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## FM seniors move tassels



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison High School senior Kylee Cashman delivers her commencement speech at Saturday's graduation ceremony in Fort Madison. Below, a graduate's cap is adorned in Hasta Mañana saying, "See Ya Tomorrow".

### COMMENCEMENT: Board President Hope asks students to come back to city to live and work

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With the county, state, and nation in what appears to be the sunset of a global pandemic, 115 Fort Madison High School graduates took their first steps into an unknown future Saturday.

At commencement ceremonies inside the Hound Dome at the Fort Madison High School, Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater called the seniors, adorned in crimson and black gowns and some decorated mortarboards, resilient in the face of adversity.

"You are here today because you are resilient," Slater said.

"Last year we watched the seniors before you have a very different end of the year. And at the start of this year not one single member of this class knew how your senior year would look. And because you are resilient, you earned your place here, and your path ahead."

Slater said the students persevered through online



learning, hybrid learning and some through quarantining and self isolation.

"You, as a member of this class, have shown you are ready for the next step. But your are not done. You are not a finished product."

Senior Madelyn Rashid, co-student body president said the seniors came to the school as one group of freshman and then drifted apart only to come back together as a graduating class.

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## LEE COUNTY AMBULANCE EMS services bill sent to governor

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A bill to make EMS services essential services under Iowa law was passed in the late evening hours Wednesday night, the last day of the 2021 legislative session.

The bill could allow, but doesn't require, Iowa counties to put a ballot measure in front of voters that could generate a levy to help pay for the costs of Lee County's newly acquired EMS Ambulance service.

Lee County is taking over the operations of Lee County Ambulance EMS Inc, effective July 1 of this year.

The bill was on it's way to being passed during the last session, but was pulled from

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### FM SCHOOLS

## Swink leaving FM for AD position at Prairie City-Monroe

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After three years leading the Fort Madison High School athletics, Jeremy Swink has submitted his resignation to take a position as activities director with Prairie City Monroe between Pella and Des Moines.

Swink made the announcement Friday morning and said he wasn't actively looking, but like most industries, firms seek people out.

"I've enjoyed it here in Fort Madison, people have been great and very welcoming. But the PCM opportunity was too good to turn away from, especially, and selfishly, for someone in my current position and stage of life," Swink said.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### NANCY JONES

Nancy Jones, 86, of Pleasanton, Missouri passed away Thursday, May 20, 2021.

Nancy was born on October 19, 1934 in Nauvoo, Illinois. the daughter of Lawrence Morrill and Rose Nicol. She married Harley E. Jones on June 14, 1953.



JONES

Nancy grew up in the Nauvoo area, but raised her family in Portland, Oregon and later Spokane, Washington. Nancy became a nurse later in life and loved her job, giving herself generously to her residents.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Harley; one daughter: Debara (Scott) Hafemann of Savannah, Georgia; two grandsons: John (Tara) Hafemann and Eric (Lindsey) Hafemann; three great-grandchildren: Levi, Jack and Sophia. Also surviving is one sister: Linda Nelson of Nauvoo. Nancy loved their extended family and she adored a bevy of nieces and nephews.

Nancy was preceded in death by her son: Douglas Eugene Jones; her beloved mother: Rosie Nicol; her step-father: George Nicol and two brothers: Sam and Robin Nicol.

A funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Larry Hobby officiating. Burial will follow in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

A visitation with the family will be held from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, May 23rd at Banks & Beals in LaHarpe.

A memorial fund has been established for a charity of the donor's choice. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Nancy's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### CHRISTOPHER M. PHIPPS

IOWA CITY – Christopher Michael Phipps, Sr. was pronounced dead due to natural causes at 7:40 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. Phipps was 54 years old at the time of his death. Prior to being transferred to UIHC, he was an inmate at the Iowa State Penitentiary.

Phipps had been serving a life sentence for the crime of Murder 1st Degree from Polk County. His sentence began on October 7, 2010.

## OBITUARIES

### ELIZABETH J. NEWTON

Elizabeth Joan (Jo) Newton, 94 of rural Niota, IL, passed away at 8:13 a.m. Thursday, May 20, 2021, at the Oak Lane Nursing and Rehab in Stronghurst, IL.

She was born January 1, 1927, in St. Louis, Mo, the daughter of Cyrus and Edna Jack Newbold. On April 20, 1947, she married Frank Newton in Centerville, IA. He preceded her in death on October 31, 1996. Jo and her husband farmed near Colusa, Illinois for many years.



NEWTON

She supported the American Red Cross and was serving as president of the Hancock County Chapter of the Red Cross during the flood of 1993. She was a member of the Appanoose-Faith Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School, assisted with Bible School, and served on the Church board. She served many years on the Pontoosuc Township Election board and as a US census taker.

She and her husband enjoyed many fishing trips to Canada and Minnesota, dancing, and their family. Jo was a staunch Cubs fan and an avid card player who played many hands of Bridge and Pitch.

Surviving are her five children, Dian (Robert) Griffin of Anchorage, AK, Grant (Marty) Newton of King Cove, AK, Greg (Andrea) Newton of Eugene, OR, Sheri Newton Tower of Niota and Mary Beth (David) Grover of Aurora, OR, thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two brothers, William Newbold and Michael Newbold, both of Boone, IA and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother, Mark Newbold and one sister, Patricia Brunow.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2021, at the Appanoose-Faith Presbyterian Church, Niota, IL with Pastor David Poland officiating. Burial will follow in the Myers Cemetery, rural Niota. The family will meet with friends, Sunday from 3:00 until 5:00 pm at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, IL. A memorial fund has been established for the American Red Cross or the Appanoose-Faith Presbyterian Church. To leave a condolence, please visit her obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

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## Obituaries/From the Front

### OBITUARIES

## JOSHUA J. FRAKES

Joshua James Frakes, 36 of Elvaston, IL died Tuesday, May 18, 2021. He was born December 10, 1984 in Keokuk, IA the son of Russell and Karen Mason Frakes.



FRAKES

He had been employed by several local businesses through the years, including Thomas Cardella, Walmart, Henniges and Core 4 Us.

Joshua was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed hunting, fishing and mushroom hunting. It was the time he spent with his family that he treasured most and the memories that were made will live on in their hearts forever.

He is survived by five children, Hannah Frakes and her mother, Ashley Arthur, Emma Frakes, Teri Frakes, Tanner Frakes and Easton Frakes and their mother, Markie Pflug, his parents, Russell and Karen Frakes, one sister, Jeanie Frakes, his fiancé, Melissa Rhodes and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, one uncle, Terry Frakes and two cousins, Anthony Frakes and Barb Masterson.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Larry Wallingford officiating. The service will be live streamed on Joshua's tribute wall on the Vigen Memorial Home webpage.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the family, in care of Russell and Karen Frakes.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## LORETTA D. SCHAFFER

Loretta Dian Schaffer, 72, passed away on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the University of Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born September 16, 1948 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Rudolph and Viona May Cooper. She graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School in Keokuk.

Following graduation she was employed by St. Joseph Hospital where she trained as an X-Ray technician. In later years, she worked for Methode Electronics and for Pinkerton and Wackenhut Security Services.

Loretta is survived by her longtime partner, Kenny Davis one son, Tom Schaffer (Angie) of Colcord, OK, one daughter, Emily Carter (Dave) of Quincy, IL, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother, Rudy Cooper (Debbie) of Keokuk. She is also survived by one aunt, one nephew, two great-nieces and one great-nephew and several cousins.

Loretta loved animals, was a people person and will be greatly missed.

Besides her parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Carole and a brother Don.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time. The family encourages those attending the service to dress casual in honor of Loretta.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com)



# Search to begin for new district AD soon

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PCM is currently 2A in most athletic programs, but that changes from year to year and depending on enrollment and sport. Swink said they are seeing a steady increase in enrollment from year to year.

Swink followed Andy Mitchell as AD at the high school. Mitchell followed Brett Buttjer and both of those individuals moved on to other similar positions within the state. Mitchell is the AD/Assistant Principal with the Atlantic School District. Mitchell was with Fort Madison for five years.

Swink is pursuing a state superintendent certificate and plans on completing that coursework in the fall of 2022. He said a typical AD will serve for to five years before moving on.

"I know the average span of an AD in general is around that four to five year mark. Not necessarily in one district, just as a career, so it's a shrinking business for sure unfortunately," he said.

He said Fort Madison should be able to attract another strong candidate.

"It seems like kind of a revolving door, unfortunately, but I do think every situation was slightly different in their own way, while some of them could be similar. Every school district has their struggles and strengths, and that's no different in Fort Madison," Swink said.

Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said a search will begin very soon and the district has always had strong interest in the position.

"On behalf of the Fort Madison Community School District, we extend our thanks to Jeremy for his work and dedication to our student athletes, their families, coaches and staff. We wish him the best of luck in his new position," Slater said.

The superintendent said it is getting more and more difficult to draw to rural areas of the state, but she's confident a quality candidate will be found.

"Southeast Iowa, not unlike other more rural areas of the state, does experience difficulty in recruiting and retaining at times, especially with employees newer to the education workforce and in some teaching specialty areas where educational candidates see some of the additional benefits of being located closer to more urban areas of the state," she said.

Swink said he's enjoyed his time working with the people in Fort Madison "Absolutely 100%. The people, coaches, and kids have been overwhelmingly supportive. I have enjoyed my time here," he said.

"And to add to that, I think we've really done some great things, turned some programs around, and found some success in multiple areas."

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## 2021 State Track

# Bloodhounds can't make up seconds in Friday session



**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – The Fort Madison contingency didn't qualify for any Saturday finals action at the IHSAA/IGHSAU Co-Ed High School State Track and Field Championships.

But none of them are going home dejected, either.

The day started with Mikey DiPrima and Jakob McGowan in the Class 3A long jump. McGowan jumped in the first flight and cleared 21 feet, his best jump

of the year, but stepped on the orange board for a fault nullifying the jump that would have qualified him for the finals. His best qualifying jump of the day was a 20-0.25" which placed him 9th overall.

The final leap of the preliminaries from eventual champion Ian Collins of Charles City went 22-9.25" knocking McGowan out of the finals.

DiPrima had two jumps of just over 19 feet on this first two attempts in the second flight, but fouled on his last jump which also appeared to



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Dayton Davis rounds turn 3 in Thursday afternoon's 400 meter dash. Davis finished with a 52.10 good enough for 15th in Class 3A.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Reyna Lampe gets over the second hurdle in the shuttle hurdle relay Thursday morning at the IHSAA/IGHSAU Co-Ed High School State Track and Field Championships. At left, Central Lee's Abby Wellman hits turn 4 in the Class 2A 400 hurdles Friday.

clear 21 feet.

"I think it's just a different environment," McGowan said of his first state appearance. "All these different people up here. My first jump I scratched they said was 21-2"

The Hounds then ran in the 4x200 relay. McGowan, who was still waiting to see if he qualified for the finals in the long jump ran the second leg of the relay. The Hounds came in seeded 11th with a district time of 1:31.97, but slowed by a 1.5 seconds for a 1:33.48 giving them the 20th fastest time in Class 3A.

Central Lee's Abby Wellman took to the track in the girls Class 2A 400 hurdles in lane 7. Wellman who was in the middle of the pack down the stretch caught the last hurdle and tumbled, but got up to finish at 1:11.65. The senior suffered the same fate at her district meet, but was still fast enough to qualify for this weekend's meet.

Fort Madison junior Raquel Schneider also ran the 400 hurdles in Class 3A and broke the line at 1:12.41 for the 22nd best time at the meet.

The boys 4x400 team ran in the last event of the morning session and the second to the last race of the session.

Senior Brock Califf ran the first leg and had Fort Madison running first in the heat just edging North Polk's Carson Brinner at the exchange.

The 4x400 was run in the real first bit of sunshine of the day turning things a bit muggy. The Hounds had the lead or a share of the lead going into the final exchange, where North Polk Alleman and Humboldt were able to overtake what was a neck-and-neck race with Andrew Schaefer and Humboldt's Quinton Orr down the stretch. Schaefer had the fastest split for the Hounds with a 51.75.

Junior Dayton Davis took the hand off just as Humboldt and North Polk were extending the exchange and couldn't catch up. North

Polk and Humboldt both qualified for Saturday's finals as North Polk's JD Elefson ran a 49.70 split, the fastest in 3A. The Hounds ended up finishing third in the heat and 12th overall with a 3:30.44.

Califf said the warmer weather helped him to a 51.89 on the first leg.

"You're body is warmer and not cold and tight so you feel faster," Califf said. "It just feels great to see all the hard work pay off finally. We've been at this for four years now and we finally got here. So it's nice."

Senior Garrett Hannum ran the second leg for Fort Madison and said it would have been nice to qualify for the finals, but the Hounds had a great year and running at state was a reward of it's own.

"As far as just being able to get up here and run you know- everybody was just ecstatic. And it's not just the running, you come enjoy the environment and get to hang out with your buddies for a few days. It's just a good time," Hannum said.

The Hounds went into the final event seeded in the top 8. Schaefer said he was happy to see a drier track, but said it didn't really make a difference. Their goal was to just run as hard as they could.

"You're more confident on a dry track, but there really isn't much different. We're used to running the rain and we run practices in the rain so it doesn't effect us much. We just tried to run as hard as we could."

Co-Coach Chad Hannum said running earlier in the day was different for the Hounds, but also attributed the difference to the heightened atmosphere. The Hounds dropped about a second or two from qualifying times in each event over the weekend.

Co-Coach Mike Schneider said the Bloodhounds accomplished what they could.

"We did what we could. The kids ran really well. That was a good time for us in the 4x400, it's just tough up here," Schneider said. Our kids did well."

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# Sports

## BLOODHOUND SOCCER

# Bloodhounds advance with shutout over Chiefs

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – The inevitable was one goal away, so there was no need to delay it, certainly not in the postseason.

Mitchell Pothitakis' second goal of the game 32 seconds into the second half finished Fort Madison's 10-0 win over Keokuk in Thursday's Class 2A Substate 5 quarterfinal at the Baxter Sports Complex.

The Bloodhounds (15-1), the second seed, play host to third seed Clear Creek-Amana in Monday's 6:30 p.m. semifinal.

Fort Madison outscored Keokuk 31-1 in three matches this season, but this wasn't about running up the score. Fort Madison coach Kevin Wellman said it was about getting ready for the next round.

"The longer you're out there, the better the chances that something weird can happen," Wellman said. "And that goes for both teams. Twist your ankle, or some-



thing. Just get it over with."

The Bloodhounds were relentless, and it started early, something Wellman appreciated. They scored four goals in the first 10 minutes.

"We've had some games where it's taken us 10 minutes to wake up," Wellman said. "We didn't do that tonight. So that's good. That's good as we go into tougher and tougher games, and that's what it's going to be as the season goes along."

Will Gager gave the Bloodhounds a 1-0 lead with his

goal at the 3:42 mark. Jacob Pothitakis scored the first of his two goals 83 seconds later, then Mitchell Pothitakis scored on a penalty kick.

Xander Wellman then scored three consecutive goals, the first on a header off a pass from Will Larson. Jacob Pothitakis, Reiburn Turnbull and Austin Miller closed the first-half scoring.

The Chiefs never got a shot against Fort Madison's defense.

Fort Madison, ranked ninth in the state in Class 2A, hasn't lost since a season-opening overtime defeat to top-ranked (Class 1A) Notre Dame.

The postseason road only gets more difficult. Clear Creek-Amana is ranked 13th, and the other side of the bracket features No. 4 Pella and Southeast Conference rival Fairfield.

Kevin Wellman said he's already looked at some video of Clear Creek-Amana.

"I think if we take care of our business, do what we do, we'll be fine," he said.

## Short-handed Lady Hounds lose 1-0 to B-ND

BY PCC SPORTS

BURLINGTON – A short-handed Saturday soccer match gave Burlington Notre Dame a narrow 1-0 win over the "electric eleven" girls Fort Madison soccer team 1-0.

Brandy Walker stepped in as goalie and gave up one goal on 11 saves, including three Nike corner kicks. She shut out Notre Dame in the second half, but Fort Madison couldn't find the goal.

The Hounds played without any subs and Burlington Notre Dame had players absent for the state track meet.

Fort Madison senior Claire Pothitakis had three shots on goal blocked. Camille Kruse also had two shots on goal rejected.

"Brandy Walker played goalie, and did a phenomenal job, only giving up one goal on an excellent shot. The "Electric Eleven" put every last ounce of energy into the game, giving everything they had for their teammate," said Head Coach Carrie Burken.

"This didn't feel like a 1-0 loss, it felt like a win. I'm tremendously proud of the girls tonight, of their willingness to fight and maintain a positive attitude throughout the entire game."

The Lady Hounds take on Davenport North at the Baxter Sports Complex on Tuesday before starting regional action Friday.

## Hillcrest puts cap on Central Lee boys' season

*Moeller has five saves, but Hawks suffer shutout loss*

PCC SPORTS

DONNELLSON – The Central Lee boys soccer season came to end with a Class 1A substate 5 loss to Hillcrest Thursday night, 2-0.

The Hawks got five saves from keeper Blake Moeller, but were shut out on the offensive end.

Hillcrest scored back-to-back goals in the first half finding the net with 8:49 left, then got a quick steal on the next possession and scored just :42 later to set the final.

Central Lee finished the season with a respectable

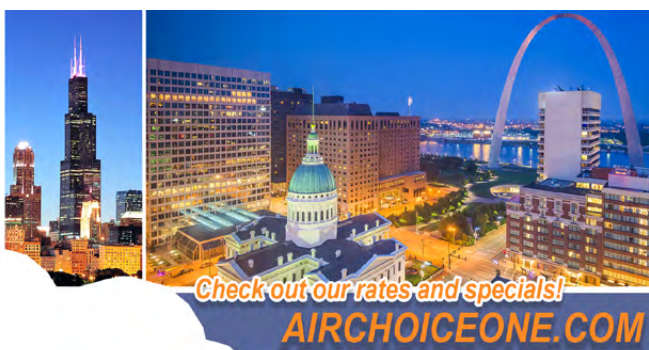
5-7 overall mark and went 3-4 in the Southeast Iowa Superconference.

The Hawks lost to Danville in a tight 4-3 game in the quarterfinals of the SEISC tournament at Burlington Notre Dame Friday. The game was tied at 3 at the end of regulation with the Hawks getting goals from Mason Schau off a free kick, and two from Seth Mayes on assists from Cole Krehbiel.

The final goal with 10:53 left in the 2nd half knotted things up. Neither team would score in the first or second overtime forcing a penalty-kick shoot out

Schau made the first kick for Central Lee, but Danville answered. The Bears would then convert their next two, while the Hawks failed to find the back of the net for a 3-1 lead in the penalty-kick session, and win on the tiebreaker 4-3.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 5/18/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 5/18/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Lair, Schulz, Rink, Cangas and Amandus present either in person or electronically. This meeting was held with some members of Council and staff present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8).

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 5/4/2021; Payroll of 5/7/2021; April Financial Report, Claims dated 5/15/2021; Liquor License Renewals: Casey's #2319, 1428 - 38th Street and Casey's #2023, 1208 Avenue H, effective 7/1/2021; and New 5-Day License: River Rocks Bar & Grill, effective 7/11/2021.

Bob Chesnut gave a report on the Fort Madison Municipal Airport.

Mohrfeld opened the public hearing at 6:31 P.M. concerning the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget

Amendments. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-28, approving the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Amendments.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-29, authorizing fund transfers for Fiscal Year 2020-21. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-30, granting property tax exemption for Myles/Barbara Asay for property located at 1717 Avenue H (general improvement).

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 2 for PIP 2020-08, Phase 2 Parking Lots. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Change Order No. 3, for PIP 2019-05, Amtrak Station Platform Improvements. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointments of Shirley Hoening and Mary Hitchcock to the Fort Madison Housing Authority, terms ending 6/2/2023.

At 7:16 P.M., the meeting adjourned until June 1, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$50,711.22
Special Revenue	89,530.01
Road Use	22,188.33
Debt	183,101.06
Capital	922,434.84
Water	126,394.25
Sewer	34,060.86
Solid Waste/IWC	22,372.42
Storm Water Util.	8,023.50
	<b>\$1,458,816.49</b>

REVENUES 5/15/2021	
General	\$245,902.58
Special Rev.	87,812.22
Road Use	200.01
Debt	45,277.30
Water	473.85
Sewer	1,771.51
Solid Waste/IW	280.03
SW Utility	51.54
	<b>\$381,769.04</b>

### CLAIMS 5/18/2021

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	2,715.83
ALTORFER INC., HOSE/O RINGS/ACCUMULATOR .....	3,619.20
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MISC. COMMODITIES.....	50.35
ANSWER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE .....	198.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS .....	872.98
B&B PROPANE, HEAT .....	540.78
BAKER TILLY, ANNUAL REPORT .....	1,700.00

BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA POTTIE RENTAL .....	490.00
BITUMINOUS MATERIALS & SUPPLIES, HFE - 90 .....	1,487.79
BOULDER INN, TIF REBATE .....	72,865.16
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., DRILL .....	4,479.00
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BOARDS/PLYWOOD/LOCKS..	2,475.48
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE .....	102.00
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE .....	1,967.08
COURTESY DOOR	

SALES & SERVICE, RE-PAIRED BACK DOOR .....	465.00
CULLEN CONSTR. & EXCAVATING, ASBESTOS INSPECTION .....	5,510.00
CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC, WATER COMPUTER.....	6,627.23
DAILY DEMOCRAT, POSTING ORDINANCE/PROCEEDINGS ...	398.12
DANA ZUMDOMME, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....	74.85
DAVE VRADENBURG, NEW ROOF.....	5,000.00
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, LAMINATING POUCHES.....	195.43
DODSON, NORMAN, CERTIFICATION ....	60.00
DOG WASTE DEPOT, DOG WASTE BAGS .....	479.12
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE.....	3,807.41
DREW WEISINGER, CONFERENCE EXP 4/26-5/7 .....	1,320.29
EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS.....	310.35
EMILY MOORE, RE-FUND PAVILION/KUHL FTN FEE.....	450.00
FAREWAY STORES INC, TIF REBATE ....	44,873.61
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU, TRAINING .....	582.00
FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, TRASH REMOVAL .....	866.10
FORT MADISON COMM. HOSPITAL, FD PHYSICALS .....	15,399.00
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, MOURNING BANDS .....	21.94
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, GARBAGE PICKUP .....	19,954.83
HAAS, AUSTIN, MEDICAL CARD FOR CDL .....	123.00
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES .....	485.45
HALL'S EXCAVATING & SEPTIC, BLUFF RD PUMP HSE REPAIR .....	9,610.00
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, TREE REMOVAL - 1713 H.....	1,200.00
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, SUPPLIES .....	217.64
HOTOP FABRICATION REPAIR, JAWS HOLDER .....	32.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - AVE H 6-10....	135,776.43
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, WING NUTS .....	2,953.94
HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRES .....	245.61
ICONNECTYOU, IP ADDRESS .....	5.00
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PANY, INC, FILL SAND .....	946.55
IOWA BRIDGE & CULVERT, AMTRACK PLATFORM.....	568,212.37
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., PERMIT .....	963.30
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS.....	175.22
JIM'S LOCK & SAFE, INC., RELOCK - 732 AVE G.....	527.50
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST 1 - AVE H 6-10.....	186,991.98
KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C, PROF FEE - JETTY IMPROVE .....	37,185.39
LEE CO. BANK, INTEREST RESERVIOR .....	102,094.74
LEE COUNTY I.T. DEPARTMENT, PICTOMETRY PROJECT..	6,469.00
LEE COUNTY RECORDER, RECORDING FEE .....	91.00
LISCO, PHONE .....	2,053.76
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC, WIRE/RUNNER .....	5,956.64
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, SWITCH.....	149.95
MASTERCARD, EXP - PICK UP VEHICLES .....	652.21
MCFARLAN, SOAP/CLEANER.....	22.48
MELLER EXCAVATING & ASPHALT, PAY EST 3 - PARKING LOTS .....	79,806.51
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, BATTERY .....	134.82
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNIFORM.....	281.85
MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT, WING NUT .....	89.93
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., FILTER PAPER .....	50.74
MIDWAY FREIGHTLINER, INC, FLOOR MAT .....	52.33
MM REAL ESTATE, LLC, TIF REBATE ....	46,287.29
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPAIRED LIGHTS ON WALKING BRI .....	91.22
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, COUPLINGS/PIPE .....	279.50
MWCNC, CUSTOM SPACER.....	60.00
NATHAN KOSER, DNR CERTIFICATIONS .....	120.00
NSI SOLUTIONS INC., LAB SUPPLIES ....	544.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS/OIL .....	839.83
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC, UNIFORM..	2,299.00
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROF FEE - PORT III.....	1,531.25
QUARRY CREEK ELK	

AND BISON, SAFTEY BOOTS - H HOREY .....	112.95
QUILL CORPORATION, BLACK TONER ....	240.36
R&J QUALITY DECALING INC., DECALS .....	229.59
RAILROAD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LICENSE FEE .....	284.85
RAILROAD VEGETATION MANAGEMENT, RE-FUND HYDRANT DEPOSIT.....	248.99
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, DEF FUEL .....	180.80
ROBERT BROWN, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....	192.56
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SE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING... ..	45.00
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STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, WATER TESTING .....	860.50
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TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY SLUDGE TEST .....	302.40
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UNITY POINT CLINIC - OCCUP, RANDOM/PRE-EMPLOY DRUG .....	210.00
US AUTOFORCE, TIRES .....	2,342.35
USA BLUE BOOK, GLOVES.....	670.39
VERMEER IOWA, QUICK LOCK.....	38.40
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS .....	6,245.98
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET.....	260.39
WISS & WISS EQUIPMENT, PUMP .....	529.00
ZIMMER & FRANCESCON INC, REPAIR PARTS.....	1,685.80
	1,458,816.49
GENERAL .....	50,711.22
SPECIAL REVENUES .....	272,125.21
ROAD USE.....	22,188.33
CAPITAL PROJECTS .....	922,434.84
WATER.....	126,394.25

WASTEWATER .....	34,060.86
SOLID WASTE .....	22,372.42
AIRPORT.....	505.86
STORM WATER UTILITY .....	8,023.50
TOTAL .....	1,458,816.49

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## From the front

# Law would allow voters to approve tax

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a vote at the last hour and was brought up again this year with heavy pressure from rural Iowa counties who were having trouble with private and public EMS services making ends meet.

Lee County Supervisors Chairman Matt Pflug called the measure “a game changer”. The bill allows for county supervisors to pass a resolution making the service an essential service under Iowa code, but doesn’t require a tax piece.

However, Iowa counties that pass a resolution categorizing EMS services as essential, would be required to form a council to assess the county’s financial needs associated with EMS services, and make a recommendation as to whether or not a levy is required and what that levy would be set at.

The county already has a steering committee overseeing the transition from the private service to the public county-owned service.

Then following public hearings on the issue, the levy would have to be put in front of voters and would need a supermajority approval of 60%.

“It’s a game changer. We’ve gotta make this work and now we can try to levy for it if we have to, but it has to go through a vote,” Pflug said.

“I think people understand the importance of an ambulance service in Lee County. I didn’t get one call from anyone about what we are trying to do.”

Pflug said he heard there was a lot of other things thrown into the bill in the last session and that had something to do with it not being put up for a vote in the Senate.

State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-Montrose) said he had concerns that the bill wouldn’t make it out of the session again.

“With every action there’s a reaction. EMS, Hey you need to make it essential – fantastic. But there were other

things in it,” Reichman said.

“It had the impact of an EMT having the same scope of practice as a nurse. So a nurse takes two or three years to get through school and get a license, and then an EMT with less training could have gone into a hospital, the way it was written, and go to work taking jobs from nurses.”

But he said he was happy that deliberations resulted in the passage of the bill at about 10 p.m. Wednesday night.

State Rep. Joe Mitchell (R-Wayland) said he thought it was the most historical piece of legislation to come out of the session in 2021.

“We finally got it done this year,” Mitchell said.

“Honestly, I don’t think it would have happened if House Republicans hadn’t made that a top priority right down to the end of the session. We did everything we could in our power to make sure that was in there because of how important it is to rural Iowans.”

Mitchell said there is a 15-year sunset on the law and it will have to be brought back up at that point.

Reichman said he hopes rural ambulance services can make it a go without raising taxes, but he’s happy they have this option going forward.

Dennis Cosby, Lee County EMS Ambulance director said any forward movement to support EMS services is good.

“While no one wants to see more tax increase, EMS remains a safety net from everyone. If we can’t fund them we will eventually lose our safety net,” he said.

“It’s a great step in the right direction for Iowa.”

Rep. Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) said this is a nice way to do it in his opinion because it gives the people of the county a voice in whether they want to support a levy for the service.

“They’ve been working on this for decades from what I’m being told and we were finally able to get it done,” Graber said.

# Seniors forged in COVID crisis

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She thanked the pandemic in her speech for teaching the students that nothing is permanent.

“Our comfortable lives can change on a dime and turn the world upside down leaving us with only memories,” Rashid said.

“That’s why we all came together to think outside the box to make the year as memorable as possible.”

She said the senior year didn’t go exactly as planned but they should be proud of making great memories.

“If there is anything you can take away from today, achieving greatness isn’t not what you won or your recognitions, it’s leaving those whom we crossed path with, with a little more happiness and hope,” Rashid said.

Madelyn Swigart, the senior class president said as great as it is to graduate, many will miss the days of the FMHS hallways.

“Most of us were so excited for high school, and even more excited to finish it and get on with our lives,” Swigart said. “Now that we are here however, we wish we could turn back time – to cheer on our football team every Friday night, tping houses on homecoming, and going to school dances,” she said.

Kylee Cashman, co-student body president said the way the senior class worked through the pandemic during their senior year is an indicator of how they will do in the future.

“We walked to this building on our very first day the same way together and we get to walk out the same way together. But before you leave this building for the very last time I encourage you take one last look around. Walk the halls to your neighbor classroom, the band room, or to the football field,” Cashman said.

“Remember it all, the good, the bad, the incomplete. Never forget. Continue to overcome everything.”

Board president Dianne Hope told the students to have an adventure and enjoy life, but encouraged them to come back to live and work.

“Whatever your next life’s decision is, my wish is that you remember the joys of today, the joy of your graduation, and you continue to enjoy throughout your life and your life’s education and work,” Hope said.

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