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City moves on 15th traffic

STOPS: City close to pulling stops at Avenues F and G and adding a four-way at E

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison City Council is close to permanently changing the traffic flow on 15th Street through Fort Madison.

With stop signs being removed on 15th at Avenues F and G during Bus. 61 reconstruction this year, the majority of the council is in favor of making that move permanent with the caveat that the intersection at 15th and Avenue E become a permanent 4-way stop.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker and Councilman Mark Lair voted against pulling the stop signs due to safety of

children moving about that area.

“I’m still not thrilled about removing the stop signs there,” Bowker said. “I think we have an elementary school K-3 just a couple blocks from that and there are kids walking and crossing there. I’m just not thrilled with the fact that they will have to navigate that.”

The idea was born out of a Public Safety committee review of the traffic flow from 15th Street north to the city limits.

Councilman Tom Schulz said he spent close to three hours since the last City Council meeting watching the

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DISTRICT 8

Chief Judge Brown sets retirement

Brown to serve as chair of committee to fill her vacancy

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – The nominating commission that selects judges for District 8B in Iowa will be looking to replace Chief Judge Mary Ann Brown effective Jan. 1, 2022.

Judge Brown announced her retirement effective Dec. 31, 2021.

The district includes Lee County as well as Des Moines, Henry, and Louisa counties in southeast Iowa.

The District 8B Judicial nominating commission, made up of five lawyers, five citizens, and the senior judge in the district received the notification of Brown’s retirement Sept. 24 and will soon begin interviewing candidates to replace Judge Brown.

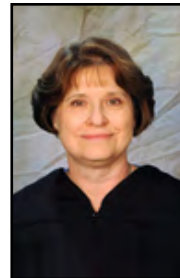
The commission includes Alta Cook of Wapello, Daniel Culp of Fort Madison, Larry Kruse of Donnellson, Mike Roth of Wayland, and Darlys Baum of Burlington as appointed citizens.

Attorneys on the commission include Nicholas Pothitakis of Burlington, Steven Sents of Columbus Junction, Reyna Wilkens of Fort Madison, Edward Prill of Burlington, and Sara Haas of Burlington. Judge Brown is also the senior judge in the district and will chair the commission to find her replacement.

Applications to fill Judge Brown’s position are due no later than 4:30 p.m. Oct. 29, 2021. Names of those applying for the seat will be made public after the deadline.

Applicants must be members of the Bar of Iowa, a resident of District 8B, and

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BROWN



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 255th Street and Highway 61 near the Lee County Sheriff’s office near Montrose. Despite the fact that the collision involved the pickup in the foreground and the semi in the background, no injuries were sustained.

STATE NEWS

Governor puts a half million into rural innovation fund

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) announced four competitive funds available for rural communities with a population under 20,000. Specifically, funding of up to \$500,000 has been allocated to the following funds for current fiscal year (FY) 2022 through FY 2023:

Rural Innovation Grant Program – Provides up to \$200,000 in grants supporting creative, non-traditional ideas that focus on current issues and challenges faced by rural communities associated with the themes of

community investment, growth and connection; the Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program – Provides up to \$100,000 to support the use of publicly available online information through the “Profile of Iowa” tool and rural community efforts to interpret this hard data with supplemental information, as well as to implement through changes to development codes, local ordinances and housing incentives specific to their community needs in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach; the Rural Child Care Market Study Grant Program – Provides up to \$100,000 to

support the use of data and analysis by rural communities to determine the specific needs and solutions for their area. In partnership with First Children’s Finance, funding from the program will empower communities to assess their current child care market environment and develop strategies; and the

Rural Return Program – Provides up to \$100,000 to support creative programming that attracts new residents to move and/or work in rural communities. Grant funding will support the development and implementation of incentive programs.

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

09/30/21 – 5:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue G.
 09/30/21 – 9:29 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Avenue H.
 09/30/21 – 1:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 09/30/21 – 1:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue L.
 09/30/21 – 2:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Andrew LeRoy Decker, 58, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/30/21 – 2:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 09/30/21 – 3:54 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited James Daniel Reynolds, 55, of Fort Madison, on a charge of possession synthetic urine for a drug/alcohol test.
 09/30/21 – 4:59 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 5400 block of Avenue O.
 09/30/21 – 5:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue N.
 10/01/21 – 7:03 a.m. – Fort Mad-

ison Police cited Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue O, on a charge of a dog at-large.
 10/01/21 – 7:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Michelle Marie Decker, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue F, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/01/21 – 7:39 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 10/01/21 – 10:08 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue G.
 10/01/21 – 10:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.
 10/02/21 – 10:21 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kaila Fay Boock, 31, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/02/21 – 11:35 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue G.
 10/02/21 – 2:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
 10/02/21 – 5:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Mitchell Lynn Helmick, 35, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for a pretrial release violation.

He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/02/21 – 5:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chloe Alexys Williams, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/03/21 – 1:06 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Tyler Norvell, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue E, on a charge of contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/03/21 – 2:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Amber Marie Sawyer, 32, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue E on a charge of contempt of court.
 10/03/21 – 8:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of Avenue G.
 10/04/21 – 4:07 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Avenue G.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/30/21 – 3:29 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Aerin Andrew Walsh, 21, Council Bluffs, at the sheriff's office on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 09/30/21 – 8:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Jaclyn Kalene Prado, 27, of Fort Madison in the 1300 block of Hwy. 27 on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
 09/30/21 – 9:01 p.m. – Lee County

Sheriff's deputies cited Anthony Artez Brown, Jr., 24, of Granite City, Ill., in the 1300 block of Hwy. 27, on a charge of possession of controlled substance.
 09/30/21 – 9:14 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Peter Daniel Ganahl, 42, of Ankeny, in the 1300 block of Hwy. 27, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
 10/01/21 – 4:43 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Tobias Cagle, Jr., 21, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold.
 10/01/21 – 5:02 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Larry Wayne Bryant, 44, Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 340th Street in Keokuk, on charges of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 10/01/21 – 7:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Johnnie LaVail Braggs, 44, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of North 7th, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/02/21 – 1:34 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Allen Hahn, 36, of Wever, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/02/21 – 8 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony Paul Thomas Ourth, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F in Fort Madison, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 10/03/21 – 7:23 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brooke Ranae Patten, 38, of Houghton, in the 1800 block of Hwy.16, on a charge of domestic assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/03/21 – 9:44 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Daniel Cochran, 24, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/04/21 – 08:14 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Dean Derr, 34, of

Keokuk, in the 2500 block of 255th, on warrants for trespass with injury, 5th-degree criminal mischief, and assault while displaying a dangerous weapon. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

09/28/21 – Lisa R Meyers, age 45, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Controlled Substance. Meyers was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear Failure to Pay on original charges of Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Meyers was released on her own recognizance on the original charges, posted bond on her warrants and was given a future court date.
 09/29/21 – Jerry W Husketh, age 65, of Tuscumbia, MO was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Husketh was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 09/30/21 – Bradford D Howren, age 38, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Howren was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Revoked and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Howren was released on his own recognizance for the warrant, posted the required bond on his original charges and was given a future court date.
 09/30/21 – Cory R Mefford, age 34, of Quincy, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass to Real Property, Theft over \$500, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Mefford remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 09/30/21 – Joseph D Hardy, age 33, of Quincy, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass to Real Property, Theft over \$500, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Hardy was also arrested on Adams County Warrants charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Revoked and Theft. Hardy remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 09/30/21 – Kalon B Monroe, age 59, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Probation Violation on original charges of Drugs. Monroe was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 09/30/21 – Jordan M Vassey, age 25, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Obstructing Identification. Vassey was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Criminal Trespass to Real Property. Vassey was released on her own recognizance on original charges, posted bond on the warrant and given a future court date.
 09/30/21 – Carl D Tadlock, age 28, of Warsaw, IL, was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for No Insurance.
 10/01/21 – Cody S Sommers, age 28, of Kahoka, MO was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Sommers was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 10/01/21 – Jonathan D Scoville, age 41, of Quincy, IL was arrested on Hancock County Warrants charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended, and Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Scoville remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 10/01/21 – Kendall L Davis, age 51, of O'Fallon, MO was given a Notice to Appear at a future court date for Speeding.
Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Lee County Health Department Flu Shot Clinics

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RICHARD L. PEAK

Richard L. Peak, 65, of Ft. Madison passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 6:05 AM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison.



PEAK

He was born on December 11, 1955 in Ft. Madison to Richard and Margaret Johnson Peak. Richard married Robin Keel and they later divorced. He then married Cindy Lou Manewal on February 7, 1987 in Ft. Madison and she passed away on November 11, 2017. He worked production at Fruehauf. He enjoyed music, working on computers and taking weekend drives to check out local stores.

Survivors include three daughters, Shannon (Todd) Smith of West Point, Jessica (Lucas) Christopher of St. George, GA and Danielle (Jason) Rikken of Simi Valley, CA; seven grandchildren, Kynlee & Paxton Smith, Kallie, Darren, Ashton, Raven & Keyauna; one sister, Cheryl (Bill Freeman) Schade of Cassville, MO and his special friend, Rhonda Chamlee of Ft. Madison. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Cindy.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Nancy St. Clair officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

PATTY J. REISS

Patty Joan Reiss, 68 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, September 30, 2021 at her home.

She was born June 6, 1953 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Charles "Lester" and Edith Davis Coovert.



REISS

On November 24, 2007 she was united in marriage to Randy Reiss in Silver City, New Mexico. He survives.

Other survivors include one son, Mike Gipe of Keokuk, one daughter, Tina Summers (Chris) of Keokuk, one step daughter, Jessie Reiss of Denver, CO, one step son, Jeremy Reiss of Denver, CO, two grandchildren, Tyrel Gipe and Jenna Summers and one step grandson, Oden Reiss. She is also survived by two brothers, Keith Coovert of Keokuk and Bob Coovert of Warsaw, IL, one sister, Carol Duncan of Keokuk, many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, Dylan Summers.

Patty was a full time wife and mother whose greatest joy was to care for her family. She loved all animals, especially her horses, chickens and her Yorkies.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the Keokuk Nazarene Church with Pastor Dana Jurgens and Bill Coovert officiating. Memorials may be made to the family.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

SHARON L. BARRY

Sharon Lynn Barry, 73, of Keokuk died Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at Blessing Health Keokuk.

She was born on November 26, 1947 at St. Joseph Hospital in Keokuk, the daughter of Sidney and Ruby Marie Sanders Griffith. She graduated from Columbia Heights High School with the Class of 1965. She graduated from Southeastern Community College with an Associate's Degree in Accounting.

BARRY

On April 20, 1968, Sharon was united in marriage to John William Barry at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on April 13, 2013.

She had been employed at Eagle Summit/Optimae/Lincoln Ridge in Keokuk. Prior to that employment she had worked at Griffin Wheel and Sheller Globe in Keokuk.

Sharon was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk.

She loved to play Sudoku and was an excellent player. Sharon was an avid reader of mystery novels and especially enjoyed reading James Patterson books. She was excellent at baking and candy making. Sharon enjoyed crocheting and

was a talented seamstress. She liked watching John Wayne movies, going, fishing and making Barbie furniture for her grandchildren.

Sharon is survived by three daughters, Michelle (Carlos) Barrera of Evansdale, IA, Dana (Dan) Corvaia of Hamilton, IL and Marie (Ken) Barry of Keokuk, grandchildren, David and Anna Jingt, Rose Marie Jones, Joseph Corvaia, Jozi Corvaia, James (Livianna) Corvaia and Avery Casey one great grandchild, Danielle Corvaia and one on the way. She is also survived by siblings, Charles (Terri) Griffith of Bettendorf, IA, Vincent (Teresa) Griffith of Fridley, MN, James "Mike" (Kim) Griffith of Zimmerman, MN and Clarice (Todd) Griffith of Gurnee, IL and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, William Griffith and Victor Schorr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Humane Society.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.



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Sports

No. 5 HTC girls fall to Lady Falcons

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON — There were stretches when Holy Trinity's volleyball team would make a run at West Burlington in Tuesday's SEI Superconference South Division match.

But the Falcons always seemed to have an answer. Holy Trinity's 25-22, 25-20, 25-23 loss to West Burlington was another lesson for the Crusaders as the postseason draws near.

Holy Trinity, ranked No. 5 in Class 1A, constantly challenged the No. 9 (Class 3A) Falcons, but could never get enough momentum to finish them off.

"I thought we did some great things tonight," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "West Burlington has a quality ball club, and we knew coming in here it would be tough. But we had too many errors. That's the key right there. We're going to have errors, but we have to eliminate some of that while staying aggressive."

West Burlington (26-2) used five-point bursts in the first and second games, and a seven-point run in the third game, to take control each time.

"We had that slow start again tonight, and against good teams you can't have that," Freesmeier said. "It seemed like we would come back and have a stretch, and they would have an answer for us."

There were times when the Crusaders (19-5) left too many gaps in the defense, and the Falcons would exploit them.

"I think we just lost focus on where the ball was, and we were just scrambling," Freesmeier said. "If it's going to be wacky out there, you've got to talk to your teammates, make things happen."

Still, the Crusaders battled. They got to within 24-22 in the first game, 23-20 in the second game, and fought off two match points in the third game.



"That's a positive for us," Freesmeier said.

Mary Kate Bendlage led Holy Trinity with 10 kills, while Brooke Mueller had nine. Kassi Randolph had 15 assists and Natalie Randolph had 14. Anna Sobczak had 23 digs, while Teagan Snaadt had 11. Kayla Box had four blocks.

"We can learn from this and move on," Freesmeier said. "We have a lot of games left, and there are goals left to accomplish."

KILLS

Mary Kate Bendlage 10, Brooke Mueller 9, Natalie Randolph 6, Kassi Randolph 4, Kayla Box 4, Teagan Denning 1.

ASSISTS

Kassi Randolph 15, Natalie Randolph 14, Anna Sobczak 2.

SERVING

Brooke Mueller 13-14 (1 ace), Anna Sobczak 12-12, Teagan Denning 12-13 (3 aces), Kassi Randolph 10-10, Natalie Randolph 7-8, Alexa Dingman 4-4, Mary Kate Bendlage 2-4, Laura Mehmert 1-3 (1 ace).

DIGS

Anna Sobczak 23, Teagan Snaadt 11, Teagan Denning 8, Kassi Randolph 7, Natalie Randolph 6, Mary Kate Bendlage 4.

BLOCKS

Kayla Box 4, Natalie Randolph 2, Mary Kate Bendlage 1, Kassi Randolph 1, Teagan Denning 1.

FMHS runners take 6th and 7th

BY PCC SPORTS

CENTERVILLE – The Fort Madison High School cross country teams took sixth and seventh at the Centerville Big Red Cross Country Invitational Tuesday.

A young Lady Hounds squad was led by Paetyn Weigand who had the highest finish of the evening with a sixth-place finish at 20:29, 1:03 behind front runner Rylee Dunkin of Twin Cedars.

Freshman Allison Lamb was 16th overall with a time of 21:51. The other three scoring finishers for the Lady Hounds were freshman Jordyn Burch 44th at 23:45, senior Raquel Schneider at 24:04 (47th) and freshman Alexa Walz who finished 69th overall at 25:45.

Freshman Lillian Gelsthorpe ran a 25:49 and freshman Emma Kern ran a 28:11.

In the boys' run, Fort Madison senior Hayden Wolfe took 13th overall with a time of 17:55. Wolfe led the Hounds runners to a sixth-place finish.

Senior Will Gager took 18th overall with a time of 18:28. Fort Madison's other scoring runners were Austin Miller at 18:48 (34th), John Contrell, a sophomore with a time of 18:55 (38th), and Jacob Shottenkirk, a freshman finished 41st with a time of 18:57.

Peyton Lambert took 58th place with a time of 19:28 and Ben Thele finished 69th with a time of 20:29.

Oskaloosa's Patric Deronde ran the 5K in a time of 16:22. Davis County's Carson Shively took second at 16:29. The Mustangs won the team event with an 88, just two points ahead of Oskaloosa.

Cameron Shutwell was the top boys junior varsity runners with a time of 20:44. Gavyn Siemens was 27th overall at 21:50 and Calvin Johnson took 37th overall with a time of 22:20.

Avery and Addison Rump dominated the girls middle school run taking first and second respectively. The girls led the Hounds to a first-place finish. Avery ran a 9:26, while Addison finished at 9:50. Ellie Huebner ran a 10:49 for Fort Madison and Hadley Wolfe took 13th overall with an 11:01.

Charley Huebner rounded out the scoring runners for FMMS with an 11:21 (18th place). Caralena Crooks ran an 11:49 good enough for 21st place, and Kaydey Plate ran a 12:06 for the Little Hounds who had 44 points followed by Davis County's 55 and Oskaloosa's 58.

Fort Madison also won the boys middle school 1.5 mile race with 56 points. Mason McLey led the boys with an 8:31 (3rd place) followed right behind by Nolan Guzman at 8:52. Hunter Weigand was 6th at 9:02. Karson Dixon and Riley Tripp rounded out the scoring runners at 18th and 25th place respectively.

Central Lee boys suffer 52-7 setback Friday

Davis County rolls over Hawks on Homecoming night

BY PCC SPORTS

DONNELLSON – Davis County jumped out to a quick 22-0 1st quarter lead as the Mustangs beat Central Lee 52-7 Friday night.

Davis County scored three touchdowns in the opening period and converted two 2-point conversions to set the tone for the Homecoming evening in Donnellson.

A pick-six started things in the second quarter for Davis County with about two minutes gone to make it 30-0. The Mustangs would add a field goal and another rushing touchdown before halftime to lead 41-0 and get a running clock to start the second half. Davis County would score again half way through the third period on a pass play and 2-point conversion for a 49-0 lead.

A Davis County field goal at the 5:47 mark of the final period was followed in the Hawk's next pos-

session by a 35-yard touchdown pass from Kayden Calfee to Tanner DeMoss with 2:39 left in the game. Dante Merschman's extra point set the final score.

Calfee and Bryce Finney combined for 112 yards passing and the one touchdown. Freshman Chase Johnson led the Hawks on the ground with 31 yards on eight carries. DeMoss had 41 yards on two catches and the score.

Finney had 3.5 tackles on the night. Jonny Snider, Clayton Geerdes and Josh Hawk all had three tackles.

The Hawks fall to 0-6 on the year and travel to Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont on Friday.

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The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:

1. Experience involving business management; human resources and personnel management; legal secretarial or stenographic work; completion of some college level office professional courses; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined herein.
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13. Ability to maintain accurate and thorough records.
14. Ability to recognize and implement cost effective measures for running an office.
15. Ability to think strategically about future vision and strategy for the office budget and programs.
16. Utilize Microsoft Office and Microsoft Excel.

See Lee County website for job description. www.leecounty.org.

The starting salary is \$44,000.00 to \$48,000.00 commensurate with experience. The County offers an excellent benefits package.

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Completed application and background check documents should be sent or delivered to Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor, 933 Avenue H, P.O. Box 190, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or emailed to dfraise@leecounty.org. IPERS and benefits available. All applications should be received by the Auditor's office by 4:30 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.

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City to extend YMCA's pool management contract

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intersections and said he never saw more than six children crossing at one time. He said generally it was closer to three at any one time.

"There is considerably more traffic crossing 15th Street at Avenue E and some of that traffic we've driven that way because of the current traffic situation in town," Schulz said.

"Even with that school closing, the drop off location for buses will be basically the same location. 14th Street has the most traffic back and forth across the street and I would like to know if the school system would have a crosswalk there for the bus stop even though they won't have a school."

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff said the Public Safety committee was looking to capitalize on the insight that the detour has provided with regard to city traffic in the area.

"It's a Farm-to-Market road on 15th that connects the business route and the county highway. We're looking to maintain a roadway that allows adequate

flow of vehicles without impeding it unnecessarily."

Bowker said Avenue G is a busy street and has stop signs at the end of every block.

Rohloff said the city has other options to get another opinion on the value of the changes.

"The 64,000-dollar question is what is the criteria the city wants to use for decision making when it comes to traffic regulation," Rohloff said.

"We've had an opportunity to view things here with the detoured traffic, but you can always contract an engineering firm at city expense or use Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission. Those are the options you have.

"I don't have a dog in this fight. That's all I can offer you is our personal observations and a professional recommendation. I present the recommendation from the committee that the signage be removed."

Councilman Chad Cangas said the committee spent a lot of time looking at the balance between

traffic flow and safety concerns of people being able to cross the street.

"When we talk about safety of the children that's a big deal for everyone, but we can't put stop signs at every intersection. It was my hope that this would push foot traffic to 15th and E where everyone is stopping and watching," he said.

The council also voted 7-0 on a first reading to change city code to make 15th and Avenue E a permanent four-way stop. That move will still require two more readings. The removal of the stop signs on 15th at Avenues F and G still requires one more reading.

In other action, the council:

- voted 7-0 to extend the YMCA's management of the city pool for an additional three years.

- voted 7-0 to offer electric car charges for 12 months at no charge to users to gauge usage.

- voted 7-0 to approve an agreement with Solum Lang Architects LLC of Cedar Rapids to design two buildings for the city Fire Department and Public Works department.



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