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## County may get anhydrous pipeline

*6-inch pipe would loop from fertilizer plant around FM*

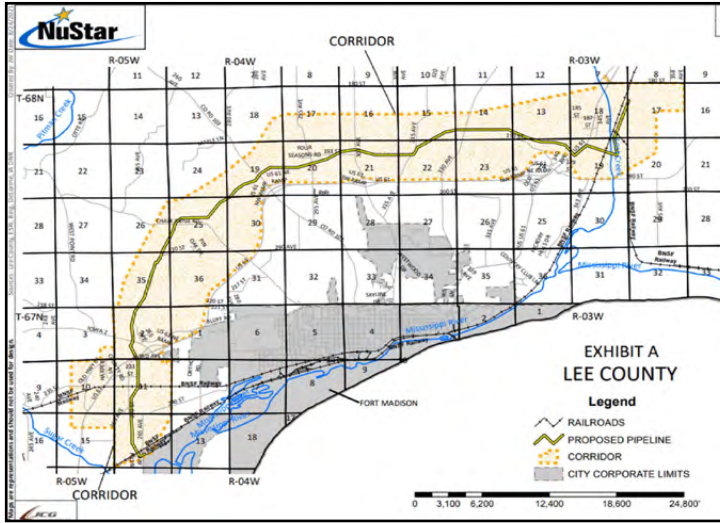
**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A Texas company is looking to build a 14-mile pipeline in Lee County to allow the Iowa Fertilizer Co. access to a larger anhydrous ammonia network.

Lee County Supervisors were informed last week of a public information meeting that is set to take place at Small Grand Things, in West Point on Tuesday Oct. 5, at 6 p.m.

The pipeline would be built in a corridor north of the Hwy. 61 bypass and would run west through the county and then south from about Chalk Ridge Road west of Fort Madison to the BNSF railroad tracks near the Mississippi River.

Lee County Engineer Ben Hull said the pipeline would be a 6-inch pipeline that would loop around Fort Madison coming out of the fertilizer plant. According to information provided to



the board, the pipeline will have a maximum allowable operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch.

He said he's had conversations with NuStar Pipeline Operat-

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## OLD FORT PLAYERS

# OFFP to hold season launch party

**BY DOROTHY SCHULTE**  
Old Fort Players

FORT MADISON – We've had such a rollercoaster of the last year and a half, that we thought it was time to stop, re-group and start up again. And also say a big thank you to those who hung on to the safety harness and listened to us scream as we went around the curves. This party will say thank you as much as it will launch the "40+1" Anniversary Season. And since we want to make the opening official, we thought we'd make it a little "grand" while we were at it.

The time off hasn't been a complete bust. We did manage to put on two shows earlier in the year despite Covid. But the first show especially, "The Queen of Bingo,"

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Bay Nation vaults Saddle Bronc rider Caleb Bennett way into the air out of the Catfish Bend Buckin' Chute Wednesday night in the Tri-State Rodeo's Cinch Chute-Out. The all-or-nothing event kicks off the professional rodeo action each year in Fort Madison



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## NEW CLINIC

# Quick Visit Center planned for city's west side

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A rezoning request was approved for a Quick Visit Urgent Care facility in Fort Madison at Tuesday's abbreviated City Council meeting.

The rezoning request, which was already approved by the city's planning and zoning board, would change the zoning designation for 1501 39th Street, which is just north east of The Madison. That facility will also be undergoing an expansion that could start as early as this month.

The zoning change will also change the adjoining alley between 38th and 39th Street and 1729 39th Street from R4 Sin-

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## CITY COUNCIL

# City, school district revamp SRO agreement

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An agreement between the city and Fort Madison School District was amended Tuesday night to redefine the roll of the district's School Resource Officer.

The city and the school district en-

tered into a 3-year agreement in 2019 to provide a full-time experienced officer on school property during all student contact days. That agreement provided an equal sharing of wages and benefits between the city and the school district.

According to a letter from Police Chief Mark Rohloff and City Manager David Varley to the Fort Madison City

Council, up until now staffing shortages have resulted in the department not being "able to adequately fulfill this role".

Rohloff said the mayor tasked him with finding additional resources from the district to help support the position. "Once that funding benchmark was

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

09/02/21 - 10:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue G. 09/02/21 - 10:56 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue H. 09/02/21 - 12:01 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 09/02/21 - 3:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1900 block of Avenue E. 09/03/21 - 7:07 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 09/03/21 - 10:32 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H. 09/03/21 - 11:56 a.m. - Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of 33rd Street. 09/03/21 - 12:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested John Adam Wiggins, 37, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/03/21 - 1:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Brett Eric Swyter, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue P, on a charge of discharging a firearm in city limits. 09/03/21 - 2:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Shaqwanza Aviance Trotter, 30, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while suspended. 09/03/21 - 2:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Chandra Leigh Reynolds, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of

Avenue H, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. 09/03/21 - 10:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue G. 09/03/21 - 11:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O. 09/04/21 - 7:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3900 block of Avenue L. 09/04/21 - 2:30 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4500 block of Avenue O. 09/04/21 - 7:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of 19th Street. 09/04/21 - 7:41 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in

the 1500 block of Avenue H. 09/04/21 - 7:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue H. 09/05/21 - 10:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 09/05/21 - 12:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of 4th Street. 09/05/21 - 2:43 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue H. 09/06/21 - 10:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue H. 09/06/21 - 1:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O. 09/06/21 - 7:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue M. 09/07/21 - 7:22 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 200 block of 26th Street. 09/07/21 - 5:11 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3700 block of Avenue L. 09/07/21 - 7:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue F. 09/08/21 - 12:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue F.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/02/21 - 10:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Carrie Nichole Morris, 33, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of 19th Street on warrants for violation of probation and 3rd-degree criminal mischief, and a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/03/21 - 10:05 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jonathan Thomas Jannusch, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F,

on a court ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/03/21 - 2:39 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Carl Andries, 53, of Burlington, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/03/21 - 3:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Tobias Cagle, Jr., 21, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released after serving the weekend. 09/03/21 - 5:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Earl Nelson, 43, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/03/21 - 7:27 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Wayne Six, 28, of Keokuk, at 255th Street and Hwy. 61, on warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released after paying fines. 09/04/21 - 10:22 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shannon Paul Bleything, 52, of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/04/21 - 2:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Takara Rae Nichols, 29, of Burlington, at 175th Street and Hwy. 61, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 09/04/22 - 2:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Trisha Marie Wixom, 34, of Burlington, at 175th Street and Hwy. 61 on charges of possession of controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a pre-trial release. 09/05/21 - 9:26 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gerald Lynn Kite, II, 59, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/05/21 - 12:09 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Francis Rankin, 42, of Argyle, in the 2800 block of 170th Avenue, on a charge of 1st-degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/05/21 - 2:11 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stephanie Jo Rankin, 37, of Argyle, in the 2800 block of 170th Avenue, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond. 09/05/21 - 4:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Linda Antoinette Coleman, 40, of Denmark, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody, and two judgment holds. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/05/21 - 4:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Quanan Ivery Gates, 35, of Burlington, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and judgment holds. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/06/21 - 4:36 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Taylor Lavern Barndt, 18, of Ottumwa, at West Point Road and Hwy. 2, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. 09/07/21 - 3:09 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Belinda Lea Greer, 54, of Alexandria, Mo., at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for possession of methamphetamine. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 09/08/21 - no time listed - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sean Michael Molzhon, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/08/21 - 6:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Esteban Costulo Gonzalez, 49, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on warrants for voluntary absence of custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. *Those listed above are arrested on a suspicion of charges and are presumed innocent until proven guilty.*



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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### BOBBI J. HALEMEYER

Bobbi "BJ" Jean Valentina (Bradley) Halemeyer, 42, of Fort Madison, Iowa, formerly of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Saturday, September 4, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.



HALEMEYER

Bobbi was born on August 9, 1979, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Robert, Sr. and Linda (Florence) Bradley. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1997, later graduating from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and a Master's in Economics. On March 1, 2019, she was united in marriage to Randy Halemeyer in Keokuk, Iowa.

Bobbi was employed at several area companies before going to work at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk. She started in registration, moving to pre-access specialist and later accounting. One of her favorite hobbies was going out to eat with Randy and finding new places to dine. She enjoyed spending her free time cooking, reading, dress shopping, going to the casino and playing Bingo with her mother. Bobbi will always be remembered for her authentic and kind personality. She was a virtuous and moral woman, always giving to and taking care of those around her. She was always well-intentioned and would never hurt anyone. Her sweet and gentle spirit will forever be missed.

Bobbi is survived by her husband Randy Halemeyer of Fort Madison; her brother Robert Bradley, Jr. of Omaha, Nebraska; her niece and nephew Reagan and Rhyson Bradley of Omaha, Nebraska; her step-daughter Laura (Bryan) Nesheim of Fort Madison; and her step-son James Halemeyer of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Bobbi is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

A homegoing celebration will be held at 3 pm on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at New Bethel Church in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the church from 1 to 3 pm on Saturday directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Randy Halemeyer.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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

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## OBITUARIES

### RENA M. BLINT

Rena Maureen Blint, 72, of West Point, Iowa, passed peacefully at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, September 6, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with renal failure.



BLINT

She was born on December 18, 1948, in San Bernardino, California the daughter of Harlin and Dorothy Carroll. As a child, she grew up in Lebanon, Missouri with her seven siblings: Raymond Carroll, Roger Carroll, Rhonda Roberts, Rodney Carroll, Randy Carroll, Russell Carroll and Ricky Carroll.

Rena worked as a waitress at Jim's Pizzeria in Waynesville, Missouri, where she met a military man that enjoyed the view more than the pizza.

Rena married Roger Blint from West Point, Iowa on August 2, 1968. She moved to West Point, Iowa, where she inherited twelve brothers and sisters of a large loving family. Rena created a beautiful life together with Roger. They had six children: Kevin and Rose Blint of Fort Madison, Iowa, Rod and Theresa Judd of Townville, South Carolina and Micheal and Heather Blint of West Point, Iowa. They also have ten grandchildren: Toni Blint, Destiny and Nate Richardson, Dylan and Danielle Blint, Jessica and Jason Bennefield, Jeff and Heidi Scott, Ashley Harrington, Adrian and Justin McFadden, Amber and Kolton Smith, August and Dillon Charbonneau and Arren Harrington. Her golden treasures were her great grandchildren: Braxton, Cora, Kylie, Malachi, MacKenzie, Lily, Adalynn, Lucas, Kenneth, Konnar, Kenton, Kaisley, Rowan, Emrie, Azalea, Karter and Kallahan.

Rena had many talents such as baking and cooking, especially pies and bread. She enjoyed gardening, dancing and laughter. She worked at many local greenhouses over the years and retired from Wal-Mart warehouse in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa after twenty-three years.

A private family graveside service will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021, at Williamson Cemetery, rural West Point, Iowa. Burial will be at Williamson Cemetery, rural West Point, Iowa

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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## From the Front

# Kick-off party to show community OFP team

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was subdued. We were all just barely stepping out into the world with restrictions firmly in place. We were eager to get back to our lives, but hesitant for the other shoe to drop. So when the show was over, the usual cast party was postponed.

It may not sound like that big a deal for a few people to sit around and chat and laugh over a slice of pizza or a crockpot of chili, but strangely, it is. We tease each other one last time about stepping onstage wearing only one false eyelash or a Wisconsin accent taking a sudden detour south of Atlanta at the end of Act Two. We relax and wonder what we were so nervous about on opening night.

After "Leaving Iowa" was such a success even by pre-Covid standards, our board of directors made plans to get back into the swing of things for the fall. But we weren't sure we could do it. We had a cast of 17 for the May show, and a great audience turnout. But was it a fluke? We were the only local live theater open at the time. Did we just get lucky?

We contemplated how to get more people involved. Which quickly begs the question, why does anybody join a small town community theater anyway? It's certainly not preparation for a career in show business. We're not starry-eyed dreamers who imagine some talent scout is going to pluck us out of obscurity and into fame and fortune. Every community theater I've volunteered for or was a regular patron of from California to Florida has been the same. Real people with real jobs who spend some of their free time away from their families to entertain perfect strangers.

It's an odd phenomenon. What

prompts that nice, helpful woman behind the cosmetics counter to don a tie-dyed t-shirt and transform into a hippie at a roadside fruit stand? For what reason does a metallurgical engineer practice for weeks just to seem perfectly convincing as a wife murderer? Why would an electrician who moonlights as a musician consent to memorize hundreds of lines – most of which are just half a conversation with a six foot tall, invisible white rabbit? Why would a sane person do that?

And especially after the Covid lockdowns, a lot of people's priorities changed. Those of us at Old Fort Players know we aren't saving lives or saving souls or even saving stray dogs from a life on the street. We're just trying to save our sanity with a rather unusual hobby. Instead of playing bingo or euchre, fishing or cruising on a motorcycle, our idea of stress-relieving fun is to step into the footlights and risk forgetting our lines, missing a cue and tripping over furniture. Why?

Why is there a massive walleye mounted on our family room wall? So that every now and then when my father was still alive he could look up and say, "I did that." And that's not something just anybody can say.

So why do theatre people do whatever it is we do? Because when we take our cue and remember our lines, someone laughs. Another gasps. And when the curtain closes, people applaud.

It's magic.

And we can say, "I did that."

And then there is a second, more enigmatic breed of theater people. They are those who seem to find joy behind the curtains the rest of us keep stepping in front of.

Why does a city employee who gets called in at the last minute to drive a snow plow so we can get to work in the morning, drag himself into the theatre after his shift to build a set for a show he's not even in? And the mom who's driven her child to every rehearsal, why does she volunteer to sell concessions for all six performances, when she'd much rather just sit and enjoy the show? And the person who pays the bills, tracks down grant money, checks the voicemail, vacuums, scrubs the toilets, rallies the volunteers, sends thank you notes to our donors and pretty much everything you knew somebody must do? Who is she?

And what about the third kind of theater people? They don't work behind the curtain, they've never looked behind the curtain. But the curtain wouldn't need to be there if they weren't. They are the loyal faces we look for in the audience. They've never felt the need to get applause for themselves, only to give it. They come to every show. They buy popcorn and raffle tickets and laugh in all the right places. They smile and say 'Great job' and shake your hand on the way out of the theater. Why? Because for a couple of hours they got to watch their dog groomer and their grandson's school teacher dress up as nuns who run an illegal winery to raise money for orphans. And not just anybody can say that either.

These are all the people we want to thank. Please join us in expressing your gratitude for all our theater people no matter on which side of the curtain you might find them. See you at the theater on September 26th. We plan to cut the ribbon at 6pm.

# Medical clinic could be open in FM by February

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gle Family to B4 Highway Business District. The rezoning is for the third parcel south of Avenue L. The first two parcels are already zoned B4 and the Quick Care medical facility will be constructed on all three parcels.

Mark White, a partner in the development and construction firm working with Quick Visit centers said he's hoping to get construction started on the facility yet this year.

"As long as I can secure subcontractors we're gonna try and start it as soon as possible. I think we have to go through a final reading at City Council in October. We would love to have it open by the end of the year, but honestly if we can get the outside construction done by winter then we could be open by January or February," White said.

The company is an offshoot from a brand called Fast Pace Urgent Care out of Tennessee. White said the family that started that company created the new Quick Visit markets in Iowa and Texas.

The company already has locations in Mt. Pleasant and Newton. They are close to opening a site in Grinnell and are working with Osceola officials for a location in that city as well.

White said the company usually targets communities with a population base of 10,000, but said Iowa is a bit different because the county population demographics are a lot less dense so they are looking at populations up to 15,000 in Iowa.

The facilities accept all major insurance, Medicare and Medicaid, as well as having what White calls a "very cost effective model for self-pay individuals."

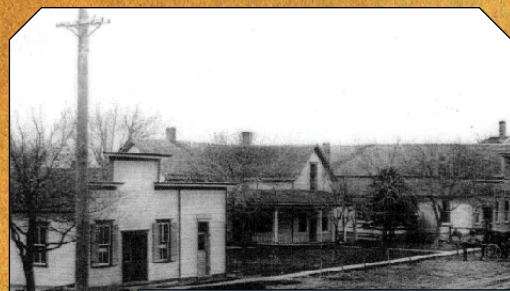
The footprint of the building is a 3,000 square feet with five exam rooms, a procedure room and an x-ray room. White said two of the rooms have an exterior access and negative air pressure to accommodate COVID situations.

The staffing will be locally hired, but White said due to the presence in Mt. Pleasant there may be staff sharing with the Fort Madison facility.

Nurse practitioners will staff the facilities with physician oversight of cases.

"They will do some primary care, but I can't speak to the whole operations," White said. "The people behind this are a group of investors and doctors that have already done this. We built them all over Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi and they've identified these new markets."

## Past. Present. Future.



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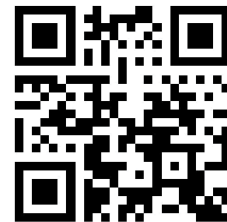
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## Sports

# Bloodhound girls battle Lady Trojans in four-set loss

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Head Coach Kelly Knustrom walked off the court nodding her in approval after the Lady Hounds suffered their second Southeast Conference volleyball loss Tuesday night.

Fort Madison dropped its home opener to Fairfield Tuesday night 25-18, 21-25, 18-25, 20-25 to fall to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the Southeast Conference.

Knustrom is in her first year with the Fort Madison volleyball after coming over from Holy Trinity Catholic last year.

She said the girls are inexperienced, but are making strides each time out on the floor including practices.

“We have grown so much even from just our last match a week ago in Keokuk,” Knustrom said. “I see them doing a lot of good things. I can tell the things we’re working on in practice are improving.”

Fort Madison jumped out to 12-3 lead in the first set on three straight errors at the net by the Trojans behind senior Anna Lynk’s 4-8 hitting.

Fairfield would only get within six points of the Hounds in the first set at 23-17, but two back-to-back points by Lynk at 23-18 would give Fort Madison just their fourth set win in 17 sets played to date.

The Hounds lost the momentum early in the second set getting down by four at 6-2. They battled back to within 1 at 8-7 when Trojan sophomore Maya Lane’s attack went wide. Fairfield would regroup and stretch the lead to eight at 22-14.

Fort Madison then cut it back to three on a four-point run with Eve Ruble serving, all on Fairfield return errors. Another Lynk kill cut the lead to 20-23, but a kill and an error would allow the Trojans to tie things up a 1 set apiece.

The third set was highlighted by 10 ties and five lead changes, but the Hounds would get hung up out of an 18-18 tie, and Fairfield would take the next seven points with Hannah Bergren serving. Bergren would record an ace in the run, and the Hounds would rack up four errors to surrender the set.

“I think it was just a little bit of we came out with so much energy. They were so ready to play,” Knustrom said.

“We had a great crowd and a great student section and great support from the community. They were hyped up, now the challenge is maintaining that into games two and three.”

Fort Madison got down early again in the fourth set by as much as four at 8-4, but battled back to tie things up at 10



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Aija Jenkins powers an attack past Fairfield’s Maggie Turnbull (14) Tuesday night in Fort Madison. The Hounds fell 1-3 and are just 1-7 on the year.

with Madison Pirri serving. A Fairfield kill got the sideout at 11-10 and the Trojans would run away with the set and match from there.

Knustrom said even from a week ago, she can see some of the drilling and practicing taking hold in the games.

“We have grown so much even just from our last match at Keokuk. I see them doing a lot of good things and I can tell the things we’re working on in practice are improving,” she said.

The Hounds were swept by the Chiefs on Aug. 31 in the conference opener at Keokuk.

“There are some minor details we have to work out like reading their hitters a little better and making some mid game adjustments. But as a whole I’m super proud of the way they played,” Knustrom said.

“I feel like we gave up the third game and the fourth game we could have come back down 15-20. I thought they fought back and that’s part of what were trying to build is that mindset that we’re not going to give up.”

Lynk finished the match going 18 of 23 hitting with eight kills and a block. Alaina Simpson was 12 of 17 hitting with eight kills. She also had 16 digs. Pirri had 21 digs to lead Fort Madison defensively. Molly Knipe had 17 and went 9 of 10 serving with one ace. Aija Jenkins was 8-of-10 serving with one ace.

The Hounds don’t yet possess that big swinger at the net, but Knustrom was quick to add, the Hounds do other things well and they just have to learn where the spots are.

“We just talk about trying to be smart in what we do. In practice we talk about moving the ball around and using all the hitters as much as we can,” she said.

“Our setter Molly has only been setting for about a month. And yeah, I’d like to get our middles more involved at some point. That will be huge, but for now we have to be smart. You don’t have to hit it hard, just hit where they’re not.”

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS July 26, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb, Rich Harlow 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 Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Dennis Fraise and Dana Millard from Lee County Economic De-

velopment Group gave the Board an update on what is happening in Lee County.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Design Contract with Calhoun Burns and Associates for professional structural design services for Bridge #126 on 140th Avenue in Harrison Township. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-83. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Resolution #2021-83

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa met to consider placing load limits on selected road segments of the Lee County road system, to enhance safety and to reduce surface and base failures.

And

WHEREAS: This authority is granted under Iowa Code Section 321.473

And

WHEREAS: The Board desires that travel on J56 (Primrose Road) between the Van Buren County Line and 180th Ave shall be load limited allowing only trucks and other commercial vehicles with a gross weight of less than the limit designated by the posted signs to travel upon them.

THEREFORE: The Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the County Engineer to post a load limit of ten (10) tons on J56 in compliance with Iowa Code Section 321.472. This load limit shall become effective whenever the signs are erected and shall remain in effect unless rescinded by the Board of Super-

visors. School busses, emergency vehicles, vehicles hauling home heating fuel to residences, vehicles hauling animal feed to a feeding yard, and commercial garbage haulers are exempt from these limitations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, may authorize permits of exception for loads not already exempt under the previous paragraph of this resolution. Any such permit must be specific to the excepted vehicle and its load, and must bear the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or County Engineer. Exception requests will be considered and approved or denied by the County Engineer.

Resolved this 26th day of July, 2021

Lee County Board of

### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-82

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Shawn and Sonja Hutson 3540 158th Street Wever IA 52658

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of July, 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 Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Publication of Outstanding Warrants for Fiscal Year 2021. A

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 Larkin, to approve a Final Contract Construction Progress Voucher for FM-CO56(105)—55-56, Bridge #75 Repair Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Final Contract Construction Progress Voucher for FM-CO56(104)—55-56, Bridge #175 Repair Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Rebekah Shenkor and Dennis Cosby as Medical Examiner Investi-

person may file a claim with the Auditor for the amount of the canceled warrant within one year of the date of cancellation. Motion carried.

Outstanding Warrants: Polk County Sheriff \$714.19

Great River Health Systems \$2,400.00

Roxanne Smith \$39.00

Cindy Hall \$195.00

Jody Voissem \$67.00

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Boonies Bar & Grill, Fort Madison, for the period August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Ridgewood Lounge, Fort Madison, for the period August 15, 2021 through August 14, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Monday, July 19, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a transfer from part-time to full-time for William Carson, EMT, rate of pay unchanged, effective 8/1/21 and a step increase for Deedra Warner, Environmental Inspector, from \$25.11/hr. to \$25.61/hr., effective 7/8/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Granat

gators. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a quote from Hope Haven Development Center for cleaning services for the Health Department, Sheriff's Office and Conservation Center's Public Areas and for the Lee County Administration Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Lease Agreement with the Lee County Labor Council for \$400 per month beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-82. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

LLC in Washington Township and the Sheriff's Monthly Report for June 2021.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on an Employee Safety Team meeting. Seyb reported on an Economic Development Board meeting and a Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission meeting. Larkin reported on a Community Action Board meeting, a Workforce Development Board meeting and an Economic Development Board meeting. Pflug also attended the Safety Team meeting. Lee County Health Department Director Michele Ross gave the Board an update on the Covid numbers in Lee County.

At 10:10 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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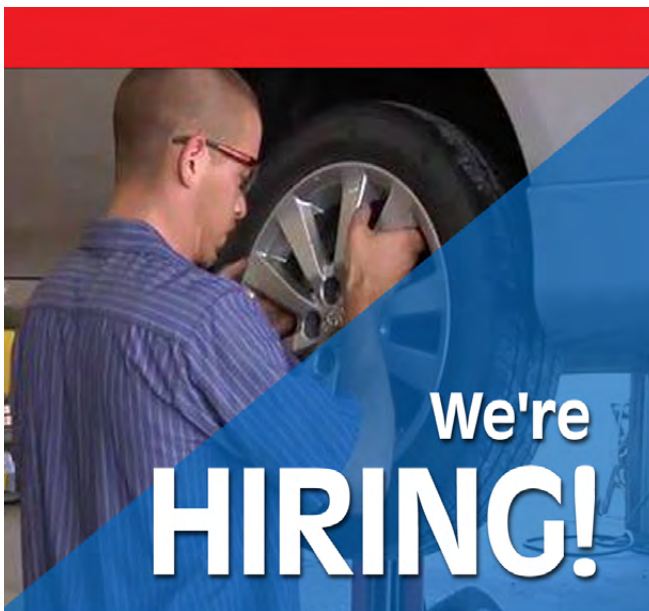
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From the Front

# Agreement allows FMPD to backfill officer position

**OFFICER** - Continued from Page 1

met, he was agreeable to allowing us to backfill that position at a net zero addition to the budget," Rohloff told the council.



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The new agreement will have the district helping cover officer support costs, and changes the cost-sharing to a pro-rata system based on actual hours worked.

"It looks like a good investment all around," Rohloff said. "It helps us insure the position will be filled because obviously if we don't have boots on the ground at the school, so to speak, we don't get the funding. So that's our incentive."

He said the department plans on committing an officer already on staff to fill that position, and then he would backfill that position at either an entry level or lateral position.

"The city is also taking the position of offering incentives to new hires because we found we are paying money for schooling or offering cash for lateral

positions," Rohloff said.

"The labor pool is very small and it is very competitive."

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld complimented Rohloff on negotiating the amended deal with the school district.

"You've opened up a channel of communication for an equitable financial agreement. Everything you were charged with you've done, and done a great job," Mohrfeld said.

In an unrelated issue, Mohrfeld informed the council that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will be undergoing a procedure in the next few weeks to have the prostate removed.

In other action, the council:

- approved the remaining of base material bids for the Riverview Marina Dredging project, a precursor to the new marina project in the amount of \$629,000.

- approved a \$23,000 change order to the GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation P.O.R.T trail project from the high school to Rodeo Park.

# Pipeline meeting set for Oct. 5

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ing Partnership L.P. out of San Antonio, Texas about permitting, Hull said conversations such as that are normal in county operations, but said most of the time they don't come to fruition.

"I understand we were copied on a packet that was sent out to affected land owners, so it would seem to me that pending authorization from the Iowa Utility Board, this pipeline (company) may be going down the road to acquire easements for their pipeline," Hull said.

Hull said he also received an inquiry from NuStar as to who the county would be using as their inspector on the project.

The county hired Chippewa Resources when Dakota Access built their pipeline through Lee County to serve as the county's inspector during the construction process to make sure landowners were taken care of as the installation progressed and finalized.

"As you may recall from the Dakota Access pipeline that the board of supervisors has a responsibility to inspect the pipeline construction from the perspective of the private landowners. Not the construction of the pipeline itself but make sure that the ground is restored the way it should be," Hull said.

Hull said the county's secondary roads funds are not to be spent on private property, so he said it would make sense to hire a consultant that reports directly to the county if this project moves forward as well.

"My believe is this is a relatively certain project," Hull said.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said he spoke with Hull before the meeting and said he was satisfied with Chippewa's performance and would recommend the county do something like that again to protect landowners.

The county's cost for hiring resources was reimbursed to them by firms associated with the pipeline construction.

"They have to get right of ways from landowners and they usually are compensated for that. They still own the property, the pipeline would just have access to it," Fedler said.

The county also got an agreement exhibit outlining compensation for crop loss and other property damages.

A representative of the Iowa Utilities Board will be at the public information meeting.

Following the meeting representatives with JCG Land Services, Inc. will begin contacting county land owners of property where easements would need to be secured.

From 30 days to two years after the Oct. 5 meeting, NuStar may file a petition for a pipeline permit with the IUB for permission to build the pipeline, and if necessary, will request the right of eminent domain, or condemnation.

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