what we hear from the Supreme Court. I remain optimistic. We called a special session, and in that session, we got more votes than the first session so we're gonna wait and see what happens," the governor said.

Reynolds then moved the brief Q&A with media back to the topic of mental health and substance abuse.

"I would hope that you would cover that because it's important what we're doing in the state. We worked really hard to align the rural health system. There is a tremendous need in the state of Iowa and this agency is working diligently to take a look at the system as it exists today," Reynolds said.

She said the state needs to streamline the system and reduce duplication and overlap, and make sure dollars are getting on the ground and into communities that need the services.

"We had a wonderful conversation and want to make sure we include all the stakeholders so we put in place a system that works for them and meets their needs and that starts with our providers on the ground," she said.

Prior to the forum, the governor toured the ADDS center at 928 Main Street and then moved to a meeting room that was closed to everyone but ADDS staff, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber and staff, State Sen. Jeff Reichman, State Rep. Martin Graber, and Reynolds' staff.

Weber said he was concerned about the consolidation despite the fact that he felt the state had



REYNOLDS

done a good job with consolidation of the Public Health and Human Services division under Garcia.

Weber said he asked Reynolds if she'd found a rural program for mental health services that is successful and the governor said they hadn't and that's what they were

doing here.

Weber has been at the front of trying to bring attention to the needs of those with mental health and substance abuse issues. He held a meeting on Friday with several county officials helping direct the county's portion of opioid settlement funds including Supervisor Tom Schulz who heads up the county's opioid fund committee.

That committee has created an application process of opioid settlement funds that will be rolled out after its approved by Lee County Supervisors.

The Friday meeting focused on a potential pilot program that could potentially be funded with opioid settlement money to provide initial funding to get people needing treatment into a facility outside the area that has a track record of success.

Weber and county officials are considering touring a facility out of the state to explore potential partnerships. He said right now people who need treatment are being turned away because their options are jail or a hospital.

"That's all we have. We're failing these people. MHI was closed down probably 10 years ago and that was a mandatory 30-day stay. Now our options are to run them to Sioux City. That's almost six hours away," he said Friday.

Weber discussed the possibility of being able to use opioid funds to help those struggling with opioid and other substance abuse disorders to get good candidates in conjunction with Lee County Drug Court administrators.

The governor said the work being done across the state is exciting and long overdue, and she was proud of the legislature and Garcia's work on the ground.

"It overwhelmingly passed with bipartisan support and in the divisive environment we work in today, how wonderful is it that legislators and parties can come together and put people first and identify a system that will benefit them," she said.

Reynolds appointed Garcia in 2019 to lead the state's social services agency, but then was asked to serve as interim public health director toward the beginning of the COVID emergency and oversaw the state's handling of the pandemic. She then led the Governor's transition to a single structure consolidation into the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

"Of course the resounding message is we need services here in our community. We know what's

best for our community and give us a chance to do that," Garcia said.

"That's absolutely our intention with this design and change."

In May, Governor Reynolds signed a bill consolidating the state's 32 mental health districts into just seven. Reynolds characterized the previous system as disconnected and the new system, which also includes substance use disorder services, as more efficient.

"It's to make sure we're getting the right dollars out to communities."

Garcia said the roundtable brought to light a very strong relationship that's been built between ADDS providers and local law enforcement, as well as personal stories from people with lived experiences.

"Certainly hearing from people on the ground about the way they're solving complex issues and hearing from individuals with lived experience always brings additional information back to the way we're thinking about bringing dollars out," Garcia said.

"And here, what I heard today is a phenomenal partnership with law enforcement and the work that's done here that we could absolutely replicate across the state. That's our intention and that's why we're here today."

Graber said the big takeaway was that the governor was asking how does the state make it work at a granular level.

"What do we do to make this work at the ground level? That's the big thing. They don't have an agenda or an ulterior motive. They're not trying to build a kingdom, they want to make sure the Department of Health and Human Services works for the people," he said.

"What's exciting is they're looking at Medicaid being able to pay for some of these services and we can use our money elsewhere."

He said the state wants to build a model and they want to know what is working in the field and referenced the good relationship between ADDS and law enforcement.

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OF SUPERVISORS  
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Approve Agenda  
Public Input

Consider Approval of Replacing Vacant Full-time Family Support Specialist Position in Health Department

Consider Approval of Fund Agreement with Iowa DOT for Project No. HSIP-SWAP-CO56(119)-FJ-56 for Pavement Widening on W62 from Hwy 27 to 340th Street

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Appropriations for FY25

Consider Approval of Salary Changes Effective

July 1, 2024

Consider Approval of Resolution Transferring Funds from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads

Consider Approval of Payment of \$1,000 to Crime Commission for IT Security

Consider Approval of Resolution Establishing Capital Reserve Fund for IT

Consider Approval of Wellness Services Agreement with Hy Vee

Consider Approval of Sheriff's Wage Scale for FY2025

Consider Approval of Administrative Union Contract for FY2025

Consider Approval of Funding for Ambulance Consultants

Consent Agenda  
• Tuesday, June 17, 2024 Board Minutes

• Claims for Payment  
• Cigarette Permit Applications for Denmark Jet Stop, Garner One Stop and Wever Junction

Personnel Actions: A. Retroactive Step Increase - Recorder's Office

B. Step Increase - Ambulance (20)

C. New Hire - Attorney's Office

D. Retroactive Step Increase - Sheriffs Office

E. Salary Change - Auditor's Office

F. Reclassification - Health Dept Reports:

A. Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting

Commission or Committee Reports  
Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
PROCEEDINGS  
FORT MADISON  
CITY COUNCIL  
6/18/2024**

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Amandus, Gray, Yager, Rink and Andrews present.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 6/3/2024; Liquor License Renewal: Vinnie's Longbranch; Partial List of Cigarette Permits; Setting public hearing for 5:30 P.M. on 7/2/2024, concerning rezoning a property at 2301 Avenue G from B-2 Business District, General Retail & R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to R-6, Multiple-Family Dwelling District. Claims dated 6/12/2024, May Manual Claims and May Financial Report.

**EXPENDITURES**

General	\$47,276.27
Special Rev.	197,305.21
Road Use	57,002.95
Debt	842,981.25
Capital	217,339.00
Water	45,142.31
Sewer	21,413.26
Sld Waste, IWC	38,408.21
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**REVENUES**

General	\$2,860.90
Special Rev.	935.00
Road Use	200.00
Debt	0.00
Capital	0.00
Water	0.00
Sewer	4,918.37
Sld Wst & IWC	0.00
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	\$8,914.27

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ACCO POOL, ROPE

On motion, Council approved Special Event Permits: Light Up the Sky this 4th of July City Fireworks, the Rodeo Parade and waived the associated fees.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-43, approving changes to the City's Personnel Manual.

On motion, Council entered into Closed Session at 5:59 P.M.

to discuss the potential purchase or sale of real estate, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j). On motion, Council exited Closed Session at 6:18 P.M. On motion, Council authorized the city manager and city attorney to negotiate the purchase of the property discussed in closed session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

AGRINEED, INC - WEST POINT, WEED KILL/PREVENTATIVE ..... 100.00  
AHLERS & COONEY, PC, PROF FEE..... 661.50  
ALTORFER INC., LOADER BEARING/PARTS

..... 1,374.66  
ANDREW MCFALL, CLOTHING ALLOW

..... 128.35  
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTIN, PRE-TREATMENT STUDY

..... 900.00  
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, I TRAFFIC CONES..... 805.13

BLACKBURN MFG CO, LOCATE FLAGS... 398.20  
BLUE TOP EXCAVATING LLC, INSTALL STORM INTAKE..... 10,750.00

BRADLEY BRYANT, CLOTHING/BOOT ALLOW..... 315.59  
BRIAN S GREEN, CLOTHING ALLOW

..... 158.18  
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, SHOPTON ROOF MATERIALS ..... 1,845.23  
COMPANY NURSE LLC, TRIAGE SERVICES

..... 86.00  
CONTRACTOR SOLUTIONS, TRENCH BOX

..... 5,986.49  
CORE & MAIN LP, BALL VALVE ..... 1,758.31  
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL.. 164.00

D&N FENCE CO, REPAIR PICKLEBALL FENCE ..... 6,889.00  
DAILY DEMOCRAT, PUBLICATIONS..... 534.97

DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, ADOPT-A-GARDEN SIGNS.. 231.46  
DONELSON CORPORATION, FILTER CARTRIDGE..... 7,162.23

DOUDS STONE, LLC, BACKFILL..... 8,111.67  
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, TWO-WAY RADIO ..... 1,527.76

EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTI, WEEKLY SAMPLE ..... 710.48  
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, CLOTHING/BOOT ALLOW..... 2,082.80

FORT MADISON TOURISM BUREA, 2023/24 SUBSIDY ..... 22,500.00  
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER @ AIR-

PORT..... 20.39  
GRAINGER TESTING, SUPPLIES ..... 684.59  
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, GARBAGE

..... 33,677.00  
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, TRASH BAGS..... 709.70  
HACH COMPANY, TESTING SUPPLIES.. 1,746.00

HAMPTON EQUIPMENT INC., HOSES..... 698.69  
HELLIGE LAWN CARE, HEADSTONE TRIMMING

..... 6,900.00  
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC, NEW DUMP TRUCK ..... 217,339.00  
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, TREE REMOVAL

..... 5,125.00  
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, PVC TEES ..... 554.77  
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE

..... 2,500.00  
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, FLAG MARKERS ..... 805.78  
HUMBURD AUTO SERVICE, REPLACE 2 TIRES

..... 616.07  
ICONNECTYOU, INTERNET FOR FINGER PRINTS ..... 5.00  
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTORS, MOTOR

..... 3,074.11  
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS... 1,809.00  
KAY PARK, RECREATION BENCH BOARDS

..... 3,412.60  
KLUESNER CONSTRUCTION, INC, SEALING ON STREETS

..... 21,297.16  
LAND & WATER VEGETATION CO, VEGETATION CONTROL .. 915.00  
LISCO, PHONE

..... 1,955.36  
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SWEEPER SHOES ..... 1,324.62  
MASTERCARD, ZOOM

..... 3,043.52  
MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO., PROF FEE

..... 9,391.81  
MCNAY TRUCK LINE, LIME ..... 1,464.57  
MELLEN & ASSOC INC., POSITIONER .... 1,630.94

MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, TAPE/CART/MAGNET ..... 74.09  
MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, SLUDGE

..... 373.05  
AGRINEED, INC, CHEMICAL..... 80.00



## Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

SAMPLE ..... 2,095.50	PARTS ..... 1,432.96	ALLOW ..... 143.06	ROAD USE ..... 41,582.10	CHASE CARD SERVICE, CREDIT CARD FEES ..... 3,605.52	GENERAL ..... 11,180.95
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, GAS MONITOR ..... 1,221.55	OFFICE OF THE STATE, PUBLIC REIMBURSEMENTS ..... 613.50	THACHER TREE CARE, TREE REMOVAL ..... 5,600.00	CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 217,339.00	IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE, SALES TAX & WET TAX - APRIL 24 ..... 15,657.08	SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 135,442.08
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ..... 2,548.46	PATTY STATHEM, ADOPT-A-GARDEN REIMBURSE ..... 78.36	TRUCK REPAIR INC., DEF SENSOR/PUMP ..... 885.09	WATER ..... 29,831.67	LEE COUNTY ENGINEER, PERMIT ..... 50.00	ROAD USE ..... 15,420.85
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, PUMP REPAIR ..... 996.68	QUILL LLC, INK/PENS ..... 148.75	ULINE, OFFICE CHAIR ..... 901.52	WASTEWATER ..... 15,676.61	MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS, MONTHLY FEE ..... 25,125.61	DEBT SERVICE ..... 842,981.25
MOTOR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO, ANTI-FREEZE ..... 15.98	RED LION RENEWABLES, ELECTRIC ..... 6,878.80	UPS, POSTAGE ..... 83.99	SOLID WASTE ..... 36,882.20	MOD - CONVENIENCE STORE, FUEL ..... 58.03	WATER ..... 15,310.64
MOWEN CLEANING SERVICE LLC, JANITORIAL SERVICE ..... 1,311.50	RITTERS INC., MEMORIAL TREE ..... 375.00	USA BLUE BOOK, FIRE HOSE ..... 4,186.58	AIRPORT ..... 10,118.02	UMB BANK, N.A., INTEREST & PRINCIPAL PYMTS ..... 842,981.25	WASTEWATER ..... 5,736.65
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., METER PARTS ..... 302.10	ROBERTS TIRE CENTER CORP, HEAVY MACHINE TIRES ..... 6,329.38	VESSCO INC., RIBBON ..... 100.48	STORM WATER ..... 377.63	WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS PREMIUMS ..... 111,683.89	SOLID WASTE .. 1,526.01
MUSICIANS PRO SHOP, SOUND SYSTEM INSTALL ..... 175.00	SINCLAIR TRACTOR, FILTERS ..... 255.73	WEST CENTRAL FS, INC, FUEL ..... 383.50	MANUALS - MAY 2024	WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE ..... 15,056.63	AIRPORT ..... 3,425.00
NSI SOLUTIONS INC., TESTING SUPPLIES ..... 626.00	SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COL, TRAINING ..... 840.00	WINDSTREAM, PHONE ..... 367.35	ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC ..... 11,142.15	WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 366.52	TOTAL ..... 1,031,023.43
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC., JACK/FILTERS/	STERLING BARNES, BOOT/CLOTHING	GENERAL ..... 36,095.32	ASCENT - AIRPORT FUEL, FUEL FOR RE-SALE ..... 3,267.27	TOTAL ..... 1,031,023.43	
		SPECIAL REVENUE ..... 48,320.11	AT&T MOBILITY, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 1,835.54		
			CENTURY LINK, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 193.94		

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From the Front

# Food is fun until somebody's mouth goes numb

**WINGS** - Continued from Page 1

different thing to the taste buds that pops a little. I like spicy food. My kids told me I've eaten so much black pepper that my flavor profile is screwed up. They could be right. I think it's calibrated just fine.

But Friday night I did something off the cuff that I regretted Saturday.

My brother and his family had just returned from a trip to poutine capital Canada. I've never had poutine, it's very intriguing, but I would imagine it probably takes a couple days off the timetable, if you're picking

up what I'm putting down.

We decided to get together for some food before watching the Indiana Fever win their fourth game in a row. Maybe they're figuring out how to play together now. Seems like it.

Anyway, we went to B-dubs in Burlington, that's Buffalo Wild Wings for all you truncated acronym insufficients out there. I got there a bit early and had a Kona Big Wave waiting for their arrival. I exchanged texts to some friends that had me laughing out loud at the bar. People were look-

ing, but that's okay. I'm just that guy.

My brothers' family showed up about 20 minutes later fresh off I-74 through Peoria, Galesburg, and then down 34 off the off-ramp down Roosevelt to the restaurant. They had with them some fudge they got at a place named after a planet. That's all I'm gonna say about that on an innocent Sunday afternoon. But that right there...is crazy-ass marketing to travelers. It ranks right up there with Buc-ees. It's a damn convenience store, but I gotta stop in at some point.

Back to B-dubs, I ordered

a smashburger, which wasn't bad as far as burgers go, just pickle and mustard, tots, and four boneless wings off the Happy-Hour menu. She asked about sauce and for some reason I said, "What's the hottest you got?"

"Really!?" she said.

"Yeah."

"Blaze."

"Is it really hot?"

"Yeah, if you do the challenge, you have to sign a waiver," she smiled.

"No...No I don't wanna do a challenge, but it's only four wings, right?"

"Yeah, but it's really hot.

The last time I had it, my tongue swelled up," she

added holding her digital order taking thingy. She deadpanned it. No smile, no nothing. Her tongue seriously swelled up.

That scared me.

"Ok, just put the sauce in a cup on the side," I said, feeling the courage dissipate quickly that she thought this middle-aged bearded man had brought to the table.

The cup, which was just your average restaurant 3 oz. black plastic dipping cup, had an orange sticker on that WARNED you about the heat profile, discouraging you from going too heavy.

I took one tot - one tot

and dipped the end in the sauce and plucked the whole thing in. My nephew did the same thing. His face was something I had missed. He smiled, his dad laughed. "It's not bad," he said, then smiled again and looked down. It was bad.

And I know this because I tried to get some of the flavor of the sauce I had irresponsibly tossed in my mouth, but the heat was like I stuck a lit match in my mouth. Any attempt to get some sense of smokiness, or vinegar or something that said this is a nice accompaniment to a few wings or preshaped potato cylinders, was gone instantly as my focus quickly switched to survival.

My brother used a finger to just get a drop of the sauce and sampled it. He started coughing in a matter of seconds and I couldn't stop laughing. By the way, laughing hard with your mouth trying to deal with lava, is a painful experience. I pushed through with two of the wings, just dipping the tip in the sauce. Trying to fight off the pain to taste the damn stuff. But no joy. I went through about seven napkins, wiping sweat and blowing my nose, wiping my eyes. By the time I was done, between the three of us grown men, we had consumed about 1/8th of that 3 oz. cup of Blaze sauce. And the roof of my mouth was completely numb.

Fortunately for all of us it faded away fairly quickly. I didn't need goat milk, or honey or bread or anything like that to deal with it, but I was certainly anxious about how my otherwise stable digestive tract was going to deal with this over the next 12 hours. I threw down some French fries at about 11 p.m. to maybe lessen the stress.

Saturday morning came and went with the black coffee and the easy breakfast. No pepper.

Yeah, I like creativity in food. Mostly I want a high flavor profile, but I'm just not sure my taste buds will recover completely. Sampling is a fun way of food exploring. Be adventure-some. However, I would recommend a little caution if your food comes with a waiver and a warning sticker. But that's Beside the Point.

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