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## Pickleball may come to Victory

**PARK BOARD:** Panel pushes back on eliminating only public park tennis courts

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The ball is rolling. The Fort Madison Park board held a special meeting Wednesday in Fort Madison Council Chambers to discuss the possibility of moving forward with an organization's plans to fund six pickleball courts in Victory Field. The Fort Madison Pickleball Association, spearheaded by Fort Madison City Councilwoman Donna Amandus submitted plans for the six courts where the current tennis courts are at the park in the center of town. The board's recommendation would go to the Fort Madison City Council for final approval.



AMANDUS

Several members of the Park board pushed back on the plan before – and after – the plan was approved by a 4-2 vote. "I'm feeling like we're getting bowled over a little bit," Park Board member Joshua Leyh said. "I understand you folks are raising money and that's great and it's going to be awesome. But I've been to the high school and it's been locked at times when I go to play tennis. It's not just something that's open to the public all the time. Leyh said the city should get an agreement with Fort Madison and Holy Trinity Catholic high schools for

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### CONSORTIUM

## Alliant joins effort to add EV stations

*Ameren formed 2020 collaboration to beef up electric vehicle charging stations*

ST. LOUIS (Sept. 29, 2021) – Midwest electric vehicle (EV) drivers can now travel even farther with an expanding charging network. In 2020, Ameren announced a first-of-its-kind collaboration among Midwest energy companies that committed in good faith to building a large, collaborative network of EV charging stations. Now the momentum continues, as Alliant Energy signs the Memorandum of Cooperation to further extend the network. "Alliant Energy strives to be a leader in electrification initiatives and embraces innovative opportunities, like this one," said Terry Kouba, president of Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company. "Collaborations such as these enhance our purpose-driven strategy to serve customers and build stronger communities. Between our electric vehicle goal to have 100 percent of our active light-duty fleet vehicles electric by 2030 and now with our participation in the Midwest EV Charging Corridor Coalition, it's just one more way we are driving toward a more sustainable future that benefits everyone."

Today's announcement comes during the 11th annual National Drive Electric Week. A week that celebrates and draws attention to the pivotal role EVs and EV infrastructure have in creating a cleaner transportation future. "It's no coincidence that today's announcement comes during National Drive Electric Week," said David de Leon, president of Alliant Energy's Wisconsin energy company. "We understand the critical need for more charging stations available at convenient locations. By signing on to this collaboration, we can help increase the EV infrastructure necessary to assure customers that they will be able to charge up no matter where they are driving. In the long-run our customers and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Dr. Ali Bassler will be joining Family Dentistry in Dr. Mark Pothitakis' West Fort Madison office starting Oct. 18. She will spend two days in the Fort Madison location and two days in the practice's Burlington office.

### NEW DENTIST

## Bassler joins Pothitakis' Family Dentistry group

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – For Ali Bassler, what started with an intrigue in dentistry at a young age, has turned into a profession in adulthood. Dr. Bassler joins Dr. Mark Pothitakis at Pothitakis Family Dentistry's Fort Madison

and Burlington offices starting on Oct. 18. She also joins Drs. David Courtney, Jonathan Dingeldein, Barbara Gipple, and Ronald Stein as dentists in the practice's six locations. Pothitakis has offices in Burlington, New London, Mediapolis, West Burlington and two locations in Fort Madison. A new office is planned to open soon in New London.

"I always knew I wanted to go into dentistry. I had some really good experiences as a kid with my local dentist," she said. Her mother worked for a dentist where she grew up, so she would spend time in the office after school or during the summers and would see all the models and

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### KATHERINE B. MCGLASSON

Katherine Bernice McGlasson, 66, of Keokuk, died Monday, September 27, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

She was born on December 3, 1954 in Missouri, the daughter of William Earl and Dorothy Mae Brownlee Conover.

On July 5, 1974, Katherine was united in marriage to Carl McGlasson. He survives.

She is also survived by four daughters, Mary Mae McGlasson of Keokuk, Kathy Burrus of Burlington, IA, Virginia McGlasson of Arkansas and Tiffany McGlasson of Keokuk, three sons, Carl McGlasson, Jr. (Jessica) of Argyle, Danny McGlasson (Emilea) of Keokuk and Steven McGlasson of Ft. Madison, thirteen grandchildren, two brothers, Don Conover (Barb) of Burlington and Mike "Bill" Conover (Lori) of Hamilton, one sister, Judy Miller (Lyle) of Keokuk, two sisters-in-law, Janet Conover of Kahoka, MO and Peggy Conover of Alexandria, MO and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Earl "Deanie" Conover, Everett Conover, Robert "Rocky" Conover and Joseph Conover, three sisters, Debbie Jamison, Beverly Conover and Donna Jean Conover.

Katherine enjoyed playing Yahtzee and was an avid Elvis Presley fan. She was an amazing cook and made wonderful meals and baked goods for her family to enjoy. Her family was her life. She was a dedicated wife and mother and devoted herself to caring for her husband and children, making their house a home filled with love. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she greatly enjoyed spending time with them.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 2 pm - 4 pm Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

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



MCGLASSON

## OBITUARIES

### DONALD PIEPER

Donald Pieper, 68, of Lexington Square in Keokuk, formerly of Houghton, Iowa, passed away at 8:44 a.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Blessing Health in Keokuk, Iowa.



PIEPER

He was born on May 30, 1953, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of James and Renelda (Holtkamp) Pieper.

He is survived by his mother: Renelda of the Kensington, Fort Madison, Iowa; four brothers: David Pieper (his twin) of Donnellson, Iowa, Ken (Donna) Pieper of Donnellson, Iowa, Frank (Rhonda) Pieper of Donnellson, Iowa, Jay (Rhonda) Pieper of Ely, Iowa; two sisters: Elaine (Mark) Hammer of Baxter, Iowa and Rita (Alan) Beers of Ainsworth, Iowa. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father: Jim; sister-in-law: Rosalie and nephew: Matthew.

Don was graduate of Fort Madison Community High School. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society.

Friends may call from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 1, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery, Houghton, Iowa

A memorial has been established in his memory for St. John's Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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## Two million electrical vehicles on roads

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the communities we serve all benefit from a cleaner energy future."

As of this month, there are two million EVs on U.S. roads. This number is expected to increase to 18.7 million by 2030. To meet the demand, an estimated 9.6 million public EV charging stations will be needed, but only about 100,000 stations are in service today. With an expanded charging network, EV drivers will be able to travel from Wisconsin to Texas, and many routes in between, with plenty of locations to recharge along

the way.

"A key to increasing adoption of electric vehicles is to give motorists confidence that convenient charging stations will be available for travel throughout the Midwest," said Richard Mark, chairman and president of Ameren Illinois. "Adding Alliant Energy to our coalition demonstrates that energy companies are united in our efforts to help prepare our customers for the transition to a cleaner and greener future."

"Just as we are transitioning to more clean energy to reduce carbon emissions, electric vehicles will be an important way for individuals and businesses to reduce their own impact on the

environment," said Marty Lyons, chairman and president of Ameren Missouri. "We welcome Alliant Energy, as they join Ameren and other energy companies in making it easier to drive EVs throughout the Midwest by enabling convenient access to charging."

Alliant Energy joins Ameren Missouri and Ameren Illinois, as well as eight other utilities, to help EV drivers travel the Midwest with confidence. Other participants include Consumers Energy, DTE Energy, Duke-Indiana, Evergy, Liberty Utilities, MidAmerican Energy, Midwest Energy, and Oklahoma Gas and Electric. Together, these utilities serve customers across 11 states.

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# Current-Lee/Local News

## CURRENT-LEE

The following is a listing of events in the north Lee County area that have been submitted to Pen City Current.

### Denmark God's Portion Day

The Denmark United Church of Christ's God's Portion Day will be held Oct. 9 with opening ceremonies at 10:15 a.m. Booths will be open from 10:20 to 11:45 and chicken noodle dinner drive up begins at noon. The annual parade will start at 10:30 a.m. with a live auction starting at noon at the shelter weather permitting. There is also a cash raffle with \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

### Newberry Center Cookie Decorating

The Madison will be hosting a Cookie Decorating class starting at 1:15 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the center on Avenue G in Fort Madison. The class is free and is hosted by Bake-A-Wish by Cathy.

### Senior BINGO

The Newberry Center is offering BINGO to those 60 and older every Tuesday starting at 1:15 p.m. Cards are

.25 each and there are 10 games per week. Money and prizes are awarded with a special prize on the 10th game. The event is hosted by The Madison.

### Old Fort Players Fall Play

As Long As We Both Shall Live will take the stage on Oct. 8-10 and 15-17. The wedding day whodunnit will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults, seniors/military vets \$12 and students 5-17 \$10 and are available at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) or by calling 319-372-9559.

### IowaWORKS Job Fair

Iowa Works will be holding a job fair in the Heartland Harley-Davidson parking lot at 117 S. Roosevelt in Burlington from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. September 30. Employers will be on hand as well as a resource center, resume help, mock interviews, onsite career navigators and more.

### Halloween in Old Settlers Park

The 6th annual family fun day is planned for Oct. 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Business and families are encouraged to reserve a picnic table and hand out treats in

a safe controlled environment. Call Sheryl Decker at 372-7813 to reserve a table. Rain date is Oct. 31 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All friends, neighbors and businesses are invited.

### Miles & Memories

The 14th annual Miles & Memories 5K Run/Walk is at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 on the Great River Health campus 1221 S. Gear Ave, presented by Two Rivers Financial Group. The event supports Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice and Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House. Online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/MilesMemories>. Entry fee is \$15 up to 12 years of age and \$25 for 13 and older. After Oct. 16, entry fees will increase by \$5 and shirts are not guaranteed.

### Parade of Lights Work Nights

The Parade of Lights committee will begin working on parade floats Monday, Oct. 4, at the warehouse on the south side of 12th Street and Avenue I. Work nights will continue each Monday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. until Nov. 26. Volunteers can enter on the south side of the building.



## Historian looking for help with Fort Madison veteran

FORT MADISON - Historian Doug Cornella is trying to build a website to honor the men of the 73rd Bomb Wing who died as POWs of the Japanese Government.

Sgt George A Beck, Jr, was lost on a mission to Osaka 1 June 1945. He died in the crash and his remains were recovered. Historical reports indicate that Beck lived in Fort Madison and attended high school for four years, but it hasn't been determined if Beck attended Fort Madison High School.

His question concerns the photo at left. This was Beck's first crew with 1st Lt John D Bartlett and Cornella has encountered some difficulty attempting to learn if Beck is in this photo. In mid-March 1945 Lt. Bartlett was transferred to the 73rd Bomb Wing and most of the crew followed Lt Franklin Crowe who took over as Aircraft Commander.

Sgt Beck was born on 23 February 1921 and my guess is that he would have graduated in 1938 or 1939. Anyone with information is encouraged to email Cornella at [comellad.cl50@gmail.com](mailto:comellad.cl50@gmail.com).

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# Sports

## Fort Madison lacks confidence in Mount Pleasant loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Volleyball is about a lot of things, but but one of the biggest is big swings.

Fort Madison forgot that at times Tuesday night on senior night with four seniors making what could have been their last appearance at the HoundDome in a four-set loss to Southeast Conference foe Mt. Pleasant.

Mt. Pleasant (4-1) beat back the Lady Hounds 25-12, 23-25 25-18, 25-19, but aside from the first game the Hounds were in each game with the top team in the conference.

Under first-year head coach Kelly Knustrom, Fort Madison has taken bites out of every team in the loop this year and has beat Fairfield outright and Burlington twice.

Mt. Pleasant recorded just four kills in the first game win. Aside from three aces and a block early on at 2-3 the rest of the points were on errors by the Hounds. Those errors played on the minds of Fort Madison as the match wore on.

Repeated swings that found the net or went long, had the crimson and black resorting to a more casual style of play pushing shots over the net trying to find holes rather than trying to end points with big swings.

Knustrom said she has full confidence in the girls to execute offensively, they just need to find that confidence themselves.

“I try to tell them you have a 50/50 shot. You hit and it either goes in or out. But be confident and go up drastically. Let loose and play,” she said following the loss.

“If we can cut back on our errors, we can play with anybody. It’s a lot of mistakes were making and it’s just confidence. The kids aren’t 100% confident in themselves. But we’re working through those things. I have the utmost confidence in this team and if they can buy in and believe in themselves we can do a lot of really good things.

In the first game there were five ties before anyone reached eight points, but then the Panthers quickly pulled way as Fort Madison’s Aija Jenkins, Anna Lynk, Alaina Simpson, Taylor Johnson, and Eve Ruble tried to get their bearings in the middle and outside spots. Lynk would get a kill at 20-11 but the game was out of reach by then.

In the second game, the Hounds jumped out to a 4-1 lead on a double hit viola-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Taylor Johnson goes high at the net with Eve Ruble to block a Panther attack. The Lady Hounds dropped a four-set match with Mt. Pleasant Tuesday night to fall to 2-3 in Southeast Conference volleyball action.

tion. Mt. Pleasant would come storming back to tie the match at 6, 7, and 8. and then pull away for seven-point lead at 17-10. Lauryn Helmick would score three straight from the service line with help from a kill by Johnson to cut it to 13-17.

Helmick would misfire on her next serve, but Fort Madison would then rip off seven straight on four errors at the net by the Panthers to take a 20-18 lead. Mt. Pleasant would tie it up at 20 on a kill by Andrea Lopreato. Molly Knipe would get a kill and Lapreato would serve long to give Fort Madison the win.

The third and fourth games both found the Hounds within one point at 18-19, but Fort Madison couldn’t muster up a run in either game to force a tie breaker.

Knustrom said the difference was that Mt. Pleasant played through their mistakes and Fort Madison lost a little confidence in their game.

“That was a huge thing. You could tell. Mt. Pleasant did a great job. They made mistakes, too, but they kept swinging at us,” she said. “One mistake doesn’t make or break the game. Keep swinging and have faith the next ball is going to be your ball – and go for it.”

Knipe was 9 of 11 serving with four aces on the night and nine assists. She had seven aces Monday night against West Hancock. Simpson was 12-19 attacking with seven kills Tuesday and had 15 digs. Lynk was 15 of 19 hitting with four kills.

The Southeast Conference volleyball tournament starts Tuesday Oct. 5 and the Hounds play in the Durant Tournament that weekend.



Alaina Simpson (6) and Amy Yasenchok (26) get in position to return a shot in the third game of Tuesday’s conference volleyball match with Mt. Pleasant. The Panthers won 3-1 on Senior Night at the Hound Dome.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
September 7, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb and Rick Larkin. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Lee County Health Department Director Michele Ross gave the Board an update on the Covid-19 Pandemic numbers in Lee County.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve an application for American Rescue Plan Act funds from the Southeast Iowa Regional Economic and Port Authority, for broadband, in the amount of \$1.95 million dollars. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow,

seconded by Seyb, to approve replacing two full-time correctional officers. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to table hiring additional EMS personnel. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-87. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

**RESOLUTION 2021  
#2021-87**

**LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEE COUNTY TREASURER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 445.63**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. Iowa Code Section 445.63 states that when taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes are owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the County Treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of taxes due. If the govern-

ing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the Board of Supervisors shall abate all of the taxes.

Section 2. The City of Keokuk has requested abatement and forgiveness for the following parcels:

Parcel Site Address Amount  
044521253650080  
710 South 7th St.  
\$458.00

Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount of property taxes due on these City of Keokuk parcels in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

Section 4. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to forgive the amount of property taxes due on these City of Keokuk parcels in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2021

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman, /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member, /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb,

seconded by Fedler, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Keokuk HyVee to cater the Lopez

wedding at Small Grand Things, for the period September 23, 2021 through September 27,

2021. Motion carried. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Liquor



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

License for Charleston Board of Trade, for the period August 23, 2021 through August 22, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, August 23, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve a step increase for Brittany Burdette,

Correctional Officer, from \$18.11/hr. to \$19.49/hr., effective 7/10/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Semi-Annual Settlement of the Board of Supervisors for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021; a Manure Management Annual Update for Burr Oak Swine in Des Moines Township; the Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting from July 22, 2021; the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of July 2021 and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of August 2021.

Committee Reports:

Seyb, Fedler and Larkin reported on the ISAC Annual Conference. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting and a Conservation Board meeting.

At 10:05 a.m. a motion was made by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman  
Attest: Denise Fraise,  
Lee County Auditor

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Baldwin Cooke, splys ..... 404.87  
Bates Sanitation, svs ..... 300.00  
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S Dittmer, svs ..... 186.64  
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EMSLRC, edu..... 92.00  
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Faeth Whsle, splys ..... 44.55  
Farm/Home, splys ..... 757.63  
Federal Engineering, svs ..... 8996.12  
Fidelity Life, ins..... 13.42  
Floyds, svs ..... 135.00  
FM Wtr, svs..... 3594.71  
Z Fuller, exps ..... 90.94  
Gate City Seed, splys ..... 7.49  
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IA Prison Ind, splys ..... 3872.04  
ISAA, edu ..... 650.00  
T Jacobsmeier, exps ..... 400.00  
Jays Auto, svs..... 121.73  
J Deere Fncl, svs ..... 3386.34  
JW Medical, equip ..... 1015.00  
P Kaltefleiter, exps.. 98.84  
Karl Chevrolet, veh ..... 64439.00  
Keltek, Inc., equip ..... 29868.67  
Kempkers, splys ... 176.64  
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G Knisley, exps ..... 72.57  
R Kuntz, svs ..... 200.00  
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MidAm Enrgy, gas ..... 422.05  
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## From the Front

# Childhood curiosity becomes profession for Pothitakis' new dentist

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dental equipment. She started asking questions of the doctor and found an early interest.

"The dentist we saw was the one she worked for and so after school, my brother and I would go to the office and we got really familiar with my family dentist. I was just really interested. He had lots of models and stuff laying around and he was very open to my curiosity and it stemmed from that," Bassler said.

She said having that decision made, she went on to undergraduate work at Simpson College and then did graduate school at University of Iowa. Upon graduation in 2013 she said she didn't know exactly where she wanted to enter the field.



BASSLER

"I had looked at a lot of options and private offices. We didn't know where we wanted to live. My husband had a chiropractic office and we were trying to figure out what was best for us," she said.

An opportunity presented itself at the Burlington Community Health Center where she stayed for eight years until she started considering transitioning into private work.

"Mark reached out to me and I had been thinking about transitioning out of the Community Health Center and this seemed like a really good fit," she said.

"And anyone who knows Mark, only has great things to say. Honestly I've not heard a bad thing."

She said that was what made the decision to make the transition easier.

Pothitakis said the two had talked before COVID hit and things were put on hold, but he said he knew her from the dental society and reached back out to her.

He said he looks carefully for doctors to join the firm.

"I just don't hire just anybody that wants to come into the practice. With Ali I just knew about her and knew her as a person so I was just lucky the opportunity presented itself," Pothitakis said.

Bassler's husband is now teaching science courses at Southeastern Community College and the couple has two children in the West Burlington school system.

Bassler said she new she was going to go into the medical field as she sorted through her career options and said dentistry allowed her to maintain a career and family balance. It also allows her to help people, which was one of the driving forces behind her career choice.

"I like dentistry to be fun. I don't want it to be scary. At Community Health Center I see a lot of kids - predominantly kids. And a lot of them are scared. But the thing about dentistry is there is no perfect way to do things. You could have a treatment plan done 10 different ways by 10 different dentists and in their own way, they all are good," she said.

Pothitakis said that makes Bassler a good fit for the practice.

"There's some things that we see we all agree to. I might be the owner, but I don't micro-manage. Every dentist who is part of this has their own practice. I know when I hire someone like Ali, my stress level will go down. I know right off the bat, it's going to work," Pothitakis said.

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# Park board wants 28E with schools to use tennis courts

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public use of the courts.

"I think this is going to be great, but I think we need something written. I'd be willing to jump on this if we had that."

Board chair Jim Decker agreed with Leyh, and also said the city needs to get behind the association's efforts to rehab the space in Victory Park.

"I understand there are 10 other tennis courts in town the public can use. But that out there is an eyesore. It's doing nothing. It's a mess, and the pickleball people want to do something and fund raise and put pickleball courts in there," Decker said.

Mark Boussetot said the overlay on the current tennis courts can be pulled back to evaluate the base. The overlay has damage in several spots, and Boussetot said the net poles don't line up with holes in the surface.

He said parks manager Andrew McFall was advising a partial peel of the overlay to look at the subsurface.

"Andrew is advising you can pull back 1/2 to 3/4 of it to see what's underneath it. At this point what's there can be stretched back over the surface for \$10,000 to 15,000, but if it comes completely off obviously that option is out the window," Boussetot said.

Decker said he didn't support partially peeling back the overlay and said the city should just take it off.

Amandus said Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said the city could provide in-kind labor as part of the project to take the overlay off the courts. The cost of the project is at about \$130,000.

Board member Sue Pieper said she supported the pickleball idea because it's a very popular sport right now, but she said she's spoken with several people in town and there is still interest in tennis here.

"Tennis is still a sport in the schools and I guess my concern is that Victory is the only place where there is lights," she said.

City Public Works Director Mark Boussetot suggested keeping one tennis court and using the other area of the courts for four pickleball courts. He said the tennis court could be lined for pickleball to give a fifth court.

"In my opinion, and I don't have a vote here, but there's a need to have a tennis court on a public owned piece of property and we shouldn't be totally dependent on the schools," he said.

But Amandus said if the city is going to move forward with the tennis court option, then the organization probably wouldn't raise funds for the project.

"I will say - this committee, if you guys do decide that we need part of that to be tennis courts - I'm not sure where we would want to lay on the fund-raising for that. We don't want to raise money for something we don't play," Amandus said.

Pieper said she doesn't feel that two pickleball courts would be enough, but she said having four pickleball courts and then the possibility to use a tennis court as a fifth pickleball court would be a good compromise.

Organization member Bev Brockman, who's husband Greg, measured out the courts, said six courts would fit on the current slab, but the other plans of four and a tennis court won't fit in the space.

Brockman said that if you go around town you don't hardly see anyone playing tennis anymore, unless it's a school.

"If we have 10 in town that people can use the majority of the time, then why spend the money and add another tennis court. You can go there and those schools have agreed to that."

Board member Paul Wilkerson moved to approve the plans for the six pickleball courts and Leyh seconded the motion. After the board approved the motion with Vandegriff and Jacqueline Lumsden voting against the measure, the board also voted to have the city take the overlay off the courts so the organization can have firms look at the work that will be needed on the base.

That motion passed 6-0.

The pickleball group will also be holding an exhibition and clinic on the sport in Riverview Park's west parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by the Fort Madison YMCA.

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