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GODSPEED, CAPT. KERN



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren eulogizes Fort Madison Fire Department Capt. Eric Kern Saturday at Fort Madison High School. Below left, the honor guard rings out Kern with a 3-3-3 code, while at bottom right King-Lynk Funeral Home's Jason Lynk escorts Kern's remains to the processional.



City rings out fallen fire captain

A firefighter stood guard over a large silver bell and LeeComm called out a final page for Fort Madison Firefighter Eric Kern Saturday morning.

Kern, who served over three decades with the Fort Madison Fire Department, was laid to rest in a private burial after a public funeral at Fort Madison High School. A processional through town passed the Fort Madison Fire Department and up Rodeo hill gave those along the route a final chance to salute.

Police stood guard at intersections with fingertip to eyebrow as first responders from around the state rolled through Fort Madison in honor and memory of their brother.

Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren remembered Kern as a friend and a member of his department's family. The two coached sports together and raised children together. When Herren said he was losing a friend, you could see this man of confidence – a confidence that's demanded when lives are on the line – meant it, and was shaken.

I didn't know Capt. Kern except if I saw his name reflecting in red on the bottom of his bunker gear at structure fires or vehicle accidents over the past six years.

Some on the Fort Madison Fire Department I know very well, some I know on a casual basis, and some I haven't had a chance to meet and engage with. Capt. Kern was the latter.

At Saturday's funeral that became a circumstance of misfortune. This man

Every day's a good day for MPs Marvin Day

He started as a dishwasher-bus-boy at Pizza Hut and rose to be a regional manager. At the height of his career, he built and owned somewhere around 40 Pizza Huts plus a Sirloin Stockade. Marvin Day and his wife, Wanda Marie Ortery-Day, could have lived anywhere, but chose Mt. Pleasant. At

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm

one time or another Marvin was on just about every committee and board in Mt. Pleasant: Henry



County Health Center, Two Rivers Bank, Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant Rec Center, Junior Achievement, Old Threshers, baseball and softball (both coaching and board member) and the Jaycees.

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LUCKY FOR LIFE 02/05.....4 18 25 43 45, Lucky Ball: 12
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PICK 3 02/03, 02/04, 02/05 MIDDAY.....18 8, 18 6, 3 9 2
PICK 3 02/03, 02/04, 02/05 EVENING.....8 4 0, 0 2 7, 1 7 5
PICK 4 02/03, 02/04, 02/05 MIDDAY.....6 9 2 1, 6 9 0 3, 7 0 5 6
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

WENDY G. ANDERSEN-COX

Wendy Gayle Andersen-Cox, the daughter of Melody Rivera and Kenneth Boone, was born November 24, 1975, in West Monoe, Louisiana, although grew up in Galveston, Texas. Wendy entered eternal rest on January 30, 2022, at Blessing Health Keokuk, at the age of 46.



ANDERSEN-COX

Wendy graduated from Ball High School in 1993. She married John Cox on June 5, 2010.

Wendy can be described as resilient. She spent her life healing, growing, and trying. Wendy always had good intentions, a helping hand, and a gentle soul. Wendy enjoyed riding on the back of her husband's motorcycle, living life with her "brothers & sisters", crown & coke, the beach, and reading. Recently, Wendy found peace in making friendships at the elderly retirement home, camping with her husband, and singing old songs. Wendy was eccentric and wild, but she loved with her entire heart. She will be remembered for her hamburger soup, broccoli rice and cheese casserole, deviled eggs, and chicken fried steak.

"For I must be traveling on now
'Cause there's too many places I've got to see
But if I stay here with you, girl
Things just couldn't be the same
'Cause I'm as free as a bird now
And this bird you cannot change"

Left to cherish Wendy's memories include her husband John (the absolute love of her life), her stepson Kevin Andersen (Amanda) of Missouri, Stepdaughter Susie Hemm (John) of Iowa, son Tyler Trapani of Texas, son Billy King (Gabrielle) of Iowa, and daughter Heaven Johnson (Danielle) of Iowa. Eleven Grandchildren; numerous siblings; Several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

Wendy is preceded in death by her mother (Melody), stepfather (Ray), father-in-law (Lester), mother-in-law (Susan), grandson (Xavier), and others she adored (Callie, Aline, Delvin, Mr. Jack), and more.

Per her wishes, cremation has been accorded and entrusted to Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison.

A celebration of life will be held privately on 02/12/22 at 5:00pm. Please get a hold of family directly for attendance information. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Andersen-Cox family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

SHARON FOLKER

Sharon Folker, 79, of Burlington, Iowa, passed away at 4:45 a.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022, in Patterson, Louisiana.

She was born on October 1, 1942, in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Cyrus and Aletha (Boyd) Folker.



FOLKER

She is survived by four children: Jeff (Jessica) Mercer of Burlington, Iowa, Todd (Stephanie) Mercer of Patterson, Louisiana, Pamela (Donald) Steward of Burlington, Iowa, Troy (Shana) Mercer of Buna, Texas; ten grandchildren: Emily Mercer, Bobbi Mercer, Nick Mercer, Josh Mercer, Ronnie Steward, Zach Steward, Landon Steward, Kaitlin Clark, Madi Anderson, Jillian Mercer; two step-grandchildren: Josh and Rachel; fifteen

great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are two sisters: Verna (Clair) Lubke of Warsaw, Missouri; Delores Moser of New Boston, Illinois; two brothers: James (Roxie) Folker of Revere, Missouri and Ronald (Ellen) Folker of Statesboro, Georgia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters: Edith Carol Folker, Verlene Butts, Joyce Rutledge and Virginia Carnes; seven brothers: Cyrus, Marvin, Paul, Dale, Norman, Robert and Stephen.

Sharon retired from the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. She enjoyed cooking, playing cards, fishing and being a mother and grandmother.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, where a funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Chad Welch officiating.

Burial will be in the Christy Cemetery near Mount Sterling, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Breast Cancer Research.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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GREGORY L. REA

Gregory Lee Rea, 61, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away 5:22 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City.

Greg was born September 4, 1960 in Fort Madison the son of Donald and Rayma (Canfield) Rea.



REA

Mr. Rea enjoyed hunting, trapping and especially enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. In later years, he took up a passion for painting and often gifted paintings to friends and family. He was a fan of Bob Ross. He will be remembered as a generous man who would help anyone in need.

Survivors include his mother: Rayma Rea of Dallas City, Illinois; four children: Vanessa Rea of Burlington, Iowa, Kiefer Lee (Marina) Rea, Kieth Shane Rea and Kyle Wayne Rea all of LaHarpe, Illinois; eight grandchildren: Hayden, Hannah, Skylie, Luka, Jack, Kylynn, Atlas and Forrest; one brother: Doug (Mary Claire) Rea of Fort Madison and one sister: Theresa (Kirby) Marsden of Niota, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by one son: Jamie Scott Rea; his father: Donald; paternal grandparents: Dee and Helen Rea and maternal grandparents: Ray and Eva Canfield.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City, with Pastor Scott Grueding officiating. No visitation is planned.

A memorial fund has been established for the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Fort Madison or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Greg's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting the family.

OBITUARIES

SUE A. TURNER

Sue Ann Turner, 88, of Keokuk, passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at her home in Keokuk.

Sue was born on November 27, 1933, the daughter of George Feser and Mildred Lamb Feser Ketchum. On August 23, 1971, she was united in marriage to H. Raymond Turner in Fort Madison, Iowa. He preceded her in death on June 16, 2004.

Sue worked several places throughout her career and was most recently employed at Walmart as a greeter, working there until she retired at the age of eighty-five. She enjoyed spending her free time reading, visiting with her family, and rooting for her favorite sports teams, which included the Chicago Bears, the Fighting Illini, and Illinois high school basketball teams.

Sue is survived by her son George "Rick" (Barb) Altheide of Montrose, Iowa; her stepson Lavail Turner of Fort Madison, Iowa; several grandchildren including Eric Altheide, Beth (Keith Latham) Altheide and Dionna (Chris Carlson) Turner; and several great-grandchildren.

Sue is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Raymond, her son Steve Boyd, her granddaughter Dani Altheide and her step-sister Donna Ulrich.

A graveside service will be held at 2:45 pm on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. A procession to the cemetery will leave the funeral home at 2:30 pm. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1 to 2:30 pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to the Keokuk Public Library.

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

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

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Sports



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Miles Dear drives the lane and gets fouled in the second half Friday night in Washington. No. 1 Fort Madison lost 62-59 to the Demons.

No. 1 Hounds' rallies fall just short at No. 4 Washington

Davis tweaks ankle in pivotal fourth quarter

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

WASHINGTON — It was a show you get when two of the state's best boys basketball teams play.

It was the show you get when the two teams are battling for the conference lead.

The ending, though, wasn't what Fort Madison wanted.

The No. 1 (Class 3A) Bloodhounds fought back from a double-digit halftime deficit, and then scrambled to almost erase another double-digit deficit in the closing minutes before falling 62-59 to No. 4 Washington on Friday night.

The Demons (15-2) moved to 8-1 to take sole possession of the Southeast Conference lead heading into the final week of league play. Fort Madison (15-2) suffered its second loss of the week and fell to 7-2 in the conference, tied with Burlington for second place.

"That's what No. 1 versus No. 4 should look like," Fort Madison coach Ryan Wilson said. "Obviously we would have liked to have been on the other end of it. But to give this gym, which was packed to the walls, that game, to show why we were ranked where we are, why they were ranked where they are, that's what you want."



WILSON

Fort Madison trailed 37-24 at halftime before cutting the lead to 48-44 at the end of the third quarter. Then, after the Demons pulled out to a 59-49 lead with 2 1/2 minutes to play, the Bloodhounds went on an 8-0 run and had a chance to tie the game twice in the closing 30 seconds.

"Give our kids credit, they fought back," Wilson said. "To be down like that at halftime, and then have a chance to win, says a lot about this team."

Fort Madison's first chance to tie came when Washington's Kasen Bailey missed the first free throw of a one-and-bonus with 34.8 seconds left. Wilson passed up the chance to call a timeout, letting the Bloodhounds work for a shot. Miles Dear was open in the lane, but his fall-away jumper was short, and the Demons got the rebound.

"We had a chance to tie it up. Seniors are going to play, leaders are going to shoot," Wilson said. "Miles has knocked that turnaround-fadeaway shot down all season. I wasn't mad at the shot selection."

Ethan Patterson was fouled on the rebound and made two free throws to give Washington a 61-57 lead. Dear scored on a drive with seven seconds left, then Bailey was fouled on the inbounds play. He made just second of the two free throws, and Washington called a timeout.

The Bloodhounds had to go for the 3-pointer and the tie, but the Demons fouled Dear before he could get to mid-court. Dear, though, missed the front end of the one-and-bonus, and Washington was able to escape with the win.

Washington took control of the game with an 11-0 run in the first half to lead 28-18. The Bloodhounds were outscored 20-8 in the quarter as the Demons made defensive adjustments after guard Reiburn Turnbull picked up two first-quarter fouls.

"Turnbull's foul trouble hurt us," Wilson said. "He's a scorer, he's a player. It allowed them to make some changes defensively, take the lane away from Dayton (Davis) and Miles."

Wilson made sure the Bloodhounds knew there was time to rally.

"Down 13 at halftime, you want to cut that lead in half by the end of the third quarter, and then you're back in the game," Wilson said. "We did a lot better than that."

Dear led the Bloodhounds with 28 points. Davis finished with 17, fighting through the pain of a sprained ankle in the closing minutes to come up with two big steals to help Fort Madison in its final comeback.

Patterson led Washington with 18 points. Lucas Kroll had 14.

The Bloodhounds came into the week undefeated, but lost to Burlington on Monday and then suffered a second setback with this game.

"It's better that this happens now, so we can learn from it," Wilson said. "We've still got a lot of games left to play."



Fort Madison's Dayton Davis drives the lane in the second half during one of the Hounds' rallies Friday night in a loss at Washington.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 10, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administrative Building in Fort Madison on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Rich Harlow and Rick Larkin.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the agenda with an amendment. Table item number 4, approval of agreement with the City of Fort Madison regarding maintenance of X32 along the PORT Trail. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the second reading of the Voting Precinct Ordinance and to waive the third reading. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve an agreement with the City of Fort Madison for a combined voting precinct. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a three-year Billing Services Agreement with Physician's Claims Company for EMS billing. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-26. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-26

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums

from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2021-2022 budget year, and Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is \$2,611,758.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on January 10, 2022 is as follows:

Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund \$652,939.50.

Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 10th day of January 2022.

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

Moved by Seyb, sec-

onded by Harlow, to approve two tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-27

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: Nathan and Tabatha Wilson 1936 190th Avenue Donnellson IA 52625

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 10th day of January, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-28

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: Randy and Tamara Grossman 3289 159th Street Fort Madison IA 52627

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 10th day of January, 2022.

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

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, January 3, 2022 Board minutes.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a step increase for Shane Kirchner, Maintenance for Secondary Roads, from \$23.71/hr. to \$23.95/hr., effective 1/6/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of December 2021, the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of December 2021, the Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for November 30, 2021 and the Semi Annual Report for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Committee Reports: Larkin reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Pioneer

Cemetery Association meeting. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting. Health Department Director Michele Ross gave an update on Covid numbers.

At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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January 10, 2022**

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 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Construction Documents for North Courthouse Tuck Point Project
 Consider Approval of Final Construction Progress Voucher for Contract 56-C056-108 with Advanced Traffic Control for Installation of Intersection Countermeasures at Various Intersections
 Consider Approval of Incentive Pay for EMS Employees to Pick Up Hard to Fill Shifts
 Set Public Hearing for Maximum Levy for FY2023
 Publication of 2021 Salaries
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution
 Consider Approval of January 31, 2022 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims
 Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increase- Treasurer's Office
 B. New Hire- Jail Reports:
 A. Semi-Annual Settlement of Board of Supervisors
 B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn
 Workshop to Follow

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
Lee County
Conservation Board
Agenda
February 8, 2022**

**Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Hwy 61
Montrose, IA 52639
4:00 p.m.**

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1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2022
3. Quail Forever Sponsorship
4. West Point 8th Street Trail Discussion – Joe Loving
5. Public Input
This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

6. Denning Property Update
7. Approval of Bills
8. Approval of Financial Report
9. Administrative & Outreach Coordinator Step Increase
10. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Concrete Camping Pads
11. Update Bank Account Information
12. Discuss and take possible action on New Logo
13. Staff and Director Reports
14. Board Members Comment
15. Adjournment
Workshop to follow Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
January 10, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in special session on January 10, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Carissa

Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis (6:02), and Celeste El Anfaoui as well as other City Employees.

Consider resolution adopting a policy pertaining to OSHA'S Emergency Temporary Standard. Council discussed issues with the policy as it is written. Citizen Bobbi Lutzen requested that the council not pass the policy. Resolution died for lack of motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2022
501 Main Street
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on January 20, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Dan Winn, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia and John Helenthal were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Police Chief Dave Hinton, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Street Department Manager Tom Beard as well as other City Employees.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Com-mended Street Department, businesses, and homeowners for clearing roads/sidewalks. Encouraged citizens to participate in the Read/Write program at Keokuk Public Library as well as on Boards and Commissions through the city. Informed January is Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month; and Keokuk Catholic Schools Week is Jan 31 through Feb 4, 2022. Encouraged citizens to shop and eat local with Valentine's Day approaching.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Kira Kruszynski gave information regarding The Spirit of Keokuk Award. Amanda Rogers spoke for The Best You Coalition of Lee County.

Motion made by Altheide, second by Winn to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of January 6, 2022;
- Minutes of the Special Council meeting of January 10, 2022;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for December 2021;
- RESOLUTION NO. 9-2022 Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for;
- Kurt and Casey Barnes, 2525 Decatur Street, garage;
- Christian and Josephine White, 320 S. 9th Street, garage;
- Kevin and Jeanne Kuckelman, 1005 N. 14th Street, interior remodel;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5251-5252;

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 10-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH ASKEW SCIENTIFIC TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PLANT." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Winn to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 11-2022: "A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESOURCE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TO RECOVER FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Winn to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH KEDC REGARDING THE SIDS CENTER."

Motion made by Marsden, second by Andrews to amend Resolution No.13-2022 to remove 629 Main from the properties listed for the grant.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Marsden to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 13-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROPERTIES IN THE 600 BLOCK OF

MAIN STREET WITH THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Second Notification for Devon Dade to the City Planning Commission fulfilling an unfinished a 5-year term to expire 5/14/2025. Second Notification for Dustin Wade to the Depot Commission fulfilling an unfinished 5-year term to expire 6/1/2022.

STAFF REPORTS: Helenthal gave an update regarding pavers in Rand Park, tear down of City of Christmas, and the need for gates in Rand Park to remain closed until March 1, 2022. O'Donnell reported on Iowa League of Cities Legislative Policy Committee, Airport Infrastructure Funding, and budget sessions.

There being no further business a motion was made by Marsden, second by Winn to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
January 31, 2022
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
(CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
Fort Madison, IA**

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Sports/From the Front

Central Lee boys get 1st win

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – A huge monkey climbed off the backs of the Central Lee boys basketball team Saturday night.

The Hawks got their first win of the year in a tight 44-42 win over Louisa-Muscatine, behind a 16-point effort from junior Corbin Pohren.

Freshman Brayden Wyrick, the team's top scorer was in double figures with 10 points.

Things seemed to be migrating the way the rest of the year has gone when the Falcons put up five points in the final minutes of the first half to take a 22-14 lead into locker room.

Central Lee put up just five first quarter points, but the defense was able to hold L-M to just seven to stay in the game. L-M went on a 15-9 second quarter run to create some space, but it was the third quarter that separated the two squads.

Pohren came alive with a couple 3-balls and two other buckets from the field for 10 points to spur a 15-10 run that closed the gap to just three at 32-29 going into the final eight minutes.

L-M made some adjustments to slow down Pohren around the perimeter and off the dribble, which opened up the interior and allowed Wyrick, who had only one point through the first three periods after early foul trouble, to get going.

Wyrick would score four times from the field and connect on a free throw for nine points down the stretch. Alex Sandoval also converted his only 3-pointer of the night with less than a minute left to help secure the win.

Central Lee trailed the whole fourth quarter, but cut the lead to just one at 40-39 with two minutes left. L-M would score its final five points at the free throw line, but Central Lee would get Sandoval's 3-pointer to take the lead at 43-40. A free throw would seal the deal.

Bryce Finney and Cory Jones each had eight rebounds in the win. Pohren had eight steals.

"We've been working all season for this and our guys reaped the reward of their dedication to daily improvement. We couldn't hit a shot in the first half it seemed, and we got into heavy foul trouble," said Head Coach Kritter Hayes.

"This team has not run away and has only gotten better from our failures. That makes for a proud coach."

Hayes said the team faced adversity even late in the game and after 19 straight losses found a way to get it done.

"We fell down 9 or 10 points at one time in the 3rd quarter. I told them we couldn't get it back in one possession. We just kept chipping away and chipping away. It was fun to see our players, parents, fans, and student section smile after a great night of basketball. They deserved a great finish."

Central Lee's junior varsity won the first contest 46-29.

Central Lee is just one game from climbing out of the cellar in the SEI Superconference as Van Buren sits 2-12 and has lost their last two. Central Lee is 1-15 and takes on Cardinal (13-7) on Tuesday before Class 2A Substate 6-District 12 actions starts on Monday, Feb. 14 in an 8 p.m. against West Burlington in West Burlington.

The winner will advance to face Cardinal, who got a first round bye, at Cardinal at 7 p.m. Feb. 17.

Mold was broken the day Mr. Day died

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On Monday, December 20, 2021, at their winter home in Saddlebrooke, Arizona, 78-year old Marvin Day did something unusual—he bought a new pair of shoes. According to Wanda, he hardly ever bought anything for himself. They were going to go to Seattle for Christmas to see their son, Dr. Kris Day, and his family, and Marvin wanted to look sharp.

On Tuesday, Marvin told Wanda, "I think I'll get a new pair of socks to go with those shoes."

Wanda said, "Really?"

On Wednesday night, they went out for dinner. They were leaving for Seattle the next day and Marvin was unusually happy and giddy. He's normally a quiet person, but a good listener. They talked about their kids and grandkids—they have five kids and 22 grandchildren—and their trip to Seattle. They ordered margaritas and Wanda started to take a sip. Marvin said, "Wait, let's toast." So they toasted their time together that night and their trip to Seattle. They had a wonderful evening. Marvin mentioned that he hadn't gotten his new socks yet, and asked Wanda if she would go to Walmart and pick him up a pair while he went home and took care of some business.

Wanda said, "Sure."

When Wanda returned home, the house was quiet. She hollered, "I'm home, Babe." There was no answer. She found him sitting in his desk chair with his head to the side of his shoulder like he was taking a catnap. He was gone. She called 911 and attempted CPR, but it was too late.

Marvin Day had a number of health issues, but he was always positive, looked on the bright side of things, and was a friend to everyone. He had COPD, had survived a "widow maker" heart attack, prostate cancer and a brain bleed. He was extremely hard working and treated his employees like family. He had the unique ability to allow a person to be better than they would otherwise be.

In the 70's he was on the road so often, building and managing Pizza Huts, he might be home only three days a month. But he maintained he was not a workaholic. He was good friends with another Mt. Pleasant icon, Ernie Hays. When Marvin introduced Wanda to Ernie, he asked Ernie to show Wanda his calendar. Ernie did and Wanda was flabbergasted. Ernie didn't have a free day for months. Marvin said, "Now HE's a workaholic."

Marvin had tried college right out of high school but it wasn't for him. However, he received an honorary Doctorate Degree from Iowa Wesleyan College later in life. Wanda and Marvin often didn't know where their next dollar was coming from, but they were a team. She would tell him, "If you're climbing the ladder and fall, you climb back on." Marvin could procure a loan with a handshake, and believed, "You can have anything in life you want, if you're willing to work for it."

Wanda made sure her husband had his new shoes and socks on when he was buried. She wanted Marvin to look sharp when he met his old buddies, Ernie Hays, and former Mt. Pleasant Mayor, Ed King. The mold was broken when Marvin Day died.

One of our best laid to rest Saturday

ERIC KERN - Continued from Page 1

enjoyed a Busch Light I found out from the service. And he apparently was an 80s rock man. Kansas, Guns N' Roses, Led Zeppelin.

We had much in common except I prefer to capture the fire from afar, while he preferred to capture it literally. I take the photos of the accident while he took the victim's hand.

Heaven is full of heroes, but the Kern family sent their father, son, brother, uncle, and grandfather on Monday, Jan. 31 to join the ranks of those God must hold just a bit closer – those who dedicated their lives in service of others.

It brought a smile to the wet cheeks of those who filled the west stands of the FMHS gym when it was revealed by his sister Shelley that this brave firefighter of 33 years – a man whose job was to respond to the worst of situations and face treachery at a moment's notice – had a fear of spiders.

One would imagine that fear was quickly set aside when he walked up to, and then into, a strange structure full of smoke and flames.

It defines a community at its core when we lose someone we've counted on for decades to be there for us when times are their worst. But there's some solace that a community turns out in full force, and the brotherhood of firefighters, police, and first responders line a hall and stand in attention to honor a man fallen in the line of duty.

It's a crazy colloquialism that a picture speaks a thousand words. Sometimes the words have to do the work. But in this Sunday's Beside the Point we're going to add the pictures, too.

Godspeed Capt. Kern.

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