

PEN CITY CURRENT

It's Black & White and Read all over

Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 7 pages | Volume 8 • Issue 156



www.pencitycurrent.com

Slam the scammers



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Al Perales, an investigator with the Iowa Attorney General's office, talks via livestream with seniors at Two Rivers Bank locations across Iowa Wednesday night.

BEWARE: AG says "Iowa Nice" makes state a prime target for those who scam

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Two Rivers Bank brought in an expert from the Iowa Attorney General's office Wednesday night to speak to customers around the state about predominant scams that are underway.

Iowa AG Investigator Al Perales was livestreamed from the bank's Burlington office to about five other cities including Fort Madison. Perales shared heartbreaking stories about Iowans who have been scammed this year, some for more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Perales rolled out about 10 tips to help Iowans safeguard

their savings from predators who are using all kinds of tricks and ploys to get people to send them money, some as unbelievable as talking people into putting cash in boxes to trigger clearinghouse wins that obviously never come. He said people are taking their own lives after being taken advantage of.

The top five scams that are currently being undertaken in Iowa right now are Amazon scams, Romance or "Pig-Butchering", Virus Tech, Google Search Scams, and crypto-Bitcoin scams.

"We don't live in the world of Andy Griffith anymore. We live in a more evil world, unfortunately," Perales said. "There

See SCAM, page 7

REGISTER

OSA's Trick or Treat set for Saturday, Oct. 26

FORT MADISON - The Old Settlers Association is once again inviting community businesses, service organizations, churches, and neighbors and friends who love Halloween, but do not get many trick or treaters in your neighborhood to join in Old Settlers Park for

a free family fun event.

This years Trick or Treat In The Park is set for Saturday, Oct. 26, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Old Settler's Park in Fort Madison. This is a free and safe family-fun event that is handicap accessible without any steps for climbing.

Pre-registration is required to hand out treats and registration is currently underway. Tables must be reserved by Oct. 20, or you'll have to bring your own.

Interested groups can register by

See PARK, page 4

COMMENTARY



Secrecy about shootings is new to Iowa

Thirty-three years ago on a snowy Friday in November, the nightmare of mass school shootings shocked Iowa like it has never been shocked before.

It was 3:40 p.m. A former University of Iowa graduate student with a brilliant scientific mind, and a .38-caliber revolver, walked into a conference room in Van Allen Hall, the home of the university's renowned Department of Physics and Astronomy.

Gang Lu, a native of China, pulled the revolver from his coat and in quick succession fatally shot two professors, Christoph Goertz and Robert Smith, and another Chinese grad student, Linhua Shan, who were seated at the large conference table. A handful of others in the room were spared.

Lu then walked down a flight of stairs to the office of the department chairman, Dwight Nicholson, where he fired a bullet into Nicholson's head, killing him.

Lu left the building and walked a couple of blocks west to Jessup Hall, the main U of I administration building. He went to the office of the associate vice president for academic affairs and mortally wounded T. Anne Cleary. On his way out, he paused to shoot a student clerical worker, Miya Rodolfo-Sierson, leaving her paralyzed.

With police officers closing in, Lu went upstairs to an empty classroom. There, he killed himself with a single bullet.

The gunfire was over — but the questions began.

Gang Lu's cold, methodical plan comes to mind today not just because of the magnitude of the awful events in Iowa City, nor because this crime spree was eight years before the massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado came to symbolize school vio-

See EVANS, page 3

INDEX

Business Directory.....P.6
CLASSIFIEDS.....Ps.5-6
Complete Rental.....P.4
FOR THE RECORD.....P.2
Fort Madison Family YMCA.....P.2
FROM THE FRONT.....Ps.3-4,7
James Healthcare & Associates, Inc.....P.3

Jim Baier, Inc.....P.5
LEE COUNTY NEWS.....P.2
LOCAL NEWS.....Ps.4,7
OBITUARIES.....P.2
• Ronald G. Kemp, 73
OPINION.....P.3
Pen City Current.....Ps.2,4,7

Pilot Grove Savings Bank.....P.2
Pothisakos Dental Group.....P.4
Public Notices.....Ps.5-6
Southeast Iowa
Regional Medical Center.....P.7
SPORTS.....P.4

WEATHER

THU 26 Sep..... Patchy fog then sunny, 78° F/55° F
FRI 27 Sep..... Mostly sunny, 78° F/59° F
SAT 28 Sep..... Mostly sunny, 77° F/57° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/24.....6 9 18 36 38, Lucky Ball: 4
MEGA MILLIONS 09/24.....1 6 10 23 27, Mega Ball: 18 Megaplier: 5
PICK 3 MIDDAY 09/24.....6 6 3
PICK 3 EVENING 09/24.....9 5 2
PICK 4 MIDDAY 09/24.....3 9 8 2
PICK 4 EVENING 09/24.....3 0 5 9

SUBSCRIBE

Scan the code to subscribe today
Paid & Free Options Available!



Obituaries/Lee County News

OBITUARIES

RONALD G. KEMP

Ronald G. Kemp, 73, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:20 PM at his home.

He was born on August 9, 1951 in Ft. Madison to Cleo and Betty Randall Kemp. On December 23, 1988 he married Sharon Langwell Dettmers in Ft. Madison. Ron drove a truck for Churchill Trucking and CCX where he retired from in 2013. He loved being outdoors and working on his property. Ron loved going to yard sales and he was a collector of everything.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Kemp of Ft. Madison; two daughters, Mindy Jones of Ft. Madison and Kari Crawford of Iberia, MO; one stepdaughter, Leslie Dettmers of Burlington; four grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren; one brother, Delbert Kemp of Ft. Madison and his beloved dog and best friend, Chico. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sons in law, Wade Jones and Jimmy Crawford.

The family will meet with friends from 1-3 PM on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Chad Savage officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
09/24/24 - 11:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Victoria Elizabeth Jones, 29, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue O, on warrants for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held in Lee County Jail.

09/24/24 - 1:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3000 block of Avenue J.

09/24/24 - 6:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

09/24/24 - no activity reported.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/24/24 - 9:46 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dillon Lee Watson, 31, of Queen City, Mo., at the S. Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

09/24/24 - 3:19 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Edward Overton, 52, of Burlington at the sheriff's office on a temporary hold. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/24/24 - 9:52 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Eugene Martindale, 60, of Donnellson, at the N. Lee County Courthouse on a judgment hold. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/25/24 - 2:42 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cory Jacob Porter, 30, of Mt. Pleasant, at the N. Lee County Courthouse on warrants for failure to obey a traffic control device, eluding, violation of probation, voluntary absence from custody and driving while barred. He was held in Lee County Jail.

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

#BetterTogether

REFER A FRIEND
and receive
ONE FREE MONTH
added to your membership!

Forms available online at fortmadison.org

Memberships Starting at \$14.50/mth



the Y FORT MADISON FAMILY YMCA
220 26th St. - Ft. Madison, IA
319.372.2403
fortmadison.org

Tired of the same old results from your advertising?

Call Lee Today!
(319)371.4125

PEN CITY CURRENT
It's Black & White and Read all over

Shanks FORE! Food Banks this Saturday at Green Acres

DONNELSON - A great chance to help stock the shelves of food pantries in Fort Madison and Farmington will take place Saturday at Green Acres Golf Course in Donnellson.

A canned food drive, bake sale, and dessert auction to support the pantries will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The food drive is part of the Shanks FORE! Food Banks golf tournament being held at the golf course on the same day.

Attendees are asked to bring food items to donate, and plan to stay and shop at the bake sale or bid on the

auction items. Cash donations for the food pantries will also be accepted.

The event is sponsored by Zion Mennonite Church and the silent auction bidding will close between 11:30 a.m. and noon - 12:00, or about a half hour after the end of the tournament.

The tournament is a 10-hole, 4-person best shot event with all the entry fees going to the food pantry. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch, flighted prizes, and games or challenges on each hole.

To register, or for more information, visit shankhunger.com.



SHANKS FORE!

FOOD BANKS

Golf Tournament to Benefit Our Local Food Pantries

100% OF ENTRY FEE GOES TO FT. MADISON AND FARMINGTON FOOD PANTRIES

10-Hole, 4 Person Best Shot • \$40/Player

Lunch included • Flighted prizes

Games and challenges for every hole

9AM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
AT GREEN ACRES GOLF COURSE DONNELSON

Visit shankhunger.com to register and for more info.

Presented by Zion Mennonite Church, with the support of Green Acres



#HyperLocalSuperFresh

Contact Tracy to Schedule Your COMPLIMENTARY REVIEW

Securities offered through Registered Representatives of Cambridge Investment Research, Inc., a Broker-Dealer member FINRA/SIPC. Advisory services through Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc., a Registered Investment Adviser. Cambridge and Pilot Grove Investment Services are not affiliated. Insurance and investment products are not FDIC insured, are not a bank deposit, are not guaranteed by the bank or any Federal Government Agency and may go down in value.

Pilot Grove Savings Bank
INVESTMENT SERVICES

888-283-2265



LEARN MORE >>>

From the Front

Handling of Perry shooting data not the norm in Iowa

EVANS - Continued from Page 1

lence.

The Iowa City events merit our review because prosecutors and law enforcement officials back then began providing details and analysis that evening of November 1, 1991. In the days to follow, officials allayed fears and snuffed out rumors and suspicions with facts, details and first-hand accounts.

The response back then is markedly different from the way investigators clamped down on information and answers in the wake of the school killings in Perry last January 4. Such shootings are not new in Iowa, but access to authoritative information to help communities understand these tragedies has changed.

Eight months after the Perry tragedy, parents, teachers and taxpayers have been stymied by the unwillingness of officials to provide authoritative information. Community pressure likely forced Dallas County Attorney Jeannine Ritchie to change her mind last week and now say she will release a summary of state investigators' findings and conclusions.

State agents have finished their investigation. But Ritchie said she needs more time to decide whether criminal charges are warranted. She will not say when that will occur or how detailed her summary will be.

We know a Perry student, Dylan Butler, 17, fatally wounded high school principal Dan Marburger and sixth-grader Ahmir Jolliff. He also wounded two other school employees and five other students, but their names have not been confirmed. The horrible events ended when Butler took his own life.

Perry residents still do not know where, when or how Butler obtained the shotgun and pistol he had on January 4. Residents still do not know whether rumors of Butler being bullied by some students are accurate. They still do not know whether his parents were aware he had the guns. Nor does the public know whether Butler was having mental health problems.

By contrast, consider the details made public in the days immediately after the awful afternoon in Iowa City. The morning after the killings, The Daily Iowan,

the student newspaper, filled a 4-page special section with details.

Three days after the shootings, the New York Times reported Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said of Gang Lu, "He had a personal belief that guns were an important means to an individual to redress grievances."

When the first officer found Lu's body in Jessup Hall, White said, Lu was still carrying the .38-caliber revolver used in the killings, as well as a loaded

.22-caliber handgun.

The Times' report included details from County Sheriff Robert Carpenter, who said records showed Lu purchased the 38-caliber revolver at an Iowa City sporting goods store five months before the killings. While Lu legally owned the two guns, he did not have a permit to carry them, Carpenter said.

White said Lu left a three-page letter in which all but one of his victims were named. The letter also included the name of U of I President Hunter Rawlings III, whose office was down

the hall from Cleary's.

Rawlings was out of town that day.

The Times quoted White as portraying Lu as a darkly disturbed man who drove himself to success and destruction. Despite the perception he was an outstanding scholar in space physics, White said there was a sinister edge to Lu's character well before the shootings.

The day after the killings, White told reporters the evidence shows Lu planned to murder faculty members who did not nominate him for an academic prize and

who did not take his side in his appeal to reverse the decision to award the prize to Shan.

"His state of mind was that of a premeditated, cold-blooded murderer," White said.

The Los Angeles Times reported on the final words Lu left before the killings. His comments were in the letter released by police after the shootings.

Lu wrote: "I have finished what I am supposed to do here, which is to make right what was once wrong. So long, my friends, maybe we will meet again in another

time at another place."

The letter helped the people of Iowa City understand what was going through Lu's mind that terrible day. They learned this in the days immediately after the shootings. They did not have to wait eight months for answers.

Randy Evans is executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that promotes openness and transparency in Iowa's state and local governments. He can be reached at DMRev-ans2810@gmail.com.

DIAGNOSED WITH NEUROPATHY?

**GABAPENTIN OR LYRICA NOT WORKING?
TOLD NOTHING COULD BE DONE?**



- PAINFUL HANDS/FEET?
- NUMBNESS & TINGLING
- COLD OR BURNING FEET?
- LOSS OF SENSATION?
- BALANCE PROBLEMS?

DRUGS ONLY MASK THE SYMPTOMS OUR TREATMENTS CORRECT THE CAUSE

Peripheral neuropathy is a condition that affects nearly 20 million Americans. It usually begins in the lower legs, feet, and toes. However, over time it can advance into the hands and fingers. In the past the only treatment available has been oral medications and injections, both of which have provided little or no relief.

We utilize several safe, effective, and natural therapies that have helped people get relief from most, if not all of their symptoms...even diabetics. Our treatment program has a high degree of lasting success as long as nerve damage doesn't reach critical levels. Usually, once nerve damage reaches 85% nothing can be done.

Call NOW to schedule a **FREE NEUROPATHY SEVERITY EXAM** and let one of our doctors determine how much nerve damage you have and if our treatment program will work for you!



JAMES HEALTHCARE & ASSOCIATES INC.

Now Accepting NEW PATIENTS!

Ashley Neuweg, ARNP • Dr. Mack Kohnke, DC
Dr. Jason James, DC

319-524-3339

612 MAIN ST. • KEOKUK, IA 52632 • www.jameshealthcareiowa.com

Sports/From the Front

Lady Hounds fall in four to Fairfield

CONFERENCE: Fort Madison fights back in second set but fades in final two for second conference loss

BY PCC STAFF

FAIRFIELD – The Lady Hounds volleyball team fell to Fairfield 1-3 Tuesday night on the road. The Trojans won the first set 21-25 and then the FM ladies rebounded with a 25-22 hard-fought win. Fort Madison then dropped the next two 15-25, 20-25 for a Southeast Conference loss. The Hounds fall to 1-2 in conference play and 4-14 overall. “The girls fought hard all night, and overcame a large

deficit in game one to win. I continue to be impressed with their ability to try new things without much practice,” said Head Coach Kelly Knustrom. “Alaina Schwerin came up with some big plays for us tonight, especially in the blocking column. Her game continues to improve as her confidence grows. Sydney McEntee found her groove with Mara Smith again tonight and ran some really good offense.” Knustrom said Dayonna Davis, who had 15 kills and 15 digs with two blocks, looked really sharp on the pin. “She is fun to watch when she elevates her game the way she did tonight,” she said. McEntee had eight kills and a block. Smith had 39 assists and was 16-16 serving with a block. Knustrom said Kylie Lumino and Mackenzie Huebner played great defense and continue to look for ways to improve their game and help put their team in positions to succeed. Lumino and Huebner combined for 26 digs and five aces on the night. Alivia Holmes had a strong service night going 19-19 with four aces, while Olivia Buckner and Dacee Marshall both served 100% off the bench. “It’s not the outcome we want, but lots of positive things to build on this week,” Knustrom said. The junior varsity and freshmen fell both 0-2. All three teams play West Hancock on the road Monday.

Fraise’s again to donate food to park Trick or Treat

PARK - Continued from Page 1

calling or texting Sheryl Decker at 319-470-7813 by Oct. 20. Registrants are free to decorate the picnic tables as they wish and should plan on 500 kids of all ages. There is no soliciting allowed at the event and political signs are limited to one small sign. Advertising on the treats or trinkets that are handed out is allowed. No staples please. Sponsors of this years event is the Old Settlers Association in cooperation with the City of Fort Madison Parks Department. Fraise Auction and Real Estate is again the sponsor of the food. UFCW Local 617 will be providing paper serving products and OSA volunteers will be on hand serving meals. Community service credits are available to students who want to help with the event. Registrations packets will be available for participants beginning at 1 p.m. on the day of the event.

Follow Us @pencitycurrent

THANK YOU

We are grateful for the opportunity to care for your family’s oral health & appreciate the trust you put in us to do so.

POTHITAKIS DENTAL GROUP

Ft. Madison West
(319) 372-4882

West Burlington (319) 753-2515	New London (319) 367-2311	Mediapolis (319) 394-3255	Burlington (319) 752-7993
-----------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------

www.DrMarkDDS.com

Subscribe to #PCC today
Free and Paid Options Available.

PEN CITY CURRENT
It's Black & White and Red all over

SICK OF RISING PRICES?! US, TOO!!!

Complete Rental PRICE BEAT GUARANTEE

Show us an advertised price or quote
WE’LL BEAT IT BY 15%

*Not valid with any other discounts

**5636 Avenue O, Fort Madison, IA
(319) 372-8105**

Located right across the road from Jim Baier Ford in Fort Madison

Charles Vandenberg, Editor (319).371.1670 Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com	<h1>PEN CITY CURRENT</h1> <p><small>It's Black & White and Red all over</small></p>	Member LION Publishers www.lionpublishers.com
Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager (319).371.4125 Lee.V@PenCityCurrent.com	<p>Pen City Current, www.PenCityCurrent.com, and Pen e-Saver are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Monday through Friday mornings by 6AM.</p>	
<p>Copyright © 2024 by Pen City Current All published materials are property of Pen City Current and cannot be used without express written permission.</p>	<p>Founded in 2016 P.O. Box 366 Fort Madison, IA</p>	

Classifieds/Public Notices

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
September 5, 2024**

**HELP
WANTED**

WE'RE HIRING

YMCA Test Kitchen Middle School AidYMCA Test Kitchen has an amazing opportunity available for the right person to make a difference in young people's lives. Perfect for retired or substitute teachers or community educators. Hours are Monday through Thursday 3:45pm-6:15pm during the school year. This is directly working with middle school students. A background check is required. For more information and to apply please contact YMCA Test Kitchen directly at 319-250-9052 or stop by 807 Avenue G, Fort Madison, Iowa.

319-250-9052
807 Avenue G
Fort Madison, Iowa
fortmadison.org/ytk



**501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on August 15, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Roslyn Garcia, Dorothy Cackley, Devon Dade, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Steve Andrews was absent. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Fire Chief Gabe Rose and Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Announced that Crenshaw has been appointed as liaison for the Historic Preservation Commission. The Keokuk Community School District extended their gratitude to Bob Weis and the park employees for their efforts in making the Back to School Bash a success.

Additionally, informed of local events.

Motion made by Dade, second by Greenwald to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 15, 2024;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting of August 22, 2024;

- RESOLUTION NO. 116-2024: Approving a Liquor License & Ownership Update for Dollar General #2385, 300 Main Street, Class B Retail Alcohol License – effective September 21, 2024;

- RESOLUTION NO. 117-2024: Approving a Liquor License & Ownership Updates for American Legion, Keokuk Post #41, 727 Main Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective September 28, 2024;

- Re-appointment of Becky Crenshaw to the Historic Preservation Commission, term to expire September 1, 2027;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5425-5427;

Motion made by Garcia, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 118-2024: "A RES-

OLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROQUETTE AMERICA, INC. (7) AYES, (1) ABSTAIN – Crenshaw, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 119-2024: "A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE KEOKUK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A PLANNING FOR PRESERVATION GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Dade to approve pool credit for Nicole Wilcox, 1801

Hilton Road. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Bryant to approve pool credit for Ryan Jones, 1428 Timea Street. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Walker to approve pool credit for Nikki Kite, 813 N. 14th Street. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Bryant to approve pool credit for Megan Jones, 518 N. 5th Street. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS: Crenshaw provided an update on behalf of Personnel Committee regarding the City Administrator search. Green-

wald announced that the Keokuk Cultural and Entertainment District will be hosting the Kilbourne Band Fest. Garcia shared Oakland Cemetery Initiative along with Keokuk Historic Preservation will be conducting a walking tour through the cemetery. Additionally, the Little Red Basket fundraising efforts. Bryant gave a report on the recent safety meeting.

STAFF REPORTS: Carroll updated on S. 18th street progress and Decatur/Blvd. Informed fall Tombstone tune up is cancelled.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

VROOM. VROOM. Get Pre-Approved in Seconds.

**maybe even faster than this car gets to 60, just sayin'!*



www.JimBaier.com
Click here to visit us online now

Public Works

GENERAL OPERATOR

GENERAL PURPOSE

Performs a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled maintenance work, operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City streets, sanitary and storm drainage facilities and systems.

DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:
• Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and
• Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair.
or
• Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Valid State Driver's license
- Class B CDL with the ability to obtain a Class A CDL within one year of hire

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;
- Skill in operation of tools and equipment;
- Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Mark Bousset at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at mbousset@fortmadison-ia.com by 4:30pm on Friday, October 4th, 2024.



LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Lee County is accepting applications for an Engineering Technician to work out of our Fort Madison Office. Duties will include surveying, inspection and testing of materials, computer aided drafting, the ability to become IDOT certified in inspection and other related work duties. The successful candidate will be classified as an Engineering Technician IE, IIE or IIIE depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$26.40 to \$28.51. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$32.01 to \$34.90.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability.

For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov along with a resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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

LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

MECHANIC CLASS II

Lee County is currently accepting applications for a Mechanic Class II to work out of our Central Shop near Donnellson, IA. The successful applicant will perform skilled mechanical work in the maintenance and repair of vehicles, and construction and maintenance equipment and all related mechanical equipment including but not limited to performing diagnostics; electrical repairs; gas welding and cutting; arc and mig welding; and work on hydraulic components. Maintains records of all parts and tools used in repair and assist in inventory of parts and equipment. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements or the ability to obtain Class A within 60 days of hire.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all person regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability. The position pay range is \$24.17 to \$29.51 per hour.

For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to engineer@leecountyiowa.gov along with a resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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

Classifieds/Public Notices

SHOP Classifieds

PLACE YOUR AD ONLINE AT WWW.PENCITYCURRENT.COM OR CALL (319)371.4125

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 2024
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 19, 2024, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Dorothy Cackley, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia was absent. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public

Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Police Chief Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Sewer Manager Michael Clark, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, and Code Enforcement/Housing Official Casey Barnes.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of events around the area.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Adam Johnson, representing Commercial Contracting Services LLC, announced plans to purchase the mall and is seeking assistance regarding information on available grant funding and other resources for future development initiatives.

Motion made by Dade, second by Crenshaw to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of September 5, 2024;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for August 2024;

- RESOLUTION NO. 120-2024: Approving a Liquor License for Main Street Keokuk, Inc. 518 Main Street, Fundraiser being held October 3, 10, 17 & 24th, 2024 @ 528 Main Street, 4:30-9:00 p.m. (pending dram);

- Resignation of Maureen Hutchcroft from the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, effective November 1, 2024;

- Special Event Permit for Erika Barrett on behalf of HPC, KHC, & OCI for Oakland Cemetery Walking Tour, Saturday, October 5, 2024, 11-5 p.m. (pending insurance);

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5428-5430;

- Motion made by Tillman, second by Dade to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 121-2024: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEMO OF STRUCTURES AT 17/19 S. 5TH STREET AND 21 S. 5TH STREET." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 122-2024: "A RESOLUTION REMOVING A SECURITY LIGHT

AND REPLACING WITH A STREET LIGHT ON CHEROKEE LANE." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Motion made by Bryant, second by Walker to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 123-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL CONTRACTING SERVICES TO REPAIR SEWER AT 1007 FRANKLIN STREET." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Motion made by Greenwald, second by Walker to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 124-2024: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF OWNERS CONSENT TO PLAT CERTIFICATE RELATED

TO THE PROPOSED CARBIDE FIRST ADDITION SUBDIVISION PLAT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 125-2024: "A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE HIRING PRACTICES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AS ALLOWED BY IOWA CODE." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- STAFF REPORTS: Hinton gave update on Elkem Site regarding Phase 3.

- Motion made by Dade, second by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALL THINGS PRINTING!

Advertising
Vinyl Banners
Office Supplies
Large Format Printing
Copy & Digital Services
Business Cards & Forms

Graphic Design
T-Shirt Printing
Promotional Products
Faxing & Email Service
Full Service Print Shop
Coffee Mugs & Gift Items

DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY
EST. 1977

621 Ave G • Fort Madison, IA • 319.372.2721 • doddprinting.com

FREE DELIVERY TO FORT MADISON & SURROUNDING AREA

Patrick Profeta
General Manager

Keokuk Auto Credit
We Tote the Note

No Credit Check Low Weekly Payments
www.keokukautocredit.com

1728 Main Keokuk, IA 52632 Office: 319-524-2334 Fax: 319-524-2373

Proud to support the neighborhood

Being a good neighbor means being there for my community. As your local State Farm® agent, I'm ready to help whenever you need me. Give me a call.

State Farm®

Jess Sutcliffe LUTCF®
Agent
2623 Avenue L
Fort Madison, IA 52627-3840

Bus: 319-372-5982
fortmadisoninsurance.com



State Farm
Bloomington, IL

Generations of Great Service

- 24 Hour Service
- FREE Estimates
- Servicing All Makes

YOUR Heat & Air guy

Full Service HVAC Company
Serving Fort Madison, Burlington, and surrounding areas with over 30 Years Experience!

Ft. Madison: 319-372-4328
Burlington: 319-752-4328
All Areas: 877-380-4328

www.YourHeatAndAirGuy.com

General Insects Termites Mice Bed Bugs

Cullen PEST CONTROL

(319) 372-1060

Toll Free 1-888-818-7378
Email: cullenpest@hotmail.com
www.cullenpest.com

Residential Commercial "Cause who needs bugs?"

Your Neighborhood Hardware and Rental Store!

KEMPKER'S

True Value RENTAL

1904 Avenue H Fort Madison | 608 S 9th St Burlington | 1405 E Washington St Mt Pleasant

Visit us online: kempkerstruevalue.com

Auto Detailing . Car Wash . Sign Rental

Turbo Wash

(319) 372-WASH (9274)
Fort Madison

Gift certificates available

Locally owned & operated



From the Front

AG expert says everyone should have credit frozen

SCAM- Continued from Page 1

are people who wake up every single day to lie, cheat, and steal, and they are focused on you.

“We live in a scam culture and people are targeting you. They know where the money is. They know if they can create a situation that seems real, they can get you to act.”

Amazon scams are indicating an email where it looks like you were charged for something you didn't order. Perales said there's usually a number to call and the scammers want you to call and then they try to convince you you're to blame and say there is a fee to correct the situation.

Pig-butchering is a combination of romance and investment scams. Perales said he helped a man from Ottumwa who was scammed through a Facebook friend request. He said it started with conversations around family and hobbies and then brought up cryptocurrency and how to make money. The man started with a small investment, that scammers showed his investment had grown. When he went to get the money, scammers said fees on the money were high, about \$160,000. He got loans and sold property and paid the money and wasn't able to get it back.

Romance scams are simply scammers getting your trust over a promise of a relationship together. Perales, a 20-year veteran of the AG's office, showed a video where an Iowa woman was taken advantage of by a man for more than a year until she called the AG's office and was told she was being scammed.

The virus tech scam creates fear through your computer that you need to act to save your documents with a number to call.

He said people should never click on a link on their computer when someone presents that with a sense of urgency.

He said scams used to be easier to detect and stop and used to be centered around stealing mail or going through garbage. He said that is now coming back and people need to be aware.

“They are magicians, illusionists, but it's nothing but smoke and mirrors,” he said. “But when you go through it, it seems so real.”

Perales gave 10 tips for Iowans to protect themselves.

- No. 1 – If you don't recognize a phone number, do not answer it.
- No. 2 – Never give out personal or financial information.
- No. 3 – Never pay for anything with a gift card if you're not in the store. Charities or governmental agencies will never ask for those.
- No. 4 – Resist pressures to act quickly or secretly.
- No. 5 – Don't rely on caller ID or believe the official names or titles.

- No. 6 – Never ever pay for a prize.
- No. 7 – Deal locally, face-to-face.
- No. 8 – Take time each month to review bank and credit statements.
- No. 9 – Double check, Double check.
- No. 10 – Remember if someone raises your emotions, create a sense of urgency and asks for money in any form, it's a scam.

Perales said all consumers should freeze their credit and have debit and credit cards blocked from overseas spending, until and unless they go overseas.

The average person is on their device 3+ hours per day.

**Reach your customers
wherever they are
with digital ads.**

Call Lee (319)371.4125 or Chuck (319)371.1670

PEN CITY CURRENT
It's Black & White and Red all over



Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport

*Do your part and get to know the candidates.
To that end, we want residents to have the opportunity and
have scheduled three forums, all of which will be held at
the Lee County Advantage Career Center.*

FORUM 1

**Thursday, Sept 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
State Candidates**

Nannette Griffin, Jeff Reichman,
Nicholas Atwood, Martin Graber,
Jim Beres and Matt Rinker



Nannette Griffin



Jeff Reichman



Martin Graber



Jim Beres



Matt Rinker

**Career Advantage Center,
2495 280th St. Montrose, Iowa**

SPONSORS



ARE YOU FOOTBALL SEASON READY?

NECK & SPINE

SHOULDER

ELBOWS

HAND & WRIST

HIPS

FOOT & ANKLE

KNEES

Great River Health Orthopedics wants to make sure you're ready to enjoy a pain-free season of cheering on your favorite team. Our team offers personalized care to tackle your orthopedic needs, so you can get back to living. Specializing in pain management, joint replacements, and sports medicine for all ages, no referral is needed to make an appointment.
Schedule your appointment today.

Great River HEALTH
Right place. Right care. Right here.
greatriverhealth.org/health-services/orthopedics

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center
West Burlington 319-768-4970
Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center
Fort Madison 319-376-1135
Henry County Health Center
Mount Pleasant 319-385-5374