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LOCAL NEWS

## Atlantic City Council voices support for Chamber

Members agree measures are needed for future funding

**ATLANTIC**—All members of the Atlantic City Council voiced support for the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce during its meeting Wednesday night, and agreed they should work with the Atlantic Chamber Board to create measures to prevent issues with future funding from the city to the chamber following the arrest of former Chamber Executive Director Bailey Smith.

Smith was arrested and charged with four felonies related to missing funds. According to court documents,

Smith has been charged with ongoing criminal conduct (a class b felony) – unlawful activity, fraudulent practice first degree, (a class c felony) theft first degree, (a class c felony) and unauthorized use of credit card over \$10,000 (a class c felony). She turned herself in to authorities last week to the Cass County Sheriff on a warrant for the following charges and was booked in at the Cass County Jail with bail set at \$100,000 cash surety. Smith was placed on “administrative leave” on Aug. 29, following an internal review, the Board ended her employment on Sept. 15.

Council member Dana Halder said he was initially upset about having an item on the agenda related to funding for the chamber because he felt chamber officials will

work to correct anything that needs to be corrected.

“I’m a little upset that this is even on our agenda,” Halder said. “We have some fantastic people out there from the chamber and the chamber board, and I know for sure that they will do everything they can to correct whatever was wrong. And for us to even consider pulling support is wrong. The things that they do for Atlantic, and I’m just blown away that this has come up. I’m sorry, but I think we need to give every bit of support we can to the chamber. And I’m not opposed to giving more. That’s just my view. I think they do a fantastic job in promoting Atlantic,

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**Today's Obituaries**

• LaRue Ann (Taylor) Wheelock, 85

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**Weather Forecast**

**Friday** A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 10 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 76. Southwest wind 13 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

**Friday Night** A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

**Saturday** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Light and variable wind becoming west northwest 9 to 14 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 21 mph.

**Saturday Night** Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.

**Sunday** Sunny, with a high near 63.

**Sunday Night** Clear, with a low around 47.

**Monday** Sunny, with a high near 71. Breezy.

**Monday Night** Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

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## Our Town

Celebrating the people and events that make our community great

### Absentee voting for Nov. 4 election started this week

Oct. 20 last day to request absentee ballot

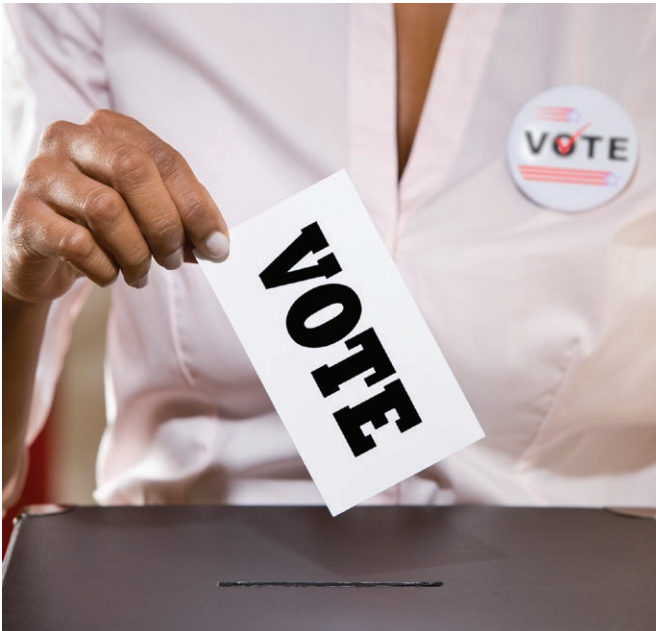
**CASS COUNTY** – Residents who wish to get an absentee ballot by mail or vote in person before Election Day can do so now as absentee voting started on Wednesday, according to information from the Cass County Auditor’s Office.

Those interested in voting by mail need to submit an absentee ballot request form to the auditor by Oct. 20 by 5 p.m. Individuals can get forms at the auditor’s office at the Cass County Courthouse or online at sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/absenteeinfo.html. Ballots need to be returned to the auditor’s office by 8 p.m. on election day.

Residents who would like to vote in person before the election can do so at the auditor’s office from now until Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Oct. 20 and Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 1.

For residents who would like to vote on election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and polling locations are as follows: Atlantic Ward 1- Zion Lutheran Church (811 Oak Street); Atlantic Ward 2-Atlantic Public Library (507 Poplar St); Atlantic Ward 3-Cass County Community Building (805 W 10th St); Atlantic Ward 4-United Church of Christ (1607 Hazel St); Atlantic Ward 5-Heritage House (1200 Brookridge Circle); Bear Grove/Cass/City of Lewis- Lewis Community Center (400 W Main St);Benton/Franklin/Grant/Lincoln/City of Anita/City of Wiota- Anita Community Center (805 Main St); Brighton/Grove/Pymosa/Washington/City of Marne-Cass County Community Center(805 W 10th St. At-



lantic) Noble/Pleasant/City of Griswold-Griswold Community Center (601 2nd St) Union/City of Cumberland-Cumberland Community Center (200 W 2nd St); Edna/Victoria/East Massena Township-Massena Public Library (122 Main St); West Massena Township/City of Massena -CAM Elementary School (207 E 6th St).

The final list of city council and school board candidates for Cass County were announced last month.

In Atlantic, Rob Clausen is running for

Atlantic Mayor. Jim Behrens is running for the second ward seat, Dana Halder is running for the fifth ward seat, and Jeremy Butler is running for the at-large seat.

Eight people are running for three seats on the Anita City Council including Deanna Andrews, Shelli Hogueison, Kim Miller, Eyon Steffensen, Mark Harris, John Knutson, Sara L Sisler and Kevin Littleton.

Three people are

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AREA NEWS

### Exira boil order lifted

Several area cities and rural areas in Shelby, Audubon and Cass County have been experiencing water issues, but things are improving.

The City of Exira had a boil order for streets, including all of North Kilworth Street, Harrison Street from Carthage to Kilworth Street,Church Street from Kilworth to Cottage Street and Washington Street from Jefferson to Edgerton Street, however, Exira City officials posted on their Facebook on Thursday that the boil order had been lifted as of 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday. The boil order was due to an issue with the city’s water main project.

Officials with Regional Water Rural Water

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### DNR investigating hog manure spill in Carroll County

**CARROLL** – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is investigating a hog manure release Monday night into a tributary of Elk Run Creek in Carroll County.

On Tuesday, the DNR Field Office in Atlantic was notified by Eric Baumhover, manager of B&B Custom Pumping, a certified manure applicator business, of a manure spill which occurred in the evening hours of Monday.

Staff from the DNR Field Office in Atlantic responded to the incident. Further investigation revealed that approximately 5,000 gallons of manure was spilled when a hose blew while

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