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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

A cashier helps two customers during the first day of operations at the Fort Madison Farm & Home store Monday evening at the former Shopko building.

MARINA PCC poll shows 72% support city spend on Marina project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A poll placed on Pen City Current for the past five days showed 70% of those responding support committing city funds to the new Fort Madison marina project.

With 426 responses received in five days, 299 or 72.2% said they support the city spending \$1.5 million to help fund what Mayor Matt Mohrfeld is calling a “5-star marina”. Of the 426, 127 said they didn’t support the use of city funds.

The Fort Madison City Council voted two weeks ago to commit the funding for the project. The \$1.5 million could trigger another \$4.5 million in private investment to get the project rolling and possibly opened by April 1, 2022. Additional phases of work at the marina could raise the cost to close to \$11 million, but the additional work would come in years after the opening.

Other initial funding could come from Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission and other private investors.

The poll also asked respondents to rate on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being low and 5 being high, how important the proposed project is to local economic development. Of 432 responses on that question 39.6% or 171 votes were high or a “5”, and 17.1% or 74 votes were a “1”. Other responses included 21.1% – “4”, 10.9% – “3”, and 11.3% – “2”.

A third question asked responders to rate 1 being none and 5 being high, how likely they were to utilize the new marina.

Of the 432 responses 45.4% or 196 people indicated a “5” while 116 or 26.9% indicated a “1”. Other responses were 11.8% – “4”, 8.6% – “3”, 7.4% – “2”.

The new marina project includes a new extended and raised pier, dredging the marina almost four feet, a new hospitality center including a convenience store and new restroom shower facilities, and 100 brand new dock slips with about 50 covered.

FEMA has agreed to additional funding to

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SUPERVISORS

County board votes to keep masks in public buildings

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Supervisors voted on Monday to continue a mask mandate in public places after a lengthy discussion on the issue.

Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr., said at Monday’s regular Lee County Supervisor’s meeting that he wasn’t anti-mask, but said with vaccinations ramping up and the other mitigation efforts in place, it was worth discussing lifting the mandate because he’d been receiving calls from county residents.

“I’m not in any way anti mask, but I think it’s worth taking another look at. We have measures in place, we have plexiglass up at the counters,” Seyb said.

Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross said her recommendation is to adhere to Centers for Disease Control recommendations which are to



SEYB

wear masks in public places where social distancing isn’t always possible.

Ross said close to 24% of Lee County residents have been fully vaccinated which means both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, plus two weeks. She said state numbers are at about 27% so Lee County is lagging a bit behind the state total.

As of Monday’s report from the LCHD seven new positive tests were reported over the weekend from Friday at 3 p.m. to Monday at 3 p.m. The county’s 14-day positivity rate is 2.5%. The county’s 7-day rate is 3%. The state’s 14-day rate is 4.6%, while the state’s 7-day rate is just behind at 4.5%. Thirty percent of the all the state’s new positive cases over the past seven days are from the age group 18-29.

Lee County Recorder Nancy Booten said there have been very few issues with the mask mandate and said the office can still do work over the phone, via the Internet or through the doors for anyone who doesn’t have a mask.

Supervisor Chairman Matt Pflug, who also serves as a liaison for the Health Department, said things seem to do be going well and he’s heard very few complaints of service while the mask mandate has been in place.

Pflug said the county is still seeing some virus activity and with the new strains being discovered in the state, he would prefer to see the mandate left in place. The move was passed 3-0 with Supervisor Rick Larkin absent. Seyb abstained.

In an unrelated issue, County Engineer Ben Hull asked for authorization to create

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

04/14/21 - 8:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2500 block of Avenue L.
 04/14/21 - 2:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue G.
 04/14/21 - 9:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue A.
 04/14/21 - 10:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Avenue H.
 04/15/21 - 1:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 04/15/21 - 4:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue F.
 04/15/21 - 4:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue L.
 04/15/21 - 5:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Alan Edward Snyder, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue I, on charges of 3rd-degree harassment and unauthorized use of a credit card.
 04/15/21 - 6:02 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to

a report of vandalism in the 3300 block of Avenue L.
 04/16/21 - 6:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue G.
 04/16/21 - 7:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Amanda Kaye Ladd, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 4900 block of Bluff Road, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 04/16/21 - 8:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Lance Edward Meredith, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 24th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken Lee County Jail.
 04/16/21 - 4:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Amber Mary Woodward, 37, at the police station, on a warrant for 5th-degree criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/16/21 - 11:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Erica Kimble Rae, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on a charge of operating without owner's permission and violation of a no contact order.
 04/16/21 - 11:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident.
 04/16/21 - 1:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the

5200 block of River Valley Road.
 04/16/21 - 2:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2100 block of Avenue L.
 04/16/21 - 5:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3200 block of Avenue L.
 04/16/21 - 5:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue H.
 04/17/21 - 11:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of Avenue G.
 04/17/21 - 9:03 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Robert Lee Dunn, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
 04/17/21 - 9:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested James William Higgins, 36, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of 11th Street, on a warrant for 2nd-degree harassment. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 04/17/21 - 12:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Lacey Raye Graves, 39, Burlington, in the 1500 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 04/17/21 - 9:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jeffery Duane Riedl, 65, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue G,

on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/17/21 - 11:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Candi Isabelle Kay Medina, 27, in the 600 block of 2nd Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/18/21 - 5:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Payton Wrage VanPelt Vice, 25, of Keokuk, in the 3100 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/18/21 - 10:40 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sonia Dee Ferraraccio, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue F on a charge of violation of a no contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/18/21 - 11:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Scott Allen Gilman, 53, of Burlington, in the 2300 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred.
 04/18/21 - 1:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Chris Arnold Harmeyer, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue H, on charges of 1st-degree harassment and impersonating a police officer. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/18/21 - 7:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1300 block of 14th Street.

04/18/21 - 9:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue I.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

04/14/21 - 1:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Earl Nelson, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of 290th Avenue on warrants for failure to appear, OWI-2nd offense, driving under suspension, failure to maintain control, failure to wear seatbelts, and having an open container. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 04/14/21 - 9:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daymeon Jayshawn Dometriace Virgil, 20, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of Dewey Avenue and Madison Avenue in Donnellson on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/16/21 - 8:20 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Briana Lynn White, 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released after serving the weekend.
 04/16/21 - 4:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristen Lynn Atterberg, 38, of Keokuk, at

the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of parole. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/17/21 - 12:20 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tiffany Dawn Turpin, 40, of Farmington, in the 1600 block of Green Bay Road, on a warrant for 5th-degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released after paying a fine.
 04/18/21 - 6:31 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Courtney Allen Kellum 37, of Keokuk, in the 3000 block of 270th Avenue, on a judgment hold, and charges of OWI-3rd offense, and driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 04/19/21 - 7:34 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Robert Cloyed, 33, of Fort Madison, on 187th Street at Hwy. 61, on a charge of failure of appear. He was taken Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

04/12/21 - Robert D Harris, age 25, of Hannibal, MO was arrested on a Pike County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Harris was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 04/13/21 - Brenna K Chaknine, age 25, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Chaknine was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 04/13/21 - Marcus L Weirather, age 26, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Resisting a Police Officer. Weirather was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 04/14/21 - Caston W Ritz, age 25, of Disco, IL was arrested on a Henderson County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear for Petition to Revoke on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Ritz was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 04/14/21 - John M Eley, age 63, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Eley was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 04/15/21 - Harley J Alsbrook, age 25, of Burnside, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Alsbrook was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 04/15/21 - Johnathon K Coulter, age 29, of Burnside, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Driving While License Suspended, and Illegal Transportation of Marijuana. Coulter was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
Those listed are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

04/16/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn complaint
 04/17/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one assist, one medical call, one smoke detector, and one burn complaint
 04/18/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical, one accidental pendant push, and one false alarm.

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THELMA L. JEFFERSON

Thelma Lucille Jefferson, 64, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa.



JEFFERSON

Thelma was born on April 22, 1956, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Jesse J. and Twila Lucille (Perkins) Jefferson. Thelma graduated from Keokuk High School in 1975. She was a member of the Salvation Army Church in Keokuk and worked at the Convalescence Center in Keokuk as a nurse's aide. She enjoyed spending her free time camping, driving and walking around town, or sitting on her porch watching the cars go by. Thelma loved watching both the St. Louis Cardinals and the cardinal birds outside her window.

Thelma is survived by her daughter Donna Jefferson of Keokuk; five siblings: Margaret Ann Miller of Texas, David Jefferson of Texas, Linda Meyers of Keokuk, Daniel (Dorothy) Jefferson of Keokuk, and Carolyn Mendenhall of Keokuk; her brother-in-law Robert K. Tripp of Keokuk; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Thelma is preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents, her sister Patricia Tripp, her brothers Robert Jefferson and William Mitchell, a nephew and a niece.

Thelma's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 11 am on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at the Salvation Army in Keokuk, with Major Leanna Tuttle and Captain Linda Faye Jones officiating. Visitation will be held at the Salvation Army from 10 to 11 am on Thursday directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Donna Jefferson.

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GLENNA RAMAKER

Glenna "Audrey" Ramaker, 89, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.



RAMAKER

Audrey was born on November 8, 1931, in Cresco, Iowa, the daughter of Earl H. and Evelyn M. (Woodson) Miller. She was born on her brother Larry's birthday, and she always told him she was the best birthday present he ever received. On December 30, 1950, she was united in marriage to Robert Charles Ramaker in LeRoy, Minnesota. He preceded her in death on October 12, 2014.

Audrey was a member of Evangelical Free Church in Keokuk and was employed at Shaffer Pen for twenty-six years. She had a magnetic personality and a wonderful sense of humor, and loved her family above all else. She never missed her grandchildren's sporting events, and enjoyed hosting family events. Audrey had many hobbies, including all kinds of dancing, shopping, cooking, baking, and after retirement, traveling with her family and friends. She was known for her impeccable sense of style and her crafting abilities. Audrey was very involved in her church and women's group and had a lifelong faith in Christ.

Audrey is survived by her son Gary (Marsha) Ramaker

of Keokuk; four grandchildren: Jason, Drew, Rob and Jamie; eleven great-grandchildren: Bobby, Ben, Reid, Bryce, Dakota, Ethan, Evie Nariyah, Bryant, Gianni and Maliah; her brother Robert (Shirley) Miller of Gillette, Wyoming; her daughter-in-law Deanna Ramaker of Granbury, Texas; her close friends Ruth Davis, Jean Hawkins and Marsha Kavanagh; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Audrey is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Robert; her son Robert C. Ramaker, Jr.; and nine siblings: Larry Miller, Kenneth Miller, Valaria Tate, Eddie Miller, Raymond Miller, Fern Wroe, Lee Miller, Helen Ash and Franklin Miller.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Friday, April 23, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 10 am to 1 pm, with family meeting friends from 11 am to 1 pm directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to Evangelical Free Church in Keokuk.

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

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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Sports



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Fort Madison's Kailyn Guzman slides up to meet Mt. Pleasant's Elly Manning Monday night at the Baxter Sports Complex for a save late in the first half of the Bloodhounds' 3-2 loss to the Panthers. Taylor Crabtree and Claire Pothitakis had Fort Madison's goals in the loss.

Lady Hounds take 3-0 MP to OT

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – It's about building chemistry. Fort Madison's 3-2 overtime loss to Mount Pleasant in Monday's girls soccer match at the Baxter Sports Complex was the third consecutive loss for the Bloodhounds, but the second by one goal.

It's why first-year head coach Carrie Burken told her players they were "this close" to putting things together.

"I'll put it this way — we've had three losses this year, all in the (Southeast) conference," Burken said. "And we had a chance to win every game."

This one was another missed opportunity. The Bloodhounds matched the

Panthers with two first-half goals, then neither team scored again until Anna Ostby's goal with 1:36 left in the first overtime delivered the win for Mount Pleasant.

Fort Madison opened the season with an 8-2 win over Canton. The Bloodhounds lost, 6-2, to Washington in a match in which they twice had leads, then fell 2-1 to Fairfield.

"We are right there," Burken said. "And Mount Pleasant is at the top of our conference, so obviously we can play with the best."

Mount Pleasant's Andrea Lopreato opened the scoring with a goal just 1:06 into the match. Fort Madison tied the match on Taylor Crabtree's goal with 31:20 to play in the half, then Lopreato scored again less than a minute later. The Bloodhounds tied the game on Claire Pothitakis' goal with 5:45 left.

The Bloodhounds had several scoring chances in the second half, but failed to convert.

"It's taken a bit to get this team together," said Burken, noting the mix of Fort Madison and Holy Trinity players. "Just building the chemistry, and fine-tuning some of those passes as we work together, it's right there, it really is."

"I think we're creating so many opportunities on offense, between this game and last game. And it comes with understanding each other's movements, and it comes with understanding the tendencies of other players. Again, it's that chemistry, understanding one another. And we're getting there."

Fort Madison plays host to Burlington on Thursday.

"It's coming together," Burken said. "The good thing is, there's time to get better."

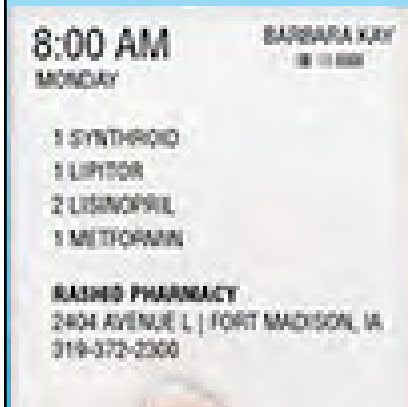
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MARY LU LOPEZ

Mary Lu Lopez, 75, of Mather, California, (formerly of Keokuk) passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021, in Sacramento, California.



LOPEZ

Mary Lu was born on August 22, 1945, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of John and Naomi Mary (Barton) Reibold. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy in Nauvoo, Illinois on June 2, 1963 and then attended Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, in Iowa City, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Henry Lopez on May 10, 1975 in El Paso, Texas.

Mary Lu worked as a registered nurse for many years until her retirement. She was a member of St. John Vianney Church in Rancho Cordova, California for over 25 years. Mary Lu enjoyed painting, gardening and loved dogs.

Mary Lu is survived by one brother: John J. Reinbold, Jr., of Texas.

Mary Lu is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Henry.

A private burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa.

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

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

JANET BAILEY

Janet (Hufford) Bailey, 78, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 10:03 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2021, at her home in Farmington.

She was born on July 6, 1942, the daughter of Donald and Charlotte (Stotts) Hufford.

Survivors include her two daughters: Becky (Michael) White of Palmyra, Missouri and Dixie Darnell of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; four grandchildren: Lacey Jenkins, Bri Darnell, Brian White and Brittany McNeill; five great grandchildren and one brother: Larry Hufford of Missoula, Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Her body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Per Janet's request, there will be no services.

Burial will be at a later date at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

A memorial has been established in her memory and can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa. 52625

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

WALTER L. KUROWSKI JR.

Walter Leo "Rick" Kurowski, Jr., 72, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away Thursday, April 15, 2021, at his home in Bonaparte.

He was born on October 27, 1948, in East St. Louis, Illinois, the son of Walter Sr. and Mary (Kolis) Kurowski. On October 2, 1994, he married Mary A. Lowe in Shiloh, Illinois.



KUROWSKI

Survivors include his wife: Mary; one daughter: Robin (Diane) Morgan of Largo, Florida; one grandson: Jonathon (Lauren) Morgan; cousin whom he was close to: Kevin Kolis and many other cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rick was a United States Army Vietnam veteran. He worked as a union pipe fitter and was a member of the Polish War Vets and the Farmington American Legion. Rick loved his cat "Hobo", hunting, fishing and trivia.

Family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Reverend Robert Yandle officiating. Following his funeral, a video of the service will be posted on his obituary page under his "Tribute Wall" at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

There will be a luncheon following at the Farmington American Legion where full military rites will be presented by the Farmington American Legion Richard - Anthony Post #231.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, April 29, 2021, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family or the Farmington American Legion.

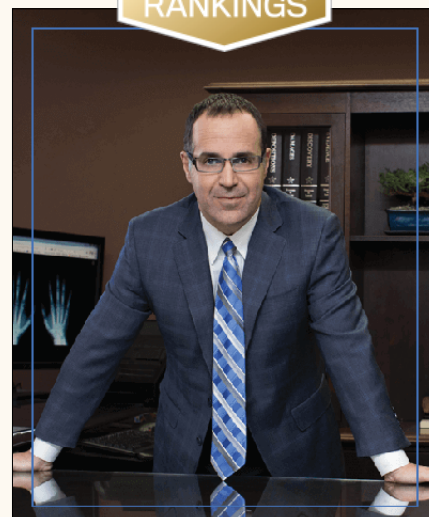
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Iowa News/From the Front

State looking for input on Hwy. 61 project

AMES – The Iowa Department of Transportation is requesting public input on the right-of-way needs for proposed improvements to U.S. 61 from 235th Street, just north of Mediapolis in Des Moines County, to 0.5 mile north of Iowa 78, in Louisa County. The project would reconstruct about 5.13 miles of U.S. 61 to a four-lane divided highway with a new interchange at the Iowa 78/Louisa County Road H-22 intersection. The new diamond interchange would be located just east of the existing U.S. 61 and Iowa 78 intersection. The project is anticipated to take place during the 2024 construction season.

Through traffic will be maintained on the existing U.S. 61 lanes at all times during construction.

An online public meeting is now available to view on the Iowa DOT's Public Involvement webpage: www.iowadot.gov/pim. To view the meeting and related content, click on "U.S. 61 in Des Moines and Louisa County" from the list of public involvement events. The online meeting allows you to watch a pre-recorded presentation with information about the project at your

own pace and at any time. The Iowa DOT is asking interested parties to take a few minutes to view the information and offer any feedback. If you do not have access to the internet, or need assistance viewing the materials, please contact the DOT representative listed below.

For general information regarding the proposed work or online public meeting materials, contact Hector Torres-Cacho, transportation planner, Iowa DOT District 5 Office, 205 E. 227th Street, Fairfield, Iowa 52556, phone 641-472-4171 or 800-766-4368, email hector.torres-cacho@iowadot.us.

Visit the Iowa DOT's project-related public involvement event website at www.iowadot.gov/pim for information about scheduled public meetings and hearings, or to view and offer input on any DOT project using the new "Map Search" feature. Comments and questions regarding the online meeting should be received by May 10, 2021. If you would like to receive future email notifications, or submit a comment or question regarding this project, go to: www.bit.ly/iowadot3737.

County gives Engineer nod to set weight limits

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weight embargos on county roads that are being heavily used as motorists find undesigned detours around Hwy. 2 west of Donnellson.

The state is current replacing two bridges on the stretch of Highway between Donnellson and Farmington and has the roadway closed. Hull said that will probably last through the construction season.

He said the state Dept of Transportation has agree to reimburse the county for dust control measures on the gravel roads being used for the detours, but Hull said he would to have discretion to post 10-ton load limits on roads for extra usage from heavy highway vehicles.

School buses, emergency vehicles, and vehicles hauling home heating fuel, animal feed, and commercial garbage haulers would be exempt from the embargoes.

That motion also passed unanimously.

Marina poll shows support

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help with the deeper dredge of the marina, and some of the proceeds from the dock rentals and the sales at the hospital-ity center would be used to pay for maintenance and future dredging as needed.

The project is a combination of public/private investments with both profit and non-profit organizations involved in a multiple lease arrangement with the city owning the property.



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