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Paint-A-Thon needs specialists

LIGHT REPAIR: Contractors or light repair specialists needed for Partners' effort

BY **CHUCK VANDENBERG**
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The annual beautification effort known as the Fort Madison Paint-A-Thon is on track to start this month, but organizers are looking for a few extra people that can do light repairs before the painting begins.

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble said plans are on par with last year and some minor repairs through Community Action of Southeast Iowa have been done, but the homes to be painted and the homeowners haven't been notified yet.

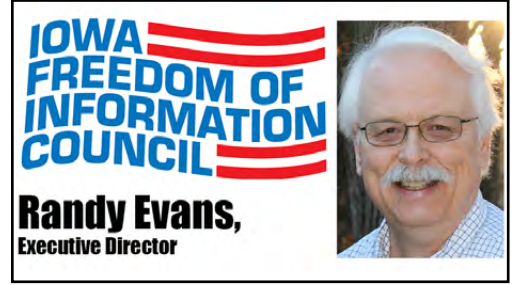
That should take place after April 1, Gobble said.

Fort Madison Partners, Kempker's True Value & Rental and Community Action collaborate on the annual event. More sponsors will be announced when the homes to be worked on are announced.

Gobble said some additional light repair work will be needed and he's looking for contractors or people with skill sets to assist with the work.

"Community Action can do repairs on homes if they meet guidelines of a certain age, but they can supply materials for people under 60. So I would have the materials, but they can't do that work," he said.

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More to being a leader than just talking

Through history, some political leaders have been outstanding orators. Boy, could they talk. They knew how to mobilize and move people with their words.

Think of Franklin Roosevelt and, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Or Ronald Reagan and, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

The ability to crystallize their thoughts in memorable speeches can galvanize public opinion and bring people around to the leader's views.

But the best leaders have something else, and it gets too little attention and respect, especially in these divisive times. That is the leader's listening skills.

This lack of attention to listening is unfortunate, because leadership is more than simply making decisions. Leadership is far more complicated than just doing what the leader's most ardent supporters want.

Real leaders listen to people who disagree with them. They let those people explain their experiences, their concerns and suggestions — because such perspective may not be truly understood by the person in charge.

As is often the case when I think about leadership, Robert D. Ray comes to mind.

A recent Iowa History Month essay focused on how during Ray's tenure as governor the state led the way nationally in protecting Native American remains and burial sites. Lakota activist Maria Pearson of Ames was instrumental in the early 1970s in changing the attitudes of government officials, museum administrators and scientists toward the

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Thanks for four decades

Holy Trinity Catholic Activities Director John Goetz presents Chris Faulkner with a basket during a retirement celebration at Elliott Test Kitchen Wednesday night. Faulkner retired after 41 years of covering local sports and news for the Fort Madison Daily Democrat. We'll see ya in the stands, Chris!



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

COVID

LCHD to hold second booster clinic in FM

FORT MADISON – Lee County Health Department (LCHD) will have a 2nd COVID-19 booster clinic on Wednesday, April 6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison). This clinic will be for the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine only. This clinic will be an in-house clinic, not

a drive-thru, and appointments are required. COVID-19 vaccine cards will be required at the appointment. Appointments can be made by calling (319)372-5225.

The CDC recommendations are for the following:

A second booster does of the Pfizer

or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine;

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OBITUARIES

TRACY S. KOETT

Tracy Sue Koett, 56, of Burlington, died at 10:55 AM Monday, March 28, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington.



KOETT

Born August 15, 1965, in Burlington, Iowa, she was the daughter of Herbert Alvin Cambell and Margie Ann Kelly. After her father passed away, she was adopted by Robert Royer, whom her mother married. Tracy married Ricky Taylor, then later divorced. She later married VJ Koett and they later divorced.

She attended Burlington High School then received her Associate's Degree from Southeastern Community College.

Tracy worked for Dresser-Rand, now known as Siemens, for over 25 years. She was a member of Faith Lutheran and the Burlington Gym. She was described as having a bright personality and a distinct laugh. She enjoyed flowers and soaking up the sun to get her Vitamin D. Tracy enjoyed traveling and going on new adventures. Most of all, Tracy loved spending time with her friends, family and especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her mother, Margie Royer; two daughters, Jamie (Jay) Judge of Ankeny and Julia (Tyler Waggener) of West Burlington; fiancé, Richard Oscar Cline of Burlington; two bonus daughters, Amber and Mackenzie Cline; four grandchildren, Luke and Max Judge, Aurora Waggener, and Iverson Cline; sister, Kelly (Curtis) Willeford of Burlington; half-sister, Brandi Ridgely of Missouri; niece, Nicole (Jeff) Gerdorn; nephew, Nathan (Katie) Willeford; great nieces and nephews and her dog, Herbie.

She was preceded in death by her fathers; maternal and paternal grandparents; sister, Mindy Hoaglin; and special friend, Steven Ellison.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory.

Visitation will be from noon until 7:00 PM with the family to receive friends from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM Friday, April 1, 2022 at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The Graveside Service for Tracy will be Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM in Aspen Grove Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Burlington Gym.

A memorial has been established for her family.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Tracy's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

GERALDINE E. ST. CLAIR

Geraldine E. St. Clair, 98, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Aspire Health Center in Donnellson, IA. She was born on August 20, 1923



ST. CLAIR

in Fort Madison, IA to Henry & Dorothy Kottenstette Watznauer. She married James R. St. Clair on November 15, 1952 in Fort Madison, IA.

He preceded her in death on March 13, 1979. She was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Parish and the Altar & Rosary Society.

Growing up during the depression, she was a very hard-working person most of her life. Family & friends were very important to her.

Jerry is survived by: 2-sons: William (Daret) St. Clair of Lexington, KY & Joseph St. Clair of Fort Madison, IA; 1-sister: Dorothy Denmead of Los Angeles, CA and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-son: Robert St. Clair, 1-brother: Jim Watznauer & 3-sisters: AnnaLee Reed, Ruthie Bergman & Jane Flach.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May, 27, 2022 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. just prior to the mass at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish. Online condolences to the St. Clair family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

LARRY M. HEATER

Larry Max Heater, 75, of Burlington, died at 12:38 AM Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington.



HEATER

Born May 26, 1946, in Mount Pleasant, IA, he was the son of Max Cleo and Elsie Luella Glazebrook Heater. In December of 1965 he married Brenda Doreen Kerr and they later divorced. On June 26, 1976, he married Judy Marie Brammer in Stronghurst, IL. She died May 14, 2015.

He attended New London High School. While in school, he worked for the New London Grain Elevator.

He drove a gravel truck for Des Moines County. Larry was an over-the-road truck driver for Truck Transport Inc. and Long Trucking for 44 years. He later went to work for Centre State delivering parts until his retirement in 2016.

Larry loved to travel and drive. He was a walking road map and always gave you directions, even if you knew the way. He was a member of the Teamsters Union for many years. He loved animals and planted a garden with his family every year. He enjoyed coffee with his friends every morning.

Survivors include son, Bryan Dean Heater of Donnellson; daughter, Leslie Marie (Clint) Glasscock of Keokuk; three grandchildren; his four legged grandson, Rocky; four great-grandchildren; step-son, Steven Mark Lewis of Burlington; step-daughter, Patricia Ann Lewis of Burlington; two step grandchildren; sister, Mary Lou Terry of Morning Sun and his many special friends.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter Lori Michelle Heater, step daughter Kelly Myers, half brother Richard Foland and half sister Deloris.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of Prugh Crematory.

The Graveside Committal Service for Mr. Heater will be 11:00 AM Friday, April 1, 2022, at Burge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Larry's obituary at www.prughfuneral.com.

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Scene Around Town/From the Front



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Workers with the Fort Madison Public Works' Street Department run a Vac-Con truck through a sewer line at the corner of Sixth Street and Avenue E Wednesday morning.

Donations still sought for Paint-A-Thon

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"So what I really need are some contractors that can do light repair work or people that are handy and aren't afraid to do some small siding replacement or wood repairs."

Gobble said they are also looking for more volunteers to fill in around the teams that are assigned to homes. Several industries, businesses, and churches have signed up to bring manpower to the event starting the week of April 25.

"We've got some decent groups. Some groups come out and work a full day and can complete a house that's ready in one day. Some are more spaced out so we can always use volunteers to fill in," Gobble said.

Financial contributions are also still needed or donations of supplies.

"Ultimately paint brushes and all that stuff costs money. We do provide a t-shirt each year and that costs money as well so there are other expenses. The last couple of years we've had to buy power

washers as they wear out fast."

Anyone willing to donate supplies or gift cards to purchase supplies can do so by dropping them off at the Fort Madison Partners office at 614 7th Street in historic downtown Fort Madison.

The Paint-A-Thon is an event in which volunteer groups paint owner-occupied homes in the city limits of Fort Madison. This event allows homeowners with financial and physical limitations to have their homes painted free of cost so they can use their income to cover other important costs, such as medication, groceries and utility bills. Residents will apply to have the exterior of their homes painted, then volunteers from civic groups, churches and businesses lend a helping hand to paint, and local businesses and residents donate supplies.

It takes 20 to 30 people per house with one volunteer leader. Volunteers will need to make themselves available at some point during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the week. Volunteers must be 16 years old or older (parental/guardian signature on waiver required between the ages of 16/17) to be a part of a team and willing to put in the work to get the house painted. Waivers will need to be signed by all volunteers.



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Scene Around Town/Education News

Moderna, Pfizer 2nd boosters available

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Additional information and consent forms can be found at the LCHD website at www.leecountyhd.org.



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Senate passes private school scholarship bill

DES MOINES – Gov. Reynolds released the following statement today in response to the Iowa Senate passing her education bill tonight:

“The Senate made clear tonight that parents matter. Iowans want and deserve school choice and educational freedom for their children and I urge the House to get this across the finish line and send a bill to my desk.

“If education truly is the great equalizer, we should create opportunities for more families to provide their children with the education choice that’s best for them. That’s exactly what this legislation does.”

The Senate voted 31-18 in support of the bill. The bill now heads to the Iowa House for debate.

Fort Madison Daily Democrat Sports Editor Chris Faulkner shakes hands with guests at Wednesday’s retirement reception at Elliott Test Kitchen. Area coaches from the Fort Madison area joined Faulkner for a dinner, to share memories, and to pepper the 41-year veteran with questions about the last four decades covering Fort Madison sports and news.

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Iowa News/From the Front

Gov. Reynolds sends Iowa equipment to Ukrainians

JOHNSTON -- Today Gov. Reynolds launched Iowa's effort to aid the people of Ukraine.

The state is providing 146 protective helmets and 714 ballistic vests to Ukraine through donations from the Department of Public Safety and 18 other law enforcement agencies. The retired equipment is past the manufacturers' recommended service life but still in usable condition.

The state of Nebraska contributed additional helmets and vests to send with Iowa's donation.

"Ukrainian men and women have taken up arms alongside their military to protect their homeland from Putin's unprovoked attack," said Gov. Reynolds. "Iowa has a special connection to Ukraine through our sister state relationship with Cherkasy. Today's donation fulfills an urgent need in Cherkasy and represents an incredible team effort from the entire state. I'm proud that Iowa is doing what we can to



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help."

"Ukrainians have bravely withstood Russia's unprovoked invasion for more than a month," said Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts. "As they've come under attack, the Ukrainian people have shown spirited resistance that has won the respect of the free world. As they defend their homeland, Ukrainians have an immense need for protective gear. Agencies large and small from across Nebraska have stepped up to help meet this need. I'm grateful for Nebraskans' generosity in donating these critical supplies."

The Governor's office worked with the Ukrainian Consulate in Chicago to identify an opportunity with all appropriate federal licensing for delivery to the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.

Gov. Reynolds also announced that the state, along

with Iowa Sister States, will work with Meals from the Heartland in West Des Moines to help address the immediate and ongoing food supply needs of Cherkasy. Planning is underway to send an initial shipment of meals as soon as possible, and then assess how longer-term needs may be met. Meal packaging opportunities for the public are not available at this time but will likely be scheduled in the coming weeks. However, Iowans can help with this effort now by donating to help cover the cost of shipping the meals into Ukraine. Visit IowaSisterStates.org for more information and to make a donation.

Iowa's sister state relationship with Cherkasy, a province located in central Ukraine, began in 1996. Cherkasy, similar to Iowa, has an economy largely driven by agriculture, and its capital city is the center for industry, primarily manufacturing, furniture making, and agricultural processing.

Transgender sports bill deserved more investigation

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subject.

Her ability to bring change occurred because Ray was willing to listen, even when others were not.

Contractors on a road project near Glenwood uncovered the remains of two dozen pioneers in 1971. The bones of the Caucasian settlers were reburied in a nearby cemetery. But, as was the practice at the time, the remains of a Native American woman and her infant were sent to the state archaeologist's lab in Iowa City for study.

Pearson was livid. She went to the Capitol and demanded to see Ray. He invited her in and listened as she shared her concerns about the way Native American remains were treated like museum objects and were not treated with the same dignity the remains of European-Americans received.

Ray sought the input of others and listened to the concerns of museum curators and archeologists. In the end, he decided that while the public benefits from the museum displays and scientists' studies, the human rights and spiritual concerns of Native Americans must take precedence.

Fast forward to 2022 for a couple of examples of governors listening — one half-heartedly, one with more compassion.

Gov. Kim Reynolds talked with Iowa parents and their daughters who wanted a law barring transgender girls from participating on girls' athletic teams at Iowa high schools and at Iowa colleges and universities.

Unlike Ray, who sought out people with views differing from Maria Pearson's, Reynolds did not invite transgender girls to her office to talk about the issue. You didn't see photos of her with Gavy Smith, 15, a transgender girl from Decorah, who was born Gavin, a biological boy.

Had Reynolds invited Gavy and her mother to the Capitol, the governor would have learned Gavy has never been a standout athlete in any sport, not even miniature golf. Gavy would have talked about the joy derived from being part of a team and playing alongside friends.

Another leader wrestling with the issue of transgender athletes is Spencer Cox, the Republican governor of Utah.

Last week, he vetoed a bill similar to Iowa's. It bars transgender students from participating in high school sports unless it is on a team comprised of athletes of the gender a trans kid had at birth. Cox's veto letter provides important insight into his consideration of the issue.

"I believe in fairness and protecting the integrity of

women's sports," he wrote. "Because there are logical and passionate arguments by many parties, finding compromise or common ground can be difficult."

But Cox said he favors finding fair and compassionate ways to solve bitter disputes.

"I was heartened and encouraged to see legislators sitting down with LGBTQ advocates to work on a compromise that would both protect women's sports and allow some participation for our most marginalized transgendered youth."

The potential compromise would have created a commission of experts to help decide individual cases in which trans kids would be able to participate on a team.

"The concept was fairly simple," Cox wrote. "For the very small number of transgender kids who are looking to find a sense of connection and community — without posing any threat to women's sports — the commission would allow participation. However, the committee would prohibit participation in the rare circumstance of an outlier who could pose a safety threat or dominate a sport in a way that would eliminate competitive opportunities for biological females."

On the last day of the legislative session, the compromise was thrown out shortly before midnight and a complete ban was substituted.

"I am not an expert on transgenderism," Cox wrote. "I struggle to understand so much of it, and the science is conflicting. When in doubt, however, I always try to err on the side of kindness, mercy and compassion. I am learning so much from our transgender community. They are great kids who face enormous struggles."

Cox noted that of 75,000 students participating in high school sports in Utah, only four are transgender. Of those four, only one is playing girls' sports. He concluded: "That's what this is all about. Four kids who aren't dominating or winning trophies or taking scholarships. Four kids who are just trying to find some friends and feel like they are part of something. Four kids trying to get through each day. Rarely has so much fear and anger been directed at so few."

That insight comes when you listen.

Randy Evans is director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council and can be reached at DMRevs2810@gmail.com. Pen City Current is a member of the IFOIC.

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Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Engineering Bureau, at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034 until 11:00 A.M., April 21, 2022 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. In addition to attending the bid opening in person, interested parties may also call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

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Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50312. Please visit www.beelineandblue.com or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information. Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>.

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall

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Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

UNION COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-04-88-04

Green Valley State Park Campground Pavement Maintenance Rebid
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 09/30/2022

Project Description: This project consists of pavement preservation; crack cleaning and filling, patching, fog sealing, surfacing on the cabin lane, and placement of shoulder rock in the campground at Green Valley State Park.

JOHNSON COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-06-52-02

Hawkeye Wildlife Unit

North Road and Babcock Road Maintenance
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 11/11/2022

Project Description: This project involves placement of 920 tons of Class A Crushed Stone, 7 acres of ditch clearing, 760 linear feet of cutting ditches, 4 stations of blading and shaping, replacing a 48" dia. and 12" dia. CMP culverts located in the Hawkeye Wildlife Unit in Johnson Co., IA.

DECATUR COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-05-27-01

Nine Eagles State Park Pavement Preservation
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
Completion Date: 9/30/2022

Project Description: This project consists of pavement preservation of approximately 3.8 miles of asphalt roadway at Nine Eagles State Park, including full depth patches, longitudinal and transverse joint repairs, cleaning and filling cracks, fog sealing pavement, and other incidental work.

PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING March 17, 2022 501 Main Street 6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on March 17, 2022 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia, Dan Winn, Steve Andrews, John Helenthal, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Linda Altheide was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works

Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Police Chief Dave Hinton, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tom Wills, Airport Manager Raymond Ott as well as other city employees.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Encouraged citizens to eat/drink/shop local for St. Patrick's Day. Informed of upcoming events in Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Jim Rauner expressed concerns over sidewalks throughout the city.

Motion by Marsden, second by Helenthal to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of March 3, 2022;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of March 10, 2022;

- Minutes of a Special Budget Meeting

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for February, 2022;

- RESOLUTION NO. 37-2022: Approving a Liquor License for Angelini's Pizza, Inc., 1006 Main Street, effective April 1, 2022 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service;

- RESOLUTION NO. 38-2022: Approving a Liquor License for B.P.O. Elks, Keokuk Lodge #106, 2200 Lincoln Avenue, effective April 1, 2022 – Class A Liquor License, with Sunday Sales (pending dram);

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5260-5262;

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. on the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual budget. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on March 4, 2022.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell discussed budget summary and the impact of bonding for street repair on the tax levy.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

No further comments received; Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to approve the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. on proposed granting of a franchise to operate an electric transmission utility within the City of Keokuk, Iowa. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on March 4, 2022.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell gave overview of agreement with ITC Midwest.

No further comments received; Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Motion made by Winn, second by Garcia to approve initial reading of an Ordinance on granting of a franchise to operate an electric transmission utility within the City of Keokuk, Iowa.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES - Crenshaw, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald. (0) NAYS (1) ABSENT - Altheide. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to waive the second and third reading of the ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES - Crenshaw, Garcia, Winn, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, Bryant, and Greenwald. (0) NAYS (1) ABSENT - Altheide. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2021: GRANTING OF A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION UTILITY WITHIN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the second reading of an Ordinance adding new chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles, and golf carts. Discussed concerns regarding travel on various city streets and possible amendments to ordinance. After discussion motion was made by Andrews, second by Marsden to table the second reading. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion to table carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Marsden to approve a resolution approving agreement with Community Action of Southeast Iowa. During discussion, Crenshaw requested the agreement be amended to include any residual funds be sent back to the city. Motion made by Helenthal, second by Crenshaw to table. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion to table carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 39-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH STANLEY CONSULTANTS TO DESIGN THE BELT PRESS

PROJECT." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 40-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CELESTE EL ANFAOUI AS CITY CLERK EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022 TO SERVE OUT JEAN LUDWIG'S TWO (2) YEAR TERM AS CITY CLERK. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 41-2022: "A RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 518 MAIN STREET BY THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 42-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT IN SEWER CHARGES RELATED

TO THE FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS." (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Winn to approve setting date for special meeting to be held March 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. relating to ADM pretreatment process. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Final Notification for Doug Bartholomew to the Rand Park Pavilion Commission, filling an unfinished 5-year term to expire 10/22/2022.

Final Notification for Bryan Kies to the Joyce Park/Tumelty Commission, filling an unfinished 6-year term to expire 10/1/22. Final Notification reappointing Teresa Murray, Shelley Oltmans, Jay Kruse to the Board of Adjustment, 5-year terms to expire 4/1/27.

Mayoral Appointment for David Jones to Historic Preservation Commission, 3-year term to expire 9/1/25. Motion to approve

all By Helenthal, second by Garcia. (8) AYES (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second Notification for Scott Marlin to Veterans Memorial Commission, 5-year term to expire 6/1/2027. First Notification for Joyce Sapp to Grand Theater Commission, 3-year term to expire 11/5/2025.

STAFF REPORTS: Broomhall informed amendments needed to Chapter 5 - nuisance abatement fee's and informed on City Planning Commission's recommendation regarding a homeless shelter. Helenthal gave an overview of a group formed (Friends of Cemetery) to help with cemetery cleanup. Notified N. 2nd Street repair to begin March 22nd, 2022. Mayor Mahoney mentioned donations still being accepted for the dog park. O'Donnell reported on the USDA Equity Project, ADM Administrative Order Appeal, and various legislative items. Informed he will

be out of the office for a conference March 22-25 and extended appreciation and congratulations to City Clerk Jean Ludwig on her retirement.

NEW BUSINESS: Marsden informed of Main Street clean up on March 26th 2022 at 8 a.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Mahoney called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Helenthal, second by Garcia. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Lady Hawks hoping to gain some attention on pitch

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

DONNELLSON – Antonio Estrada's first girls soccer team at Central Lee didn't win a match in 2019.

The Hawks went 0-8, and didn't score a goal until the final match of the season.

But it was in that season when the youngest players on the team asked Estrada to challenge them.

"I've had a few girls who came up to me during their freshman year, my first year as (varsity) coach and say, 'Hey, you need to be a little bit (tougher). We feel like that's going to help us,'" Estrada said. "The girls understand that, and it was great to hear that from them."

The progress the Hawks have made was evident in Monday's season opener against Keokuk, a 5-2 win.

It's the start to a season that Estrada hopes can be a key for the program's growth.

"This year I feel like we can win some games, get some attention," Estrada said. "I'm hoping if we start winning, girls will notice and want to play."

The biggest addition to the team has been sophomore forward Aubree Boyd, who had two goals in the opener.

"She's played club (soccer) most of her life," Estrada said of Boyd, who came from Pennsylvania. "That's probably her main sport."

Estrada saw Boyd's impact in the first practice.

"My assistant was like, 'Dude, we have a coach on the field,'" Estrada said. "She's pretty much a coach out there for us. She's a huge asset."

"And she's unselfish. On Monday, she was passing the ball, doing everything she could to get her teammates involved. She's really skilled."

Central Lee also got goals from Sarah Martin, Macy Watkins and Addy Brumble in the opener.

Watkins, Makayla Morrison and Kylie Davidson are also big parts of the offense at midfield.

Josie Newton is an anchor for the defense.

"She's able to push the ball out and turn it up the field," Estrada said. "She's very smart."

Central Lee's defense has three seniors. "Our defense is going to have to step up," Estrada said. "We have a lot of experience."

The Hawks have a difficult schedule that includes Notre Dame-West Burlington, Mount Pleasant, Mid-Prairie and Fort Madison.

"If we can stay focused, keep improving, and take care of the ball, we can win some games," Estrada said. "Don't get down on yourself. It's soccer, it's fun. A lot of schools don't have girls soccer, so just take advantage of the opportunity."

OBITUARIES

JAMES "BRIAN" JAIRL

James "Brian" Jairl, 54, of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at his home.

He was born May 19, 1967 in Keokuk, IA the son of James and Sharon Frueh Jairl. Brian graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1985.

On June 1, 1991 Brian was united in marriage to Marsha Keppel. She survives.



JAIRL

Other survivors include three sons, Juston Jairl (Chelsey) of Hamilton, IL, James "J.D." Jairl (Samantha Palm) of Keokuk and Tyler Jairl (Zoe "Squirrel Krome") of Keokuk and five grandchildren, Wyatt, Karter, Chloe, Xander and Zeke. He is also survived by four sisters, Joy Jairl of Keokuk, Rebecca Kalyn (Joe) of California, Vanessa Jairl of Nauvoo, IL and Sharon Lally of Burlington, IA, two brothers, Steve Kline (Brenda) of Keokuk and John Kline (Tina) of Keokuk, several nieces, nephews and Frueh and Page cousins, father and step-mother, Jim and Betty Jairl of Keokuk, special aunt and uncle, Joe and Melody Riter of Keokuk, mother-in-law and father-in-law, Kathleen and Albert Keppel of Keokuk and brother-in-law, Albert Keppel (Michelle) of Keokuk.

He was preceded in death by his mother, his grandparents, Everett and Dorothy Frueh and one nephew, Nathan Keppel.

Brian had been employed by Gregory Manufacturing Ft. Madison, IA.

He was a member of the American Legion (Underneath the Sons) and Quails Forever.

Brian loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, hunting and watching the eagles. Brian loved working on cars, going to the races and riding his motorcycle. He especially loved to spend time at his place at the Lake of the Oaks and sitting in his sunroom taking in the views at his home in the country. Most of all, Brian loved spending time with his grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon, Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Dawn Farris officiating. Burial will be in the Hickory Grove Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10 a.m.-12 noon Friday, at the funeral home with the family visiting with friends at that time.

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