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FMAAA sets online auction

OPERATION FUNDING: Sheaffer items among hand-picked items for fundraiser

BY BRIAN RIGGS

Fort Madison Area Arts Association

FORT MADISON – Ft. Madison Area Arts Association has launched an on-line auction that will culminate on Dec. 7th at 6 pm.

A committee from the FMAAA Board of Directors has selected 25 items that are currently available for bid on the Fraise Auction website at the following link: <https://fraiseauction.hibid.com/catalog/248845/fort-madison-area-art-association-holiday-auction/>.

The reason for the auction is to garner some much needed general operations funding so that FMAAA may make it to the Expressions Art Auction on April 10th 2021. The lost show that was set for this past April will finalize as long as gathering in numbers is back in action by spring. The committee selected items that will appeal for Christmas gift giving. Also, for those folks that have traditionally backed FMAAA on upcoming Small Business Saturday on November 28th or Giving Tuesday on December 1st, this digital option should get FMAAA over the hump until the next Expressions Art Auction.



This chair from the Sheaffer Theater and this painting are just part of the list of items up for auction to benefit the Fort Madison Area Arts Association.



well as authentic cigar ashtray on the back! Matted and framed prints of some of the Sheaffer Pen illustration collection are on the docket as well.

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\$6 MILLION BOND

Supervisors OK radio project spend

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Supervisors has given a nod to bond approximately \$6 million to move forward with a digital radio overhaul for the county's emergency responders.

Following a public hearing at Tuesday's regular Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors approved issuing the bonds on a unanimous vote.

Board Chairman Ron Fedler said anyone can challenge the decision of the supervisors to spend the money by asking a judge to look at whether the supervisors exceeded their authority.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden said it's his opinion the board has the authority, but

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RECOUNT

2nd District race recount turns up nothing in county

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A recount of every single ballot cast in Lee County for the 2nd Congressional district has validated the Lee County Auditor's postings on election night.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Ottumwa) won the county with 9,145 votes to Rita Hart's (D-Wheatland) 6,969.

The race to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack is the closest race in the country with the separation being under 50 votes as of Nov. 20. Hart's campaign called for a complete recount in each of the district's 24 counties in the southeast quadrant of the state.

Lee County Election Commissioner Nikki Sugars said the recount is the largest recount

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DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY

Chamber set for downtown holiday season events

Submitted article

FORT MADISON — Kick off the holiday season in Fort Madison this weekend with the Parade of Lights, The Enchanted Forest, Black Friday Shopping and Mistletoe on Main. During these great events, we ask that you follow all of the Centers for Disease Control and Lee County Health Department guidelines. Please social distance, wear a mask when social distancing isn't an option and stay home if you're not feeling well.

The Parade of Lights will be held Downtown Fort Madison on Friday, November 27th at 6:30 pm. With over 35 lighted floats, this parade is sure to spark the holiday spirit! The parade will start at 11th Street and Avenue G.

The floats will make their way through the Historic Downtown District and find their way to Riverview Park where they will sit through the end of the year. If you are unable to make it out, we will be live-streaming the parade on the Fort Madison Chamber's Facebook Page.

After the Parade of Lights, stop in to the Enchanted Forest at 927 1/2 Avenue G, directly behind Aldi. Twenty-five local businesses and organizations have worked hard to decorate trees for all to view. Kids will be able to write letters to Santa and



leave them in the special mailbox in the workshop. Santa will be there for kids to visit with him at a distance. Experience the magic of the Enchanted Forest during the following times as

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Sports

Holy Trinity girls open with win over New London

Four players score in double figures in season opener

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

cheerleaders makes a difference. That's noise and it's a huge difference," he said. "It was weird but I thought the girls handled it well."

Senior Bailey Hellweg opened things up with the hot hand hitting a 3-pointer from the left baseline to put HTC up 3-0. She would connect on another, and convert two buckets in transition, one off a steal to help the Crusaders to a 16-7 first quarter lead.

Johnson said when Bailey hit on her first three shots he thought she was in for a big night.

"When girls hit their first couple that's usually a good sign, but I think she got a bit tired in the legs. She played a lot of minutes and I thought she did a good job handling the ball."

Bailey would cool off after the first period

NEW LONDON – It seemed more like a scrimmage than a game.

With a smattering of applause from about 40 people in attendance, the Holy Trinity Crusaders won their season opener 56-44 at New London Tuesday night.

There was a sense of uncertainty in the air. Officials could be heard talking on the floor and coaches could be heard in the huddle, but basketball was being played.

And four Crusaders, led by sophomore Brooke Mueller's 15, scored in double figures for head coach Tony Johnson.

Johnson said the environment was different, but he told the girls it would be like a practice. "Not having fans and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Freshman Mary Kate Bendlage tries to get around New London's Keaura Williams Tuesday night the Crusaders' 56-44 win.

going 0-9 the rest of the game.

The Crusaders were missing junior Kassi Randolph and freshman Natalie Randolph, who

will help bring the ball up the floor.

"Honestly, I've always had a point guard in my pocket. But right now we're doing it by

committee with Raquel (Schneider), Bailey and Maria (Rauenbuehler). That was my biggest concern. But they all did a real good job with the number of minutes they played," Johnson said.

Holy Trinity would extend its lead to 25-7 to open the second period capped by a Mueller bucket inside. But New London would go on a 11-2 run led by Ashlyn McSorley's six points. Sophomore Natalie Burden would hit a 3-ball to cap the first half and bring the Lady Tigers back within 11.

Bendlage would score nine of her 12 points in the third period working the inside against Keaura Williams and moving along the baseline. Bendlage would put a fake on New London's Marah Hartrick and then race in from the left baseline for a layup to give the Crusaders a 31-18 lead.

She would score again on an inbound pass in the lane after New London had cut the lead to nine with 4:59 left in the third.

Rauenbuehler would score off a steal to make it 35-22. HTC would then force another turnover on New London's next possession before

Schneider would slide a nifty baseline pass into a cutting Bendlage who converted inside and was fouled by Williams. She would make the freebie to put HTC up comfortably 40-22 going into the final period.

Then Mueller took over as New London adjusted to quiet Bendlage. Mueller would put in 10 in the final period, eight in the paint and a couple of free throws.

"She's got a good post move and she's going strong to the basket," Johnson said. "She played quite a bit last year as a freshman so this wasn't so overwhelming for her."

New London closed the gap to 10 on a 9-0 run late in the 4th but ran out of time as Mueller scored from the free throw line as time expired for the 56-44 win.

Bendlage would finish with 12 points on the night, followed by Schneider's 11, Hellweg had 10. Rauenbuehler finished with five points include a 3-pointer, Kayla Box had two points and Regan Holvoet added a free throw.

The Crusaders are now off until Tuesday when the travel to WACO for a boys/girls, jayvee/varsity set.

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From the Front

Auction will help cover FMAAA revenue shortfalls

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FMAAA has overcome many obstacles this strange Covid year. The brochures were in circulation in early March when the door abruptly closed for Expressions Art Auction 2020. This event garners the general operations funding for the cultural arts organization.

FMAAA was to receive a down-scaled hotel/motel tax allocation for the next three years in order to prepare for exit from that revenue stream that FMAAA had held for several years. Covid so shattered the future funds from hotel/motel revenue that the city disbanded the tourism commission. Finally, a massive leak that sprang inside the gallery during the year Art-in-Central Park due to 8 inches of rainfall in 2 days in Sept. 2019, kept us filling buckets every time it rained. This has resulted in the "Raise the Roof" campaign, which should be able to successfully conclude at end of November with the matching funds attained to release a grant garnered from Ft. Madison SIRCC that was awarded to FMAAA in early 2020.

The new roof will have a guarantee for 25 years. FMAAA turns 40 as a non-profit organization next year in Ft. Madison. Many interesting items are available for the public to peruse.

Access the auction by clicking the link at www.fmaaa.com or simply go to www.fraiseauction.com and tab the auction category. By clicking on an item a description with dimensions will appear. FMAAA is Always Moving.

Single absentee ballot causes 're-recount'

ELECTION - Continued from Page 1

she's ever been a part of and verified Lee County's initial counts to the last vote.

"It left without question the results of our counts," Sugars said Tuesday after a very long weekend.

The recount started at 9 a.m. on Thursday and the three members of the recount board stayed until 9:30 p.m. daily through Saturday doing precinct recounts.

The board consisted of Anne Pedersen representing the Rita Hart campaign, Tim Coonan, a Des Moines lawyer representing the Miller-Meeks campaign and Shelley Oltmans, of Keokuk as the third board member picked by the other two.

The recount was a machine recount where all ballots cast for the 2nd district race were rerun through the precinct machines and then absentees were done.

The absentee count created a snafu for the recount board when one ballot got placed in the wrong area after a scan and the total counts came out one over.

Sugars said that happened at about 12:30 a.m. Friday night and by 1:30 a.m. the group had decided the whole absentee batch had to be recounted. So the group came back in on Saturday and started all over on the absentees and finished the recount of those ballots at about 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

The recount could have been submitted with the one ballot error in the absentee precinct.

"We got to end of absentees Saturday night and we had one extra ballot count," Sugars said. "I'm like, that can't be. We had this many. And apparently one ballot got moved and run through the machine again so we had to redo it all."

"That was their decision to re-recount it all. They wanted to make sure it was right."

Overall, Sugars said there were only four overvotes in all the ballots cast for the 2nd Congressional District.

An overvote is a ballot that would appear to the machines to have two votes cast in the same race. An undervote is a ballot that appears to have no votes cast.

Recount boards can elect to do either a hand recount of all ballots or a machine count. Sugars said the Lee County

recount board chose to use the machines.

She said the machines give warnings and pull undervotes unless it's completely blank. The machines also give a warning on an overvoted race and tells poll workers they were allowed a set number of votes and had extras.

She said only four overvotes were detected in the 2nd district race and those were identified and showed to the recount board.

"They wanted to see those overvotes. They are looking for voter intent and these ballots were all clearly filled ovals," Sugars said.

Sugars said the only recount she's ever been a part of was the Fort Madison School District referendum bond and that was much smaller ballot count.

"I'm really impressed with how we all got along together. Both parties were very civil, and we actually had some fun," Sugars said. "We had some disagreements at 12:30 a.m. Saturday. trying to figure if we needed to rerun (the absentees) but they came together and made a decision at 1:30 a.m. and we came back on Saturday."

Sugars said it was very stressful three days. Even at the end all the ballots had to be replaced in envelopes carefully so they didn't get wrinkled or folded because they have to be maintained in the event the ballots would need recounted... again.

"It was stressful for all of us. Only staff can run the machines so we were doing that for 36 hours, then you have the observers and a federal seat on the line. The pressure was really on," she said.

"But I'm glad it's over."

Current counts as of Tuesday have Miller-Meeks with a razor-thin 36 vote lead with Scott, Johnson and Clinton county recounts still ongoing. Ten of the other 21 have had new vote tallies, according to Iowa Starting Line, a political news outlet based in Des Moines.

The Iowa Secretary of State's office is set to certify results on Nov. 30.



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Sports

Hawks' start Baldwin era with depth

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELLSON – It's a learning curve for new Central Lee coach Jay Baldwin.

There's also a learning curve for his players.

That's why getting to open the season on Tuesday against Cardinal is so important.

"It's good (to be getting a game)," Baldwin said. "We haven't seen much of them in actual playing situations. We haven't seen this team in action together. And with the new coaching staff, the kids are wondering what we're going to be like in game situations. It's a learning process on both sides."

The Hawks return three starters from last season's team that went 16-8 overall and 10-6 in the SEI Superconference South Division. Central Lee reached the Class 3A regional final before losing to Des Moines Christian.

They've been impressive so far for Baldwin, who was a boys assistant at Holy Trinity for the last four years. He also had a 10-year run as Holy Trinity's girls coach.

"What I've seen so far is the work ethic is outstanding," Baldwin said. "They want to get better and they're working hard to do that."

It's an experienced team — eight of the 11 players on the roster are either juniors or seniors.

"They have a lot of the basics and fundamentals down, and we're reinforcing that," Baldwin said.

"We can teach them, but we don't have to get into the nitty-gritty stuff. They know. We don't have to

go into the minutiae of the stuff we do."

It helps having Mya Merschman back. Merschman, a 6-foot-1 senior forward, was a second-team All-State selection by the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association and the Iowa Girls Coaches Association last season after averaging 25.3 points and 10.7 rebounds.

"She's tall enough to play inside," Baldwin said. "But she can handle the ball, and she can shoot — her range is unlimited."

"All of the great players I've been around, they're ultra-competitive and they're always trying to finish first in every drill. And that's what a good leader does. They don't take drills off. And she never takes a drill off."

Makayla Morrison returns after a strong freshman season. The 5-6 guard was second on the team in scoring, averaging 8.7 points, and she was third on the team in rebounding.

"She's going to be a stud," Baldwin said. "She's a good athlete. She does everything you ask, and she can do everything."

Juniors Macy and Maura Watkins also return. Macy had 13 starts last season and played in 24 games, while Maura played in 16.

"They're really good athletes," Baldwin said.

"They can handle the ball, they can jump, and they like to play defense. Watching them puts a smile on the coaches' faces, when they do what they do defensively."

Senior forward Ella Sanders made 21 starts last

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Califf 1st Team All-State 3A

Poe named 3rd Team; Keokuk's Tackles 2nd team Class 2A

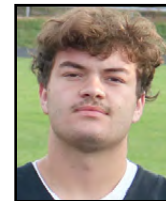
BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison continues to see recognition for the efforts of the burgeoning Bloodhound football program.

On Tuesday, Seniors Brock Califf and Keaton Poe were named to the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association/Iowa Football Coaches Association, All-State squads for Class 3A.



CALIFF



POE

The Bloodhounds finished the year 7-2 after a second round Pod lost to Grinnell in this year's revamped State football playoff system.

Califf is the first Bloodhound to be named 1st team all state in almost two decades. Current assistant coach and offensive coordinator Justin Menke was named to the squad in 2001 as an end.

Califf was named to the 1st team as a return specialist. Poe was named 3rd team all state as a linebacker.

Califf lead the state in 3A with three kick off returns for touchdowns. The senior utility player and defensive back was also fourth in the state in total kick return yards with 441; fifth in the state in punt return yards – 166, and sixth in kick return yards per attempt at 36.1. He also tied the state's highest punt return yardage average of those with 10 or more returns.

Poe had 61.5 tackles in 2020 which was tied for 18th best in Class 3A. He also racked up 37 solo tackles, four sacks and seven tackles for loss.

Other District 5 players to receive mention were Washington senior Trashaun Willis who was named first team at a utility player, and Mt. Pleasant senior Henry Lutovsky 1st team offensive line.

Keokuk's Callum Tackles was named 2nd team all state as a defensive lineman.

Washington sophomore Max Wheaton joined Poe on the 3rd team along with Washington senior Zayne Laws and Mt. Pleasant senior Chase Williamson.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

FRANKLIN D. SECORD

Franklin D. Secord, 82, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:16 a.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at The Kensington. He was born on February 24, 1938 in Topeka, KS to Roland J. & Ruth Genevieve Smith Secord. He married Ruth C. Christensen on August 4, 1959 in Council Bluffs, IA. He worked at Armour Dial in Fort Madison for many years. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and enjoyed camping, fishing, music and his toy trains.



SECORD

Frank is survived by: his wife: Ruth Secord of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Franklin (Dennis McQuen) Secord, Jr. of Chicago, IL; 1-daughter: Julie (Scott) Wyatt of Bozeman, MT; 2-grand-daughters: Jamie (Ben) Brajcich of Boise, ID & Randi Groy of Chicago, IL and 1-great grandson: Brooks Brajcich of Boise, ID. He was preceded in death by his parents & 2-sisters: Donna May & Mary Lou.



Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. No services are planned. Online condolences to Frank's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

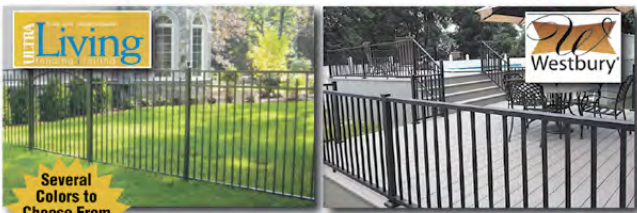
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JACK L. KAY

Jack L. "Pappason" Kay, 77, of Keokuk, passed away on November 21, 2020, at Genesis Health System in Davenport, Iowa.

Jack was born on July 3, 1943, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Henry and Flora (Young) Kay. On May 16, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sandy Ealey in Kahoka, Missouri. They were later divorced. He spent the rest of his life with his life-partner Karen Hampsmire for forty-two years. She survives.



KAY

Jack was employed by the City of Keokuk in sanitation before becoming the foreman of the sewer department. He worked for the city for twenty-nine years before retiring in 2002. Jack was an avid Nascar fan, always cheering for #3 Dale Earnhardt. He enjoyed mowing his lawn, gardening, and planting trees and bushes. In addition to his job at the city, Jack demolished houses and upcycled many of the items he found. Jack was a talented mechanic and worked on his own cars. He also spent time communicating on the CB radio. Jack will be remembered for his stubborn personality, his favorite spot on his porch swing, and his love for his family.

Jack is survived by his life-partner Karen Hampsmire of Keokuk, his son Larry Lee Kay of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; two daughters: Chris Ergle of Muscatine, Iowa, and Pam (Lloyd) McVay of Warsaw, Illinois; his step-daughter Chrissy (Chris) Dunham of Colorado Springs, Colorado; ten grandchildren: Regina, Kendall, Kelsey, Sandra, Devin, Jaci, Michael, Jay, Amiee and Amber; ten great-grandchildren: Neeyla, Kelsi, Rhyana, Lillyona, Julian, Rylee, Tristan, Killian, Greyson and Everett; his

half-brother Doug (Debbie) Kay of Burlington, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Barbara Ann, and six siblings: Marie, Chet, Lawrence, Bill, Henry Jr., and Bob.

Jack's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 2 pm on Friday, November 27, 2020, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation without the family present will be held on Friday from 11 am to 2 pm at the funeral home. Due to Covid-19 mandates, masks must be worn and social distancing must be practiced during the visitation and funeral service. Visitation will be limited to 15 people in the building at a time.

For those unable to attend, Jack's funeral service will be streamed via Facebook Live at the DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Pam McVay.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 11/17/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Rink, Andrews, Lair, and Can-gas present.

This meeting was held with Council and staff present but also electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues

because of COVID-19. Council interviewed 2nd Ward Council Candidates Tom Schulz and Jerry Hamelton. On motion, Council appointed Tom Schulz, to the 2nd Ward Council seat. Council then interviewed 3rd Ward Council Candidates Donna Amandus, Mike Chapman, Jr., and Brian Peterschmidt. A motion to appoint Mike Chapman failed. On motion, Council appointed Donna Amandus, to the 3rd Ward Council seat. Mayor Mohrfeld gave the oaths of office to Schulz and Amandus.

At 7:19 P.M., Mohrfeld


called for a 10-minute recess. At 7:29 P.M., Council reconvened. On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 11/2 and 11/10/2020; Claims dated 11/12/2020, October Manual Claims and October Financial Report; Payroll of 11/6/2020; and Liquor License Renewals for Kinnick South, effective 11/1/2020 and Garner Foods, effective 12/15/2020. Concerning PIP 2020-08, Phase 2, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Storm Water Improve-

ments. Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 7:36 P.M. With no written or oral comments, on motion, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 7:38 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-66, adopting plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for PIP 2020-08, Phase 2, Parking Lot Reconstruction and Storm Water Improvements. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-67, awarding construction contract in the amount of \$493,757.61 to Meller Excavating & Asphalt, Inc., of Fort Madison,

Iowa, and approving contract and bonds of Meller Excavating & Asphalt, Inc. pending receipt of the documents. Concerning the City's Electric Franchise with Interstate Power and Light Company. Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 7:43 P.M. With no written or oral comments, on motion, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 7:44 P.M. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2020-68, adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement regarding use of revenues from the proposed electric franchise fee pursuant to Iowa Code Section

364.2(4)(f). On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance repealing the current electric franchise, granting a new franchise to Interstate Power and Light Company, and imposing a franchise fee. Concerning the City's Gas Franchise with Mid-American Energy. Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 7:48 P.M. With no written or oral comments, on motion, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 7:49 P.M. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2020-69, adopting a Revenue Purpose Statement regarding


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PUBLIC NOTICES

use of revenues from the proposed gas franchise fee pursuant to Iowa Code Section 364.2(4) (f). On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance repealing the current electric franchise, granting a new franchise to MidAmerican Energy Company, and imposing a franchise fee.

On motion, Council approved the second reading of an amendment to Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 7, Stopping, Standing, Parking, Section 6, Parking Prohibited, so as to restrict parking on the south side of Avenue E from 2nd to 24th Street.

On motion, Council approved Change Order #2 for PIP 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community

Health Foundation: Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail. On motion, Council approved Change Order #5, PIP 2018-04, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61 – 2nd to 6th Streets. On motion, Council approved Change Order #2, PIP 2019-05, Amtrak Station Platform Improvements. On motion, Council approved Professional Service Agreement Amendment #1, for PIP 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61 – 6th to 10th Streets.

At 8:35 P.M., the meeting adjourned until December 1, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
 ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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General	\$310,245.90	General \$81,307.31
Special Revenue	179,605.76	Special Rev. 107,456.79
Road Use	8,373.45	Road Use 38,264.07
Debt	87,872.54	Debt 5,075.00
Water	2,128.29	Capital 29,218.29
Sewer	3,100.60	Water 61,120.58
Solid Waste/IWC	2,610.49	Sewer 38,232.67
SW Utility	64.56	Solid Waste/IWC 16,428.86
	\$594,001.59	\$2,198,482.71

PAYROLL	11/06/2020
General	\$176,135.64
Old Fort	3,326.37
Road Use	25,925.85
Tourism	1,126.23
Water	29,862.04
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	\$291,529.21

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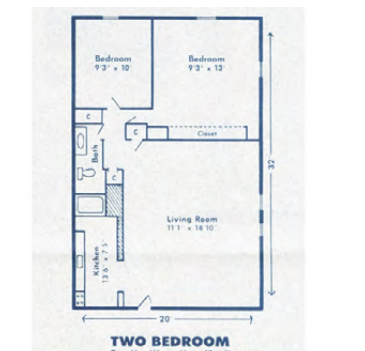
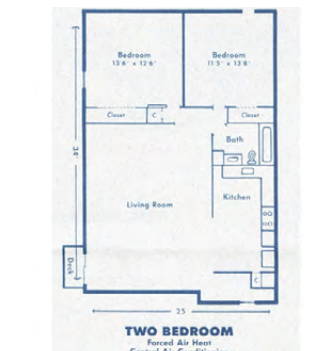
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there is a stipulation that allows for the review.

The spend will result in a 18-24 month transition onto the state's ISICS (Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System) system and will provide guaranteed 95% coverage in the county for all emergency responders.

The County E911 Board contributed \$600,000 to the project from its funds to help keep the levy balance down. County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said there could be additional savings if \$100,000 of the E911 contribution were used to pay interest the first year.

Renstrom said that discussion would have to go back to the E911 board for their consideration. She also said the bonds could be a 10- to 12-year loan.

The contract for service will go to Motorola who's been investigating and preparing proposals for the county in the initial phases of the work.

Chairman Ron Fedler said a financial sheet that was included in the packet indicated the tax rate on the spend would be about .35/\$1,000 of assessed valuation on Lee County property. A \$100,000 home is typically assessed at less than 60% when homestead and other deductions are figured in, so that homeowner would see an increase in taxes of close to \$22 per year to pay for the radios.

Renstrom said the increase will be temporary as other bond issues start falling off the county's debt service in 2023.

Only Chairman Ron Fedler said he had comments questioning the costs associated with the upgrades.

"I'm obligated to tell the board everything and not keep anything back and I did have some business people tell me they were very concerned about their taxes going up," Fedler said.

"They agree we need it, but had issues spending that much money."

Supervisor Matt Pflug said Motorola has done all its diligence on the project and it was time to move forward.

"This was studied very much in depth. Motorola has done a tremendous job," he said. "We can't have law enforcement in this county without radio service and we can't have emergency personnel in this county without radio service."

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said, on average, the radios work about 35% of the time they are keyed.

Fedler initially wanted to put the bonds in front of Lee County voters, but pulled back from that request after meeting with area emergency responders.

"Doing nothing is not an option," he said.

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Experience, bench could make for interesting year

LADY HAWKS - Continued from Page 4

season and was third on the team in scoring.

"She's a vocal leader," Baldwin said. "She's got some (shooting) range, but she might play some down low. We can do different things with her."

Sophomore Mya Lampe will be one of the key players off the bench. She played in six varsity games last season. "She's a really good outside shooter. She can be your zone-buster," Baldwin said.

Kelsie Stewart, a 5-11 junior center, will provide frontcourt depth.

"She's probably our tallest girl," Baldwin said. "She's got a lot of ability, we just have to harness it a little bit."

Senior Lauren Schreck also will add to the frontcourt depth.

"She'll be some help in the post," Baldwin said. "She can play some defense."

Sophomore Bailey Schwartz adds to the backcourt depth.

"She's a very good physical ballplayer," Baldwin said. "She can mix it up."

Alivia Myhre, a junior transfer from Keokuk who averaged 8 points per game last season, is expected to be with the team by January.

"She's going to help a lot," Baldwin said.

Senior Amanda Gilpin also is back.

It's also been a learning experience for Baldwin's two assistants — Taylor Hickey and Tyler Bryant.

"They're young, enthusiastic," Baldwin said. "They've got some great ideas."

Baldwin said he has talked to his team about the unpredictability of the season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I said we might be preparing for one team, and then end up playing another, or maybe not playing for a week or two," he said. "We just have to take everything day by day."

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