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FORE!

KEOKUK PLANE SCARE: Pilot lands safely on Hole 4 during Keokuk City Tourney



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

A golfer at the Keokuk City Tournament stands on a green while Keokuk Police Department and the pilot of a single-engine crop duster tape off the plane that made an emergency landing at the Keokuk Elks Lodge Fairview Golf Club.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

KEOKUK - Keokuk police were called to the Elks Fairview Golf Club Sunday morning during the final round of the Keokuk City Tournament.

A single-engine crop duster that was trying to reach Keokuk's airport with an engine trouble had to put the plane down in the city and found an open fairway at the golf course.

Keokuk Police are not releasing the name of the pilot who landed the plane without injury on the Hole No. 4. Golfers

at the tourney said the no one was on the fourth hole at the time, but were on Holes 3 and 5. The plane landed on the east side of the fairway and headed west where it had to jump over a dip in the fairway and then can landed hard and spun to a stop before the green.

The Federal Aviation Administration is enroute the site to complete an investigation, according to Keokuk Police.

Unofficial reports indicate the pilot is from Australia and was flying in from Missouri.

No golfers were injured, however many saw and heard the plane right over head as it came in. The tournament continued as police taped off the scene



Teammates remember Ellison 20 years later

I found out from Holly Howard Friday afternoon that a group of girls were gonna smack a softball around under the lights at Central Lee High School following senior night for the Lady Hawks.

Howard said she was teammates with Amanda Jo Ellison, who was killed tragically on the morning of July 10, 2000. The teammates were getting together for the first time in eight years to honor their fallen teammate. Something they had done several times since her death.

Ellison was driving a 1989 Dodge Spirit on Hwy 218, north of the Salem Stub, when the vehicle collided head-on with a pick up truck driven by Jean Frueh, then 46, from Donnellson.

Ellison was pronounced dead at the scene. Writing those words are gut-wrenching. We know how Amanda's mother Mary Ellison feels. I thought hard about going out to the memorial game, but the Lady Hawks were playing Fort Madison in Central Lee's regular season finale. After some deliberation, I decided to head out to the games.

On the way out, an SUV rolled on West Point Road and AirEvac was on the scene. Early investigation indicates the victim wasn't seat-belted and was ejected from the vehicle. A somber irony on the day's events.

After the Lady Hawks swept the double-header, I was walking over to interview Bloodhound Dalyn Wondra, who had homered in the second game. I was met on the way by two different Central Lee parents who offered condolences for the loss of our 20-year-old daughter earlier this year.

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DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

U.S. District court orders pipeline shut down

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - A U.S. District court ordered this week, that the company that owns and operates the Dakota Access Pipeline that runs, in part, through Lee County, to stop flow and empty the line.

The long running legal battle between property owners, carried legally by two Sioux Indian tribes, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribes, and the company and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has had more than 10 legal opinions from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

That Court ordered the flow of oil

from the pipeline but shut down, and the pipeline be emptied within 30 days, by Aug. 5 and that the easement given by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, specifically to build the pipeline under Lake Oahe in North Dakota, is vacated.

The court said the Corp of Engineers

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

HARVEY S. BENVENISTE

Dr. Harvey Stanford Benveniste, 73, (formerly of Ft. Madison) passed away on Monday, July 6th, 2020, in Mississippi. Harvey was born on September 21st, 1946 in Chicago, IL to Jack and Charlotte (Annenberg) Benveniste.



BENVENISTE

Harvey was an esteemed, retired, pediatrician. Throughout his career he had practices in California; Fort Madison, IA; Galesburg, IL; and Houston, MS. He touched many lives throughout his career and took pride in being a phenomenal physician.

In his spare time Harvey enjoyed bowling, golfing and growing in his Christian faith. He also enjoyed taking his daughter, Alyssa, on many travels throughout the country as she grew up.

Harvey is survived by his daughter, Alyssa (Matthew) Moran; brother, Barry (Esther) Benveniste; 3 grandchildren Ava, Chloe, and Bennett Moran; niece Amber (Joel) Grafman; nephew Eric (Heather) Benveniste; great-nephews Julian, Cameron, and Garrett; great-niece Scarlett; and uncle Richard Annenberg.

He was preceded in death by parents, Charlotte and Jack Benveniste and sister-in-law, Esther Benveniste.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. Private family graveside service Monday, July 13, 2pm at Menorah Gardens Cemetery, Broadview, IL.

OBITUARIES

CAROLINA M. MENDEZ

Carolina M. Mendez, 92, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at The Madison. She was born on March 10, 1928 in Fort Madison, IA to Vincent & Maria Vasquez Mendez. She worked at the



MENDEZ

Sheaffer Pen Company, retiring after 45 years of service. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Altar & Rosary Society and enjoyed family get togethers.

Carolina is survived by: 5-brothers: Eusebio "Abie" (Julia) Mendez, Johnny Mendez, Eddie (Mary) Mendez & Roger Mendez all of Fort Madison, IA & Jerry (Irene) Mendez of Livermore, CA; 3-sisters: Rufina Martinez & Sally (Santiago) Hernandez of Fort Madison, IA & Anna (John) Luna of Galesburg, IL. She was preceded in death by: her parents, 2-sisters: Eustolia & Juanita & 3-brothers: Aurelio, Lupe & Ruben.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family rosary will be recited and a private family graveside service will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Social distancing rules will apply. A memorial has been established for Sacred Heart Church. Online condolences to Carolina's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

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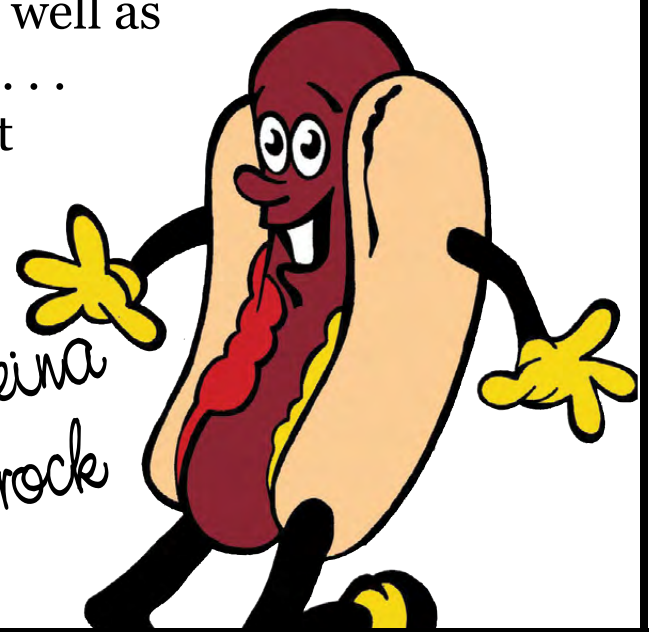
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For the Record/Local News

FMCH foundation refreshes board of directors

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Community Hospital (FMCH) Foundation announces the following changes to their Board of Directors.

Completing their terms on June 30, 2020:

Lynn Hoyer – a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 5 years.

Marilyn Holmes – a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 8 years.

Ann Menke – a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 12 years.

JoAnn Lampe, Past President – a member of the FMCH Foundation Board for the past 12 years.

The FMCH Foundation Board welcomes the following new members who will be filling these

vacated positions beginning their terms July 1, 2020:

Jan Morris – community representative

Chuck Kempker – business owner/community representative

Terry Hope – business owner/community representative

John McKillip – a member of the FMCH Board of Directors

Vicki Stephenson – a member of the FMCH Board of Directors

“As we prepare to welcome the new FMCH Foundation Board members, I want to take a moment to thank our outgoing Foundation Board members for their hard work, support and

dedication to the FMCH Foundation and our community. We look forward to the contributions and new perspectives of our new members as we continue to grow our Foundation,” commented Carrie Green, FMCH Foundation.

The FMCH Foundation Board of Directors is made up of community members and FMCH employees who volunteer their time to guide and assist the Foundation in raising funds to support the work of Fort Madison Community Hospital. The remaining members of the board are Chuck Osmanski, President, Bob Huffman Jr., Vice President, Rachel Benda, Jenny Steffensmeier, Dr. Derek Breder, Marcia Kruse, Joe Rashid, Mio Santiago and Chris Hutson.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/08/20 – 8:55 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police cited Michelle Monique Meredith, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 26th Street.

07/08/20 – 11:44 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue H.

07/08/20 – 12:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

07/08/20 – 8:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Michelle Jean Kruse, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of assault causing injury. She was released on her recognizance.

07/08/20 – 8:44 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of 35th Street.

07/08/20 – 10:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Kai Luv Kempker, 27, in the 1300 block of 21st Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

07/09/20 – 9:40 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.

07/09/20 – 12:01 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 Avenue I.

07/09/20 – 4:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

07/09/20 – 1:43 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested James Darrell Baldwin, 72, of Fort Madison in the 500 block of Eighth Street, on a four charges of indecent exposure. He was taken to the Lee county Jail and held.

07/09/20 – 7:07 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Lee Hayes, 29, in the 400 block of Avenue D, on charges of simple assault, possession of Controlled Substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

07/09/20 – 8:06 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.

07/10/20 – 3:52 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Pele Oscar Wise, 42, in the 1700 block of Avenue D, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

07/10/20 – 6:49 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/08/20 – 12:45

p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies Randy Lee Jenkins, 57, of Wayland, Mo., at the sheriff's office on a warrant for 2nd degree arson. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



2020 To Do List

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Central Lee girls take Lee County “championship”



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Kylee Cashman (3) jumps over the outstretched leg of Central Lee's Macy Watkins on a close play at the plate in Friday's 9-8 Central Lee second game win.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Central Lee head coach Tiffany Woodruff was all smiles as she proclaimed her Lady Hawks Lee County “champions” Friday night.

“I call it the Lee County Championship. We beat Keokuk and Fort Madison so there we go. Lee County Championship right there,” she said Friday after the Hawks swept a doubleheader with Fort Madison at home 8-3, 9-8.

The nightcap was a thriller under the lights.

Meghan Hopp laced a line drive in the bottom of the seventh, that Fort Madison's Allyson Helmick tried to get to on the fly. The ball slipped under her glove and to the fence scoring Halo Arrowood all the way from first base to end the game.

In the previous at bat, the Lady Hawks' Daly Brisby just missed ending the regular season of her senior year with a walk-off two-run homer. Brisby was facing a 1-2 count and sent a shot about 230 feet down the left field line to an uproar for the Central Lee faithful, but the ball was ruled to have landed in foul territory. Brisby would then line out to first for the first out of the inning.

The Hawks tied the game with no outs when Zoe Eschman singled to short and moved to third on an Arrowood's bunt that was mishandled by the Fort Madison defense. As Fort Madison was resetting the defense, Eschman crept down the third baseline and bolted for home being called safe on a bang-bang play at the plate.

Arrowood would steal second, then Hopp took a 3-1 pitch on a liner to the opposite field for the game winner.

Central got on the board in the first with two runs, the first on a squeeze bunt and the second when Hopp lined to left scoring Arrowood. They added a run in the third to go up 3-0 when Shanna Buford scored Hopp on a fielder's choice at short.

The Lady Hounds would get one back in

the fourth when Allyson Helmick would score on a passed ball with one out. But Hopp would get the next two hitters to retire the side up 3-1.

Lauryn Helmick would get out of the bottom half unscathed with Central scoring one.

Fort Madison would pick up five runs in the top of the fifth. Senior Ivy Geerdes smacked a one-out RBI single to center scoring Kylee Cashman from second. Following a strike out second out, Neeley Rehm hit a rocket grounder that got through short scoring Lexi Whaley and Geerdes.

Then senior Dalyn Wondra homered for the second time this week plating two and putting the Hounds up 6-3, before a pop out to center ended things in the fourth.

Wondra said she's been trying to be more patient at the plate.

“I've been working hard trying to improve my hitting for years now. But everything is coming together now and starting to click,” she said. “A big problem for me was that I was way out ahead of the ball, I've kind of learned to sit back a little more and see it in.”

Central Lee would get one back with two outs in the top of the fifth. The Lady Hawks loaded the bases with no outs, but Lauryn Helmick would get Sophie Woodley on strikes in four pitches and then Central Lee's Andrea Benner grounded into a fielder's choice at third where Hopp was forced out at home.

Sophie Turner would responded with an RBI single to center, but Helmick would work a pop out to the mound for the third out leaving the bases juiced.

Fort Madison would pick up two more in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by Lexi Whaley and an RBI fielder's choice by Geerdes to second.

The Lady Hawks again responded with two outs. Helmick got the first outs on fly balls in just four pitches but then the

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Sports

Brisby just misses walk-off home run on senior night

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wheels fell off when Macy Watkins singled the first pitch she saw to left field moving Hopp, who walked prior, to second.

Buford then followed with an RBI single to left scoring Hopp to make it 8-5. Woodley would walk and Benner would double down the left field line bringing in Watkins and Buford for an 8-8 game setting up the seventh inning drama.

Hopp was 4 for 4 for the game with 2 RBI and two runs scored to lead the Lady Hawks in the second game. Eschman went 3 for 4 with two runs. Arrowood, Watkins, and Buford all had two hits in the game. Buford and Benner both had 2 RBI.

Hopp (1-2) started the game on the mound and then re-entered in the top of the 7th getting the win going 3 2/3 innings total giving up one earned run. She gave up three hits and two walks. Makayla Morrison then threw 1 2/3 giving up two earned runs on three hits and walking two while striking out one. Sophie Turner, who pitched the first game came on in relief throwing 1 2/3 giving up five earned runs on four hits, while fanning one.

Fort Fort Madison, Johnson, Rehm and Whaley all had two hits. Rehm, Geerdes and Wondra each had 2 RBI in the game. Kylee Cashman and Lauryn Helmick each had hits. Cashman scored twice.

Helmick (3-1) went the distance giving up 9 runs on 17 hits and three walks. She struck out four.

In the opener, Central jumped out to 5-0 lead through five innings, but Fort Madison would make a game up of in the sixth.

With one out, Geerdes doubled to right followed by a Wondra single moving Geerdes to third. Allyson Helmick would single up the middle scoring Geerdes and moving Wondra over to second. Rehm would move everyone over on the next at-

bat with a fly to deep left.

Lauryn Helmick would then hit into a fielder's choice back to pitcher Turner and Wondra was thrown out trying to score. Emily Steffensmeier would then single to right scoring two before ground out to short ended the threat.

The first three Lady Hawks would single off Helmick to start the bottom half of the sixth. Eschman's single would drive in two and she would move to second on a throw home. Arrowood would lay down a bunt and Eschman who was moving on the pitch would come all the way around to score on the fielder's choice to set the final at 8-3.

Woodruff said the sweep was important for Central Lee going into district's next week.

"It's huge just because we beat Keokuk and we wanted to win these two games so it get us back on track for West Burlington," she said.

The Lady Hawks were shut out by the Class 3A 13th-ranked Falcons on June 25, 4-0, with West Burlington getting three in the bottom of the fifth. The two clash in the first round of Region 8 regional action on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in West Burlington.

Fort Madison travels to Class 5A 8th ranked Muscatine on Tuesday for a double header and then takes on Keokuk at home in the opening of Region 7 action at 7 p.m.

Wondra said the district performance will depend on energy the Hounds were lacking Friday.

"As a team we're playing and meshing well. Tonight it wasn't really on though. We usually really have good energy and tonight just wasn't a very good night for us," she said.

"We'll be fine in districts if everyone brings that higher level of energy we need."

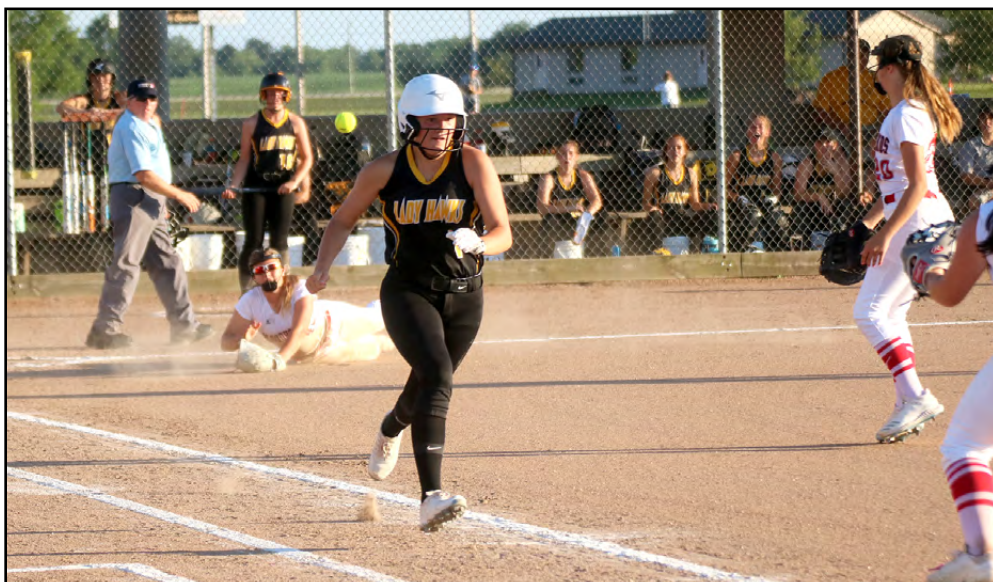


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Halo Arrowood tries to beat out a throw from the Bloodhounds' Lexi Whaley from the ground on a bunt in Friday night's 9-8 win Central Lee win.

Williams cool in Hounds' win over Mediapolis

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Bloodhounds should start calling Landes Williams – The Cooler.

Not only did the sophomore take a full-on body blow at home to save a run Thursday night, but then drove in the game winner in the sixth to preserve a 5-4 win over Mediapolis to end the Hounds regular season.

In the bottom of the sixth, trailing 3-5, Williams stepped in with two outs and the bases loaded with Hounds.

Kane Williams wore a pitch with two outs and Jace Burgher beat out an infield single to third. Garrett Hannum then took a 3-0 pitch off the shoulder to load things for Williams, who may have been looking for a little revenge.

Williams got down 0-2 after fouling the first pitch straight back and then watched a called strike. The next pitch came it a touch high for a ball, and Williams fouled off the fourth offering from the Bulldogs Regan Thornburg.

Thornburg would then shoot a fastball that came in just a bit high, but Williams went after it and drilled it into the gap in left center scoring Kane Williams and Burgher for what turned out to be the game winner at 5-4.

Jason Thurman would get plunked with the next pitch to load the bases. Brandon Reichelt would then work a full count, and with runners going, let a pitch go by for a called third strike to end the inning.

Thurman would give up a two-out single in the top of the seventh, but a pop out back to him ended the affair.

In the top of the second inning, with Fort Madison trailing 3-1 and two outs, Mediapolis had runners at second and third. The Bulldogs' got fancy on the base paths and the Hounds countered. As Tyler Samuel tried to steal home, Jason Thurman threw to Landes Williams at the plate and Samuel plowed into the Hound trying to dislodge the ball, but was called out to end the inning at 3-1. Samuel was ejected by the home plate umpire for the collision.

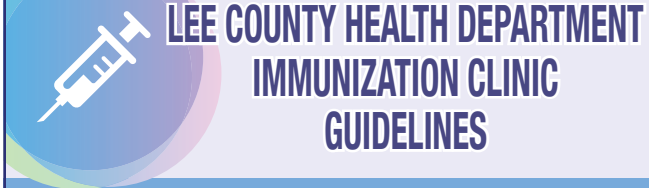
The Hounds would get one back in the bottom of the second with two outs when Burgher would score on a wild pitch. Burgher singled and was moved into scoring position on a Hannum sacrifice bunt. A Landes Williams squeeze attempt ended with Kane Williams being gunned down at home and Burgher standing at third.

Burgher would go three-up, three-down in the third and fourth as both teams were held scoreless. Mepo would add a run in to the top half of five when Drayven Fenton laced a two-out RBI single to center. After a hit batter, Burgher would get out of the inning on a strike out.

The Bloodhounds would stay within one in their half of the fifth when Reichelt hit a sac fly to center scoring Williams, who had reached two slots earlier on a single to center. Vasin Thurman would ground out to short to end the inning, setting up the sixth.

Burgher would give up a single and get a pop out before FM Head Coach Ron Walker brought in Jason Thurman to try and button things up. Thurman got a strike out and fly out to retire the

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LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMUNIZATION CLINIC GUIDELINES

July TB Clinics will be held Mondays 3-4pm with readings on Wednesdays from 3-4pm
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Immunization Clinics will be held July 9 & July 23, 1-4:30pm
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TENTATIVE AGENDA
JULY 13, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda (Motion)
3. Receive Visitors:
 - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
 - b) Honor Retirees: Teresa Klumper and Lane Weirather
4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) Summer Projects Update
 - b) Finance Update
 - c) Vacancies
5. CONSENT AGENDA : Motion (Exhibit I)
 - a) Approve minutes
 - b) Financial Reports:

- General and Schoolhouse Funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
- c) Approve prepaid bills
 - d) Approve monthly bills
 - e) Overnight Trip Requests: None
 6. Name Bank Depositories (Motion)
 - a) Pilot Grove Savings Bank \$500,000
 - b) Connection Bank \$5,000,000
- NEW BUSINESS:**
1. Appoint Board Secretary - Sandra Meierotto (Motion)
 - Administer Oath of Office by Board President
 2. Appoint Board Treasurer - Leslie Edens (Motion)
 3. Construction Change Order Requests (Exhibit II)
 - a. Change Order 005 - New Service Meter
 - b. Change Order 008 - Steel Demo and RT Scissor Lift Rental for K8 Entrance
 - c. Change Order 009 -

- Code Review Revisions
- d. High School Parking Lot Addition Request
 4. Approve Hot Lunch Guidelines (Motion) (Exhibit III)
 5. Set Hot Lunch Prices for 2020-2021 (Motion) (Exhibit IV)
 6. Approve Milk & Bread Bids for 2020-2021 (Motion) (Exhibit V)
 7. Give approval for Superintendent and Board Secretary to pay Activity bills upon proper documentation and approval of the Building principal and sponsor with listing approved by the Board at their next regular meeting as a prepaid listing (Motion)
 8. Approve Appointment of Superintendent as Title I Contact and Title I Application (Motion)
 9. Approval of 2020-2021 Return to Learn Plan (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
 10. Approve Purchase of iPads for Kindergarten Students (Motion) (Exhibit VII)
 10. First Reading of Board Policy Revisions (Motion) (Exhibit VIII)
 - a) 414.2 Classified Employee Personal Illness Leave
 - b) 413.2 Classified Employee Retirement
 11. Added Days FY19-

- 20 Contract: (Motion)
- a) Amy Fogarty - Summer Meal Service
 12. Resignations: (Motion)
 - a) Beth Wells - Middle School Volleyball Coach
 - b) Keith Helling - Assistant High School Football Coach
 - c) Gary Schau - Substitute Bus Driver
 13. Contract Approval: (Motion)
 - a) Laura Lee Ellingboe - Elementary 1:1 Special Needs Associate
 14. Board Reports
 15. Closed Session – Evaluation of the Superintendent - Per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i)
 16. Approval of Superintendent's Contract (Motion) (Exhibit IX)
 17. Adjourn (Motion)

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- Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Tuesday, July 7, 2020 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims
 Consider Approval to Award Fuel Bid and Authorize County Engineer to Sign Contract
 Consider Approval of Commissioner to Replace Vacancy on Veteran Affairs Board
 Discussion and Possible Action on Bonding for Maintenance Projects
 Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Credit Limit for Maintenance Employee
 Consider Approval of Updated Pandemic Policy
 Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for HyVee- Eckland Wedding
 Personnel Actions:
 A. New Hires-Temporary

- porary County Security Officers
 Reports:
 A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
 B. Sheriffs Monthly Report
 C. Manure Management Annual Update-Mike Holtkamp in Franklin Township
 D. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected
 Commission or Committee Reports
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- Workshop to Follow
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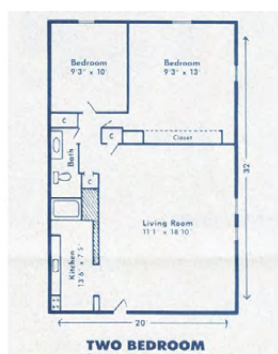
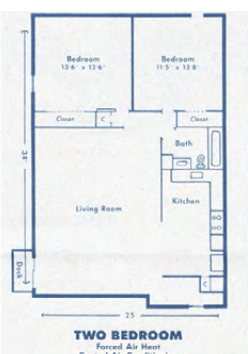
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From the Front/Sports

Lady Hawks gather 20 years after tragedy

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I didn't know who they were. But they knew me... and our tragedy. I was moved by the kindness of these strangers.

But as I rounded the outfield fence working my way back to conduct a few more interviews about the official game, and the game in Ellison's honor, I looked on the field to see a group picture being taken and noticed the scoreboard was still on.

It said the score was 7 to 7 in the 7th inning. That wasn't the score of either of the softball games, but Howard said it was in honor of Ellison, who wore number 7.

"She was our friend. She was our catcher and she was super in softball," Howard said. "That was like hand-in-hand, Amanda and softball."

Ellison's accident happened at the end of the 2020 regular season - Amanda's junior year with the Lady Hawks. Mary Ellison said there was a game that night 20 years ago that was postponed for the girls to grieve. And now in way they still grieve.

"I think it's wonderful for them to remember her," Ellison said. "It's been 20 years and I remember they had a ballgame that night that they canceled into the following week. And then that was the scoreboard in the 7th inning of that district

game. The score was 7 to 7."

Ellison sat smiling and laughing behind the home plate fence in the bleachers watching as current assistant coach Tony Arrowood took a couple swings from the 2000 team donned in black, gold, and white t-shirts with the AJE initials in a softball emblem.

"It's both painful and enjoyable," Ellison said. "They know that I love these girls and that they've kept her in their memory. But it's hard to watch, too because she's not out there."

Part of the Amanda's memorial donations went to help bring lights to the softball field - another way for the Lady Hawks to feel that Amanda is always around them.

"When we were in high school, she was all softball, softball, softball. We wanted lights when we were in school and we tried to raise money through fundraisers, but her memorial was a big part of getting these lights in place here," Howard said.

The last time the group got together to play was in 2012, but she said the ladies wanted to get together again because this was the 20th anniversary of her death.

"It's just kind of away to keep her memory alive and keep

us all connected still. It's pretty devastating when you lose someone that young."

Ellison said her daughter got a varsity letter as an eighth grader and was looking forward to getting that fifth varsity bar for her jacket.

"She wanted those five bars so bad on her jacket and just didn't quite get to the last one," Ellison said.

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said Sunday, that if Amanda didn't get that bar, "I think we can make that happen."

It's those little things that bring smiles - and tears - and keep memories alive. There's nothing more important.

I'm not overly religious but I just don't know if it can be considered a plan of God to take young people from us. Sometimes I imagine he weeps as we do at the tragedy and disease that are consequences of the creation.

What I do know is I found myself in tears in my SUV before heading home as I thought about Mary Ellison... and Amanda... and then Kelsey and my wife and the two Central Lee parents that patted my shoulder that night.

A somber day indeed.

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Pipeline ruling now goes to circuit court

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did not sufficiently conduct an environmental analysis of the impact of the pipelines' construction and operation on the land and populations around the pipeline.

In the opinion, the U.S. District Court Judge James E. Boasberg wrote, "given the seriousness of the Corps' NEPA error, the impossibility of a simple fix, the fact that Dakota Access did assume much of its economic risk knowingly, and the potential harm each day the pipeline operates, the Court is forced to conclude that the flow of oil must cease."

Lee County Supervisor Chairman Ron Fedler said he heard of the potential of the ruling two weeks ago, but said the decision will not have an impact on Lee County.

"I heard of this couple weeks ago. There have been some Indian tribes fighting this for years," Fedler said. "But it won't impact Lee County or the revenue we receive from the pipeline as I understand it. We get revenue based on the value of the pipeline not the flow going through it."

However, if the decision is upheld on appeal, it could represent the first

major operational pipeline to be forced to shutter because of environmental concerns.

According to a report in Bloomberg Law, attorneys representing Dakota Pipeline, LLC and its partner and parent company Energy Transfer LP, are "immediately pursuing all available legal and administrative processes" to challenge the decision.

The article goes on to state that the disruption will be substantial with thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in economic impact. The Corp of Engineers is estimating 18 months to remedy the environmental study, which

would then take the issue in front of potential change in the White House, where a Joe Biden administration could refuse to reissue authorizations.

The pipeline runs from its northwest point of Stanley, N.D. in Bakken Shale fields, southeast through the state, through northeast South Dakota, diagonally across Iowa through Lee County at the southern exit of the state, and into Pato-ka, in southern Illinois.

The ruling will now go to the same district's Court of Appeals to either overturn the lower court, stay the decision of the lower court, or concur with decision.

Hounds open district play at Mt. Pleasant

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side and set up the sixth inning Hound rally.

Landes Williams went 2 for 3 with a double, 2 RBI and two runs scored. Jace Burgher was 2 for 3 with two runs scored. Kane Williams had a hit and a run scored, and Tate Johnson and Vasin Thurman each had hits in the win.

Jace Burger went 4 2/3 giving up four earned runs on six hits and a walk, while striking out three. Jason Thurman came on in relief and got the win throwing 2 2/3 giving up two hits and fanning three.

The Hounds (11-6, 7-3) finished the regular season on senior night where Reichelt, Burger and Brock Barnes were honored for their final season as Bloodhounds. The Hounds also honored the class of 2000 State Championship teams' 20th anniversary during the game.

The Bloodhounds take on Mt. Pleasant on Friday at 7 p.m. in Mt. Pleasant in the first round of Class 3A District 9 bracket play. The winner will face the winner of Keokuk/Davenport Assumption in Davenport at Modern Woodman Park on Monday. All games are 7 p.m. starts.

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