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# Starting over

## City to again own vacant Warden Plaza

By BILL SHEA

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The vacant Warden Plaza in downtown Fort Dodge will soon be owned by the city government once again.

The city will take ownership of the building as the result of a settlement with KDG LLC, of Columbia, Missouri, which was reached Monday evening, according to City Manager David Fierke. The fate of the building was to be the focus of a trial in Webster County District Court, which was scheduled to begin Tuesday morning.

The City Council gave the building at 908 First Ave. S. to the firm in December 2016. The developer proposed renovating the building to create commercial space on the first two floors and about 100 apartments on the upper floors. It was projected to be a \$30 million investment. But nothing ever came of those plans.

Fierke said after the city takes ownership of the building again it will begin contacting other developers who had previously expressed interest in it.

"We can finally start moving forward instead of being stalled," he said during a Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance Meet and Eat session held Tuesday at the Communi-



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ty Orchard. The city was set to go to court Tuesday to ask a district court judge to declare the building abandoned and transfer its ownership to the city.

That was the technique the city used to acquire the property from a previous owner, Coralee LLC, of Oakland, California, in 2016. Fierke said KDG LLC agreed that it would not contest the abandonment proceeding in court. He added that as a result, the city could get ownership of the building in about 60 days.

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## NextGen to host Back to School Bash on Saturday

By KELBY WINGERT

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After a successful community barbecue last month, a new community organization will be hosting another event for kids and families this weekend.

NextGen's Back to School Bash will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oleson Park. The free community event will feature a hot dog lunch while supplies last, as well as music, yard games, door prizes and a foam party. The park's playground and splash pad will also be open.

NextGen is a community organization with about 15 members who work with local at-risk youth in many capacities. It was created in May in response to multiple acts of gun violence that left two 18-year-old men dead. The members came together in search of tangible solutions to help break the cycle of violence and empower the youth of Fort Dodge.

The group's first outreach event was the barbecue on July 8 and Paige Williams, one of the founders of NextGen, said there was an "amazing turnout."

"We handed out about 200 pork loin sandwiches and were fortunate enough to have about 15 volunteers to come out and help," she said. "It was super cool to see the kids start a pick-

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# Counterfeit cash reported in FD

## Majority of fake bills are \$10 denomination

By KELBY WINGERT

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Area residents may want to pay special attention to the cash they receive as change from gas stations, department stores and even the farmers market.

According to Fort Dodge Police Chief Dennis Quinn, there have been 10 confirmed reports of counterfeit bills being found in Fort Dodge over the last 30 days. FD-PD calls for service records show that on Monday alone there were two incidents involving fake money reported.

"The majority of them are \$10," Quinn said. "They say something that varies anywhere from 'motion picture use' to the bill says 'replica.'"

At a quick glance, the bills often look legitimate, but the discrepancies will be obvious upon a closer look, Quinn said.

The FDPD has also been alerted to a few \$100 bills, the chief said. Most of the fakes have been discovered because a cashier or teller used a counterfeit bill detector pen to check the money's authenticity. Offi-



-Photo courtesy of U.S. Secret Service website

**SEVERAL COUNTERFEIT \$10 AND \$100 BILLS** have shown up recently in cash registers and wallets around Fort Dodge. According to the U.S. Secret Service's website, legitimate currency bills have a number of security features. The \$10 bill features a watermark, a clear security ribbon embedded in the paper, color-shifting ink and a paper made of a blend of linen and cotton.

## HOW TO IDENTIFY A COUNTERFEIT BILL

According to the United States Secret Service, which investigates counterfeit currency at the federal level, there are many ways to identify whether a bill is legitimate or fake.

U.S. currency paper has a different weight and texture than run-of-the-mill printer paper — it consists of 25% linen and 75% cotton and contains small red and blue security fibers that are embedded randomly throughout the paper.

Bills produced after 2004, except \$1 and \$2 bills, have a watermark that is visible from either side when held to light and a clear security thread embedded vertically on the paper that is visible when held to light. The security threads are in a different position for each denomination and glows a different color when held to

ultraviolet light.

The \$100 bill also features a blue ribbon with images of bells and "100's" woven into the paper.

The \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills have color-shifting ink that shifts from copper to green as the note is tilted 45 degrees. The \$100 bill also features a color-shifting "bell in the ink-well."

The \$1 and \$2 bills have raised printing. Counterfeit bill detector pens can also help catch fake cash and are available for purchase at stores that sell office supplies or online.

For more information on the Secret Service's role in investigating counterfeit currency, visit <https://www.secretservice.gov/investigation/counterfeit>.

## Classics and chrome to fill Pocahontas Main Street

### Car show set for Saturday

By HAILEY BRUESCHKE

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**POCAHONTAS** — Car enthusiasts, show connoisseurs and families are all invited to attend the 22nd annual Princess City Car Show on Saturday.

This annual show brings in 100-plus cars every year to be displayed. Guests can expect to see a variety of classic, modern, and sports cars.

The annual Princess City Car Show will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on Main Street in Pocahontas.

This is a free event for all. No pre-registration is required to show off your car. Participants are asked to come Saturday and register for free.

"You will see everything from the 1920s classic cars to the 1967-1980s muscle cars, but also the brand-new Mustangs or Corvettes," said the Rev. Frederick Killian, senior pastor of Hope Church of Pocahontas County. "We also get really cool Frankenstein builds where people design their own concept cars."

Killian, who loves classic cars, took over and held his first Princess City Car Show

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# Warden

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The renovation of the Warden Plaza was to be part of a major overhaul of part of First Avenue South which was also to include a parking ramp and a new recreation center. None of those projects advanced.

The eight-story building was developed by Theodore Warden, an Ohio coal mining investor. The original part of the building, constructed in 1914, consists of four stories and a mezzanine. Three more stories were added in 1916. Apartments, including a penthouse with a swimming pool, were added from 1924 to 1926. The building has housed a hotel, stores and apartments before becoming vacant in the late 1990s.

# Cash

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cers have also reported that the paper the bills are printed on feels completely different than that of real U.S. currency.

It's hard for officers and investigators to pinpoint exactly where these counterfeit bills are coming from, Quinn said, because most of the victims have reported that they believe they received it as change from a garage sale or from a gas station, or they have had the fake money for a few days and don't remember specifically where they received it.

Quinn also noted that sellers who do business primarily in cash, like hosts of garage sales or

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— Dennis Quinn  
Fort Dodge police chief

vendors at a farmers market, should pay attention to the cash they're working with because they could also unwittingly give a counterfeit bill as change.

Anyone who receives a counterfeit bill should report it immediately to law enforcement, Quinn said.

"Come down to the police station, turn it in and make out a report," he said.

Official reports make it easier for law enforcement to track trends in counterfeit bill use and can help officers investigate a particular incident. If a victim is able to pinpoint when and where they received the counterfeit, the investigating officer can look into seeing if there's security video that may help identify a suspect and lead to a conviction, Quinn said.

# Community Calendar

**TODAY**

**Stroke Club:** 11 to 11:45 a.m., UnityPoint — Trinity Regional Medical Center board room, enter through door 6, second door to west of the main entrance. Handicapped parking is available. For more information, call Kathy Hanley at 515-574-6924.

**Blenden Memorial Art Museum:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 920 Third Ave. S. Admission is free.

**Noon Lions:** 11:30 a.m., The Lions Den, 731 Exposition Drive.

**Farmer's Market:** 2 to 6:30 p.m., 11 N. 25th St.

**THURSDAY**

**PICA:** 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., meet at southwest corner parking lot of South 25th Street and Fifth Avenue South to continue Fifth Avenue South enhancements.

**Blenden Memorial Art Museum:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 920 Third Ave. S. Admission is free.

**Centel/Frontier Retirees and Auxiliary:** 11:30 a.m., Pizza Ranch, 3311 Fifth Ave. S.

**Noon Sertoma Club:** Noon Thursday, Pizza Ranch, 3311 Fifth Ave. S.

**Emmetsburg Farmer's Market:** 1 to 5 p.m., north side of Palo Alto County Courthouse on 10th Street, Emmetsburg.

**Kossuth County Genealogical Society:** 2 p.m., Algonia Public Library, 210 N. Phillips, Algonia; Jean Kramer, 515-200-9389.

**Al-Anon Family Group:** 5 p.m., 1408 Fifth Ave. S.

**Wright On Toastmasters:** 5:30 p.m., Pizza Ranch, Clarion.

**Bingo:** 6:30 p.m., Opera House, Fort Museum and Frontier Village, 1 Museum Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. Earlybirds start at 6:30 p.m.

For information on AA meetings, go to <https://www.aa-iowa.org>.

To have an event listed in the Community Calendar, send the information at least two weeks in advance to:

**Community Calendar, The Messenger**  
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## Car show

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last year.

"They were looking to hand it off to someone and I was new in town and a car enthusiast, so I decided to take over in hopes of leaving my mark in Pocahontas," he said. "I also thought it was an important event for the community as it brought people from all over to our little town to help support local businesses."

Anyone and everyone is invited to come show off their cars, or just come and appreciate the ones on display while enjoying live music and a fun-filled day with family and friends.

Along with all the beautiful cars on display there will be door prizes and food.

RK Welander will be performing during the car show for guests to listen to as they are walking around Main Street.

The main prize of the car

## If you go

**What:** Princess City Car Show  
**When:** 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
**Where:** Main Street, Pocahontas

show is called the People's Choice Award where registered guests get to vote on their favorite car of the day. Voting ends at 5:30 p.m., and the winner will be announced at the end of the show.

Once the car show ends at 6 p.m., there will be more live entertainment at Odd Fellows, 119 N. Main St., with local artist Lars Hulsebus taking the stage.

"Once the car show ends, it's easy enough to walk to the north side of

Main Street to listen to some great music, walk in the beer garden, grab delicious food, and take the kids on some fun carnival rides," said Killian.

This year the Princess City Car Show has partnered with the Poca-Fest Carnival, which will be happening at the same time on the north end of Main Street.

The Poca-Fest Carnival rides will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and then from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets for the carnival can be pre-purchased at Pocahontas City Hall, 23 W. Elm Ave.; New Impressions, 205 N. Main St.; and Creators, 326 N. Main St.

For more information, check out "Princess City Car Show" on Facebook and watch their promo video about the 22nd annual show.

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## Bash

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up game of football and the amount of families that made it out was wonderful."

NextGen will have some bicycles and bookbags with school supplies that were donated by people in

the community to give out on Saturday, Williams said.

"We are hoping to have an even better turnout and get the kids excited about heading back to school with a final summer event," she said.

## Corrections

The Messenger strives to publish balanced, accurate, responsible and fair information. It is the policy of The Messenger to correct all factual errors and significant omissions. You may contact Editor Bill Shea, ext. 464.

## Iowa Lottery

Tuesday, Aug. 15

**Iowa Pick 3 midday** 7-6-4  
**Iowa Pick 3 evening** 5-1-1  
**Iowa Pick 4 midday** 5-4-3-7  
**Iowa Pick 4 evening** 1-3-9-5w  
**Lucky for Life** 1-21-23-28-30  
Lucky Ball is 7  
**MEGA millions** 18-39-42-57-63  
Mega Ball is 7  
Megaplier is 3

## In brief

### Jail funding vote OK'd by Webster Co. Board of Supervisors a second time

The Webster County Board of Supervisors once again confirmed its decision to call for an election on the proposed issuance of \$45.5 million in general obligation bonds or general obligation capital loan notes for a new county jail facility.

The board passed its initial resolution calling for the bond issue to be added to the Nov. 7 election on July 18. On Tuesday, the board passed a second resolution to ratify and confirm the first resolution.

Webster County Sheriff Luke Fleener is asking the taxpayers of the county for \$45.5 million to build a new facility for the county jail and Sheriff's Office to replace the current aging jail.

Because of the amount of funds that the county would have to borrow to complete this project, it will have to first pass a public general obligation bond referendum, with at least 60 percent of voters casting their ballots in favor.

### Monson to join Sheriff's Office

Fort Dodge Police Department Officer Colton Monson will be joining the Webster County Sheriff's Office as a deputy at the end of the month.

The Webster County Board of Supervisors approved Monson's hiring during its Tuesday meeting. Monson will be hired to fill the new position that was created when the WCSO began its contract to provide full-time law enforcement coverage for the city of Dayton. He is expected to start Aug. 30.



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## Hints from Heloise

**COOKING UP HOT POTATO SALAD**  
Dear Heloise: My fiancée is coming over for dinner, along with her parents, and I've decided to make dinner for them on one of the evenings they are here. I've never met her parents before, but they are traveling almost a thousand miles to meet me. I'd like to make a good impression. My fiancée loved your recipe for Hot Potato Salad, so she suggested I make that alongside the rest of the dinner I'm planning. The only problem is that I don't have the recipe. Would you reprint that for me? The dinner is scheduled for the beginning of September. -- Steven K., Santa Barbara, California

Steven, this has been an all-time favorite in my family for many years, and it's so easy to make! I know your future in-laws will enjoy it, too. Here it is:

2 pounds small white potatoes  
Boiling water  
1/2 cup bacon, diced  
3/4 cup onion, minced  
1 1/2 teaspoons flour  
4 teaspoons sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
1/4 to 1/3 cup vinegar  
1/2 cup water  
2 teaspoons snipped fresh parsley  
1 teaspoon celery seeds  
1/2 cup radishes  
Celery leaves

One hour before serving, cook unpeeled potatoes in a saucepan filled with 1 inch of boiling water. When tender, peel and cut into 1/4-inch slices. (Large potatoes peeled and cut into chunks will do fine.)

In a small skillet, fry the bacon until crisp. Add 1/2 cup of the onion and saute until it's just tender, not browned.

In a separate bowl, mix the flour, sugar, salt and pepper. Stir in the vinegar and 1/2 cup of

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water until smooth. Add to the bacon and stir on simmer until slightly thickened. Pour this dressing over the hot potatoes. Add the remaining onion, parsley, celery seeds and radishes. Serve lightly tossed and garnished with celery leaves.

This recipe can be increased by simply doubling the above ingredients. Or if there is an ingredient you wish to reduce, go ahead -- make it your own.

This recipe is often requested not only because it's easy to make, it's a tasty addition to just about any meal. You can find it in my pamphlet "Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes." To get a copy of this and other family favorites recipes, just go to [www.Heloise.com](http://www.Heloise.com) or send \$5, along with a self-addressed, stamped, long envelope to: Heloise/Favorites, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. -- Heloise

**CANNED GOODS**  
Dear Heloise: Is it OK for me to store my canned goods in the garage? With the double- and triple-digit temperatures we've been having, I'm worried about storing food in my garage. -- Keely M., Portland, Maine

Keely, I know many people feel it's safe to store food in the garage, but it's actually not safe at all.

According to the Department of Agriculture, canned foods should be stored in a cool, dry place away from extremes temperatures. Try to keep all canned foods at a temperature that's at, or below, 70 degrees Fahrenheit -- but not so low that the foods freeze.

I know storage space is often difficult to come by, but maybe try storing things in a bin under a bed or in a closet under a set of stairs -- not in a basement where it's often damp or an attic where it can get too cold or hot. This also applies to storing things under a sink or in an outdoor shed. -- Heloise  
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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