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State prepping for vaccine

COVID: IDPH asks counties to review mass vaccination protocols

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County health officials are reviewing mass vaccination protocols and agreements, as part of a request from state health officials

On Wednesday Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross wrote that the state is indicating a vaccine could be ready, in limited doses, by late fall 2020.

Ross, responding to an email from the Pen City Current, included a FAQ from the Iowa Department of Public Health that indicated the IDPH anticipates the

vaccine will be first available in late fall of this year.

Ross wrote that Lee County Health Department is continuing to stay informed of the changing environment of the state's battle with the novel coronavirus, and COVID-19 including reviewing local strategies.

"LCHD continues to participate in scheduled state webinars, and the state has asked all local public health departments to begin preparing on a local level based on vaccination planning assumptions," she wrote.

"This planning will include local public health reviewing and updating their mass vaccination or Points

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OPINION



I don't have COVID, but I am sick of it

The coronavirus has hit me. No I haven't tested positive, but the assault of data on my brain has left me sleepy, nauseous, and irritable. Like we needed something else to irritate me.

But it does. It irritates me that we can't count on the numbers out of the state, and I believe that's intentional.

A bit pessimistic – maybe. Conspiracy theorist...? Ok.

But spend some time reviewing coronavirus.iowa.gov for a while. And do it with this in mind. The state wants to show as positive a picture as possible, even when and if the numbers aren't positive.

We review the state's daily positive reporting for Lee County each day. We also get a 3:30 report from the Lee County Health Department each day. Because they are reported at different times, they don't match. LCHD reports positive cases from 3:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The state reports an ongoing number and then adjusts as they clean up data. So those numbers are never going to match making it difficult to see what is really happening day to day. And that's frustrating

In late August, the LCHD decided to just use the state's Total Case count as of 3:30 p.m. for its daily report. If you take a look at a two-week snap-shot of the LCHD numbers vs. IDPH numbers they're pretty close, but not the same.

Area schools are seeing different

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Finally on the floor

Fort Madison senior outside hitter Reyna Lampe scores on a kill against Class 1A's No. 3 New London Tigers on Thursday night at the HoundDome. It was the first time the Lady Hounds have taken the floor this season after a two-week suspension of practice and the cancellation of the first two games.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

HANCOCK COUNTY

Man sought after stealing, crashing sheriff's cruiser

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – An 18-year old man is being sought by local law enforcement after crashing a Hancock County sheriff's cruise and fleeing on foot in Keokuk.

Hancock County Sheriff, Scott Bentzinger reported that on Wednesday at about 11 p.m. a deputy stopped a car driven by Ethan

Walte, near Broadway and 8th Street in Hamilton, Illinois.

Walte was arrested on a felony warrant from Iowa for Violation of Probation for Burglary.

According to Bentzinger Walte was handcuffed behind his back and placed inside the deputy's patrol vehicle. While the deputy was securing Walte's vehicle, Walte was able

to get his handcuffed hands in front of his body and climb through the security partition in the patrol vehicle.

Walte then allegedly fled the scene driving the deputy's patrol vehicle. The deputy attempted to get Walte out of the driver's seat as he sped off but the deputy

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

PAUL L. SCOTT



Paul Leo Scott, 72, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 7:20 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at his home in West Point.

He was born on May 5, 1948, in St. Paul, Iowa, the son of Mark and Frances (Pieper) Scott.



SCOTT

On December 30, 1971, he married Judi Steffensmeier in St. Paul, Iowa. Survivors include his wife: Judi; four sons: Rob (Sara) Scott of Hiawatha, Iowa, Nate (Danielle) Scott of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Doug (Kayla McCannon) Scott of West Des Moines, Iowa and Josh (Elizabeth) Scott of West Point, Iowa; nine grandchildren (each nicknamed by Papa: Isaac "George", Olivia "Sweet Pea", Trevor "T-Bone", Andi "Pinky", Alex "Peaches", Archie "Pete", Lucas, Rylie and Leo "Butch"); six siblings: Lee Meller of Fort Madison, Iowa, Helen Johnson of Fort Madison, Iowa; Janice Winnike of Santa Fe, Texas, Carol Heitz of Naples, Florida, Lee Scott of West Des Moines, Iowa and Pat Scott of Fort Madison, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father: Mark Scott; mother: Frances Caslavka; step-father: Milvoy Caslavka and brother-in-law: Mike Johnson.

Paul served in the United States Army, as a medic, during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated Paul's Plumbing & Heating for forty-one years. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, St. Mary's Parish Council, the Knights of Columbus, West Point American Legion Holtz - Geers Post #668 and the West Point Navy. Paul was a great husband,

father and papa!

Friends may call after 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 10, 2020, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2020, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman and Deacon Jim Vonderhaar officiating.

The Mass will be streamlined live on the church Facebook page. Those attending are required to wear a mask and social distance.

Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery with full military rites presented by the West Point American Holtz - Geers Post #668.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory to upgrade the street lighting at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

FRANCES L. GLORY SANDERS

Frances Lorinda Glory Sanders, 78, of Keokuk died Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. She was born August 1, 1942 in Tahlequah, OK, the daughter of William (Cherokee tribe) and Agnes Morris (Choctaw tribe) Glory. She was the fourth child of six born to Bill and Agnes.



SANDERS

Her father gave her the nickname "Ginny" (like the guinea fowl) as it seemed she was always jumping around doing this and that and hardly ever stood still, so one day her dad just told her she was just like one of the guineas they had in the yard and it stuck.

Frances graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK with a major in Physical Education.

After college she and a friend traveled to Iowa after a representative of Keokuk schools went down to Northeastern State University to recruit teachers. She met Frank Sanders on that trip and nineteen days later on February 19, 1965, they were married at the Alexandria Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, MO. They were happily married for fifty-five plus years.

She had to return to Northeastern State University to pick up more credits for teaching in Iowa so Frank spent a lot of time on the road that first summer of their marriage. She then came back to Iowa and attended Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL and obtained the remaining credits to start teaching.

She taught in several schools in Keokuk and ended her teaching career as the art teacher at the Keokuk Middle School where she retired on June 30, 2004. During her time teaching she also did some coaching and served on the Keokuk City Council. She was also the co-owner of Southeast Iowa Aluminum Foundry.

Frances was a member of Alexandria Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, MO, where she served as an elder and was on many boards for the church.

She loved art in all forms, the brighter the better, also anything that related to her Indian heritage. She collected many, many things from Noah's arks to Beanie Babies and everything in between. Her house reflected this and she surrounded herself with all these things. The walls and shelves of the house display her collections everywhere.

Her favorite hobby had to be shopping. She had so many people she would buy gifts for and each one was very special to her. She would search until she would find just that perfect gift and it gave her so much joy to be able to present that gift to them and watch their reaction to it.

Her absolute favorite thing was her family. Standing out amongst all her collections are pictures of the family. There is not a space in the house that does not have a photo of someone dear to her. Photo albums line the shelves, full of the

could tell you who was in each picture, when it was taken, what the occasion was, and usually a story to go with it.

She was a wonderful woman who enjoyed her family and friends immensely, she was strong in her ways, but even stronger in her love. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband Frank Sanders of Keokuk, two daughters, Laura (Jeff) Townsley of Okmulgee, OK and Teresa (Scott) Nichols of Keokuk, one son, Frank (Holly) Sanders of Winchester, VA, many grandchildren, and great grandchildren, a sister, Maxine Glory of Tahlequah, OK and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family to purchase a park bench in Keokuk Rand Park in memory of Frances. Memorials may be sent in care of Vigen Memorial Home, 1328 Concert St., Keokuk, IA, 52632.

There will be a small dedication memorial at the time the bench is placed.

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

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Lee County News/From the Front

United Way Spaghetti Fundraiser back on

LEE COUNTY - It's finally Spaghetti time!! United Way of the Great River Region is hosting its 10th annual Spaghetti Dinner at Keokuk Yacht Club on Monday, September 28th.

"We are so excited to finally be able to hold our 10th Spaghetti dinner at the Keokuk Yacht Club. Due to all the COVID-19 health and safety precautions this will be a take-out/curb side event only" stated United Way Executive Director Karen Siefken.

"We've had to change things a bit this year," said Dena Mast event Chairperson. "We will honor all tickets sold in February and March following the new take-out only protocols we have in place. You can come to the Keokuk Yacht Club any time between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the 28th. You

can even pay for your meals there so if you don't have a ticket there's no worries." Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread stick, small side salad and a dessert.

Tickets are available at United Way of the Great River Region office (511 Blondeau St.) in Keokuk, as well as from any UWGRR Board members and staff.

United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs addressing needs in health, education and financial stability to residents in Clark, Hancock, and Lee Counties.

For more information, please contact UWGRR Executive Director, Karen Siefken at 319-524-4504 or at director@unitedwaygrr.org.

Suspect at-large after escaping in handcuffs

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was thrown to the pavement receiving minor injuries.

Bentzinger reported that Walte sped across the bridge from Hamilton to Keokuk and crashed the patrol vehicle into a parked vehicle near 14th Street and Franklin Street in Keokuk. He fled that scene on foot and remains at large.

The patrol vehicle and the parked vehicle received moderate damage.

Walte is listed as 18 years old, a white male, 5'06", 135 lbs is wanted on numerous criminal charges.

Members of the public are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement with any information regarding Waite's whereabouts.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office was assisted by Hamilton Police Dept., Keokuk Police Dept., Lee County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and Hancock County State's Attorney Rachel Mast.

All subjects are to be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Conservation group offers family field trips

LEE COUNTY - Looking for something to do with those kids stuck in your house all day? Retired and tired of sitting around? Whether you are hybrid-learning, full time at-home learning, or just sick of being at home we are offering fun naturalist-led activities in our parks to replace the school field trips and public programs we normally offer in the fall. Each week will feature a new adventure, with identical sessions offered multiple times a day. Visit www.mycountyparks.com to sign up today!

*If your family is protecting someone who is high-risk or are otherwise socially isolating or we are also offering private individual field trips on Tuesdays of each week starting Sept. 16. The online form only has room for the person registering the family to eliminate other sign-ups. Please indicate how many adults and kids are in the family group when you are registering.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JAMES C. LUDWIG

James C. Ludwig, 84, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at his home. He was born March 16, 1936 in LaGrange, MO, the son of James Christopher and Bonnie Violet Logan Ludwig. He graduated from LaGrange High School with the Class of 1954. On May 19, 1956, James was united in marriage to Annette Emry at the LaGrange Christian Church. She survives.



LUDWIG

He is also survived by two sons, Daniel L. Ludwig (Jean) and Gregory L. Ludwig (Cathy) all of Keokuk, three grandchildren, Eric Robert Ludwig (Lauren) of Shreveport, LA, Jamie Lynn Morris (Jason) of Quincy, IL and Nathan James Ludwig (Kim) of Keokuk, four great-grandchildren, Patrick Ludwig of Shreveport, LA, Weston Morris of Quincy, IL, Ava Ludwig and Madelyn Ludwig both of Keokuk, one step-great-grandson, Garrett Morris of Quincy, two sisters, Jane Martin (Don) of Danville, IL and Connie Otto of Quincy, one brother, Lyle Ludwig (Nora) of Canton, MO, one sister-in-law, Geneva Ludwig of LaGrange, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Harold, Keith, Rodney and Dennis Ludwig.

James was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was the owner of Gem City Storage and Transfer, Inc in Keokuk.

James was a member of the First Christian Church in LaGrange. He was a fifty year member of the Masonic Lodge and was a Past Master. He was also a member of the Commandery, Knights Templar and KAABA Shrine.

He enjoyed auto racing, fishing, hunting, camping and cooking.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial with Military Rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends from 4 - 6 p.m. A Masonic memorial service will be held at 6 p.m.

Social distancing requirements will be in place and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are strongly encouraged.

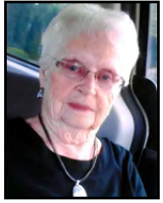
Memorials may be made to Compassus Hospice, 119 E. 2nd Street, Washington, IA 52353.

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

MABEL MEDARIS

Mabel Medaris, age 97, of Columbus Junction Colonial Manor, formerly of Morning Sun and Farmington, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Mabel Irene was born on July 30, 1923 in Van Buren County. She was the sixth child of Lonnie and Nellie (Dorothy) Lowery. On October 4, 1942, she married Lewis Eugene Medaris in Kahoka, Missouri. They celebrated sixty-six years together before he passed in February of 2009.



MEDARIS

Survivors include one son: Lewis (Patricia) Medaris of Blainstown, Iowa; three daughters: Nancy (Bob) Nelson of Morning Sun, Iowa, Sherry (Ed) Cahill of Boulder, Colorado and Cindy (Mike) Ward of Bonaparte, Iowa; twelve grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; eleven great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Glenn, Floyd, Paul and Raymond; sister: Gladys and granddaughter: Heather.

Mabel was a member of the Farmington United Methodist Church, where she and Gene were long time janitors, and the United Methodist women. She enjoyed working in the church and teaching Sunday school. She was an excellent seamstress, making most of her family's clothes including her daughters' wedding gowns. Mabel and Gene helped and cared for many friends during all their years in Farmington. Most of all, she enjoyed being with family, especially her grandchildren.

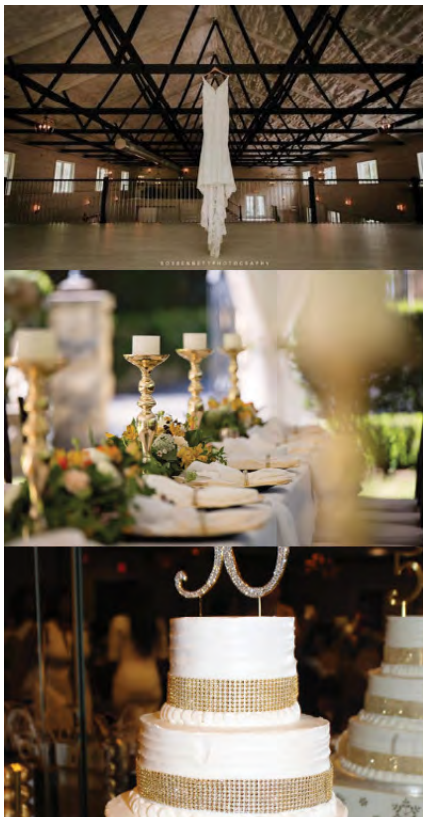
Per Mabel's request and due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no visitation.

A private family service will be held Monday, September 14, 2020, at Farmington United Methodist Church in Farmington.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Farmington United Methodist Church or Farmington Cemetery Association in her memory. Memorials can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

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



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A PROPOSED REGULATION TITLED LEE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FACE COVERING REGULATION

To all residents within Lee County, Iowa, and to whom it may concern:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: The Board of Health of Lee County, Iowa will conduct a public hearing on September 16, 2020 at 7:00 am at which time said Board will consider the Lee County Public Health Face Covering Regulation.

In accordance with Iowa Department of Public Health recommendations promoting social distancing and in order to minimize potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting will be made available by joining or calling in as follows:

Public Hearing-Lee County Board of Health For Proposed Face Covering Regulation

Wed, Sep 16, 2020 7:00 AM (CDT)

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If you want to provide public input during the hearing, please use the Chat feature and wait for the Board Chair to address you. If you are participating by phone, please wait until everyone is done speaking before

addressing the Board. Please keep your microphone muted to cut down on background noise. If you are participating by phone, press #6, this will mute your phone. Citizens who provide comments will be allowed up to two minutes of time.

Citizen comments can also be shared prior to the public hearing by calling Lee County Health Department at: 319-376-4772 or 319-376-4766 or by emailing at LCHD@leecountyhd.org during office hours through end of business day September 15, 2020.

The provisions of the Face Covering Regulation are summarized below:

The Lee County Public Health Face Covering Regulation as proposed shall apply to the citizens of and visitors to Lee County with exception of children under the age of two or persons with certain health conditions. The regulation sets forth requirements about when and where face coverings are required to be worn. A party in violation may be cited for a simple misdemeanor violation.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that copies of the full text of the Lee County Public Health Face Covering Regulation shall be available for inspection at the office of Lee County Health Department building, #3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison, Iowa at such time as said offices are open to the public. A copy of the full text shall also be available for inspection on the Lee County Health Department webpage, www.leecountyhd.org.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE FURTHER HEREBY NOTIFIED that at said public hearing as indicated above all persons having an interest or concern will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in support or opposition of the regulation.

Dated this day the 9th day of September, 2020, at Fort Madison, Iowa.

Judy Bartachek, Chair Lee County Board of Health

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-067

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 1-13-3 OF

THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA, CONCERNING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Whereas, there is a continuing need to attract quality personnel to work for city government in Fort Madison; and

Whereas, the current residency requirements are too restrictive to meet the hiring needs of the City;

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison hereby amends Title 1, Administration, Chapter 13, Employees; Benefits, Regulations and Residence Requirements; Section 3, Residence Requirements of the Municipal Code of Fort Madison, as follows:

1-13-3: RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS:

City employees must be residents of the state of Iowa at the time employment with the city begins and shall remain Iowa residents during employment.

City employees must reside within the number of air miles of the city limits as specified by the written policies of their department heads, as approved by the city manager, but not to exceed twenty (20) air miles of the city limits. For purposes of this section only, the annexed strip of land that runs along the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad right of way to the industrial area southwest of the city, where 2597 Henry Layden Drive (formerly known as Dial) and 2467 Highway 61 (formerly known as Wabash International) are currently located, shall not be considered as city limits, and shall not be used to calculate the twenty (20) air mile limitation.

The City Manager may grant temporary exceptions for new employees as deemed appropriate and necessary. Permanent exceptions for employees may be permitted with the approval of the employees' supervisors and the City Manager, if said exception is negotiated at the time of hire and if the employee is not filling an essential services position where reporting to work quickly in an emergency may be a necessity.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or

parts of ordinances in conflict with provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provisions, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall have no effect on the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication in accordance with Iowa Code Section 380.7, as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 1st day of September, 2020.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/Melinda Blind, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 9/01/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Bowker, Morawitz, Andrews, Lair and Rink. Council Members Miller and Cangas were absent.

This meeting was held with Council, staff and some members of the public present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 8/18/2020, Library Claims dated August 20 and Claims dated August 27.

On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 7, Police, Title 2, Misdemeanors, Section 21, Disorderly Conduct, to revise language defining noise and public urination violations. On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-67, amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 13, Employees;

Benefits; Regulations and Residence Requirements; Section 3, Residence Requirements.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-53, approving the 2019-20 Fiscal Year Street Finance Report. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-54, granting property tax exemption for Stacey R. Rampy Smith for property at 1806 Avenue J (new garage).

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 2 with HR Green for PIP 2019-05, Reconstruction of 2nd to 6th Streets. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement Amendment

No. 1 with HR Green for PIP 2020-06, One Way Pair Reconstruction. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for PIP 2020-07, Reconstruction of Old Hwy. 61 – 10th to 18th Street. On motion, Council approved dredging the marina and marina wall repair per FEMA regulations and guidelines and proceeding with a feasibility study with Klingner & Associates at a cost of \$15,000.

At 6:43 P.M., the meeting adjourned until September 15, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	REVENUES	8/31/2020	
General	\$43,463.62	General	\$69,022.75
Special Revenue	11,837.72	Special Rev.	285,453.69
Road Use	18,501.73	Road Use	117,151.71
Capital	146.69	Debt	720.98
Water	34,936.46	Capital	16,582.25
Sewer	20,673.10	Water	286,709.83
Solid Waste/ IWC	39.88	Sewer	258,104.53
SW Utility	802.06	Solid Waste/ IWC	61,374.29
	\$130,401.26	SW Utility	16,656.13
			\$1,111,776.16

CLAIMS - 9/1/2020

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, INSPECTED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 114.10
 ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, PRINTER LEASE 865.56
 ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC 16,490.50
 ALTORFER INC., HOSE/ COUPLING/SEAL 1,337.88
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MASTER LOCKS/OIL 247.63
 ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM 936.50
 B&B PROPANE, PROPANE @ SHOWER HOUSE 237.00
 BAKER TILLY, MUNICIPAL ADVISORY CONTINUING DISCLOSURE 1,900.00
 BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL 710.00
 BEACH & ENKE TRUCKING, DELIVERY OF ROADSTONE .. 10,965.25
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 BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., BALL STOP 379.00
 CARSON KUESEL, UNIFORM FOR BASIC TRAINING 225.00
 CENTURY LINK, PHONE 62.01
 CORE & MAIN LP, TUBING 328.61
 DEPT. OF PUBLIC DEFENSE, HOTEL - TRAINING 56.00
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, CARBON PAPER 263.81
 DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE 2,092.89
 EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS 163.20
 ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS, DESKTOP MIC 138.61
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GRAY QUARRIES, INC, STABILIZED BASE.....892.71	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, VALVE/ TUBE/CLAMP....3,793.05	WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION INC, LEAK DETECTION SURVEY.....3,600.00	ENVISION WARE, SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE.....821.84	MOBILE BEACON, HOTSPOT.....240.00	SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE.....905.10
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, BLACK BAGS.....470.20	NATHAN KOSER, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.....320.26	YMCA, FORT MADISON, FINAL PAYMENT OF CONTRACT.....5,000.00	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS, SOFTWARE CONTRACT.....684.00	NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION, MEMBERSHIP.....25.00	SHOWCASES, CD CASE.....31.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - WTP FILTER EXP.....21,300.00	NORTHERN SAFETY CO. INC., GLOVES/ SHIELD/CAMERA.....375.52	TOTAL.....116,269.67	HAWK-EYE, SUBSCRIPTION.....192.40	OUR IOWA MAGAZINE, SUBSCRIPTION.....19.98	STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA, E-BOOK PLATFORM.....62.00
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IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CONCRETE.....344.00	PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL FEE.....1,440.00	SPECIAL REVENUES.....7,234.52	JANWAY COMPANY USA, INC., BULK CRAYONS.....201.20	PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE, SHELF MATERIAL.....120.00	TINA MANKA, SHELF MATERIAL.....5.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, AUDIT EXCEPTION.....207.10	POCKET PRESS, LAW BOOKS.....359.60	ROAD USE.....18,501.73	KANOPY, INC., SHELF MATERIAL.....29.00	PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDINENG, PETTY CASH.....65.40	TOTAL.....14,131.59
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IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES.....118.50	QUILL CORPORATION, THERMAL PAPER/CLIPS.....97.73	WATER.....34,936.46			SPECIAL REVENUES.....4,459.68
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MADISON TURF & TIMBER, REPAIR EQUIPMENT.....6,114.60	TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY TESTING.....273.00	TOTAL.....116,269.67			
MCFARLAND, SANITIZER.....174.52	TRUCK REPAIR INC., HOSE/FILTER...3,055.13				
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MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/HEAT.....312.23	UPS, SHIPPING.....77.50				
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MOBOTREX, RELAY.....	WALMAN OPTICAL, SAFETY GLASSES.....112.00				
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LIBRARY CLAIMS

8/20/2020

AMAZON.COM, RETURN/SUPPLIES/MATERIAL.....58.70
BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL.....2,519.37
BANCROFT PUBLIC LIBRARY, DVD.....10.00
BIBLIONIX, SUBSCRIPTION.....2,700.00
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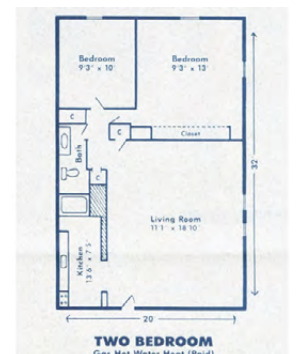
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Banged up Hawks looking for first win at Mid-Prairie Friday

BY CHUCK
VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON - With Head Coach Chuck Banks still sidelined, and senior quarterback Dylan Stuecker hobbled with a deep bone bruise, the Central Lee Hawks will have their work cut out for them Friday at Mid-Prairie.

Throw in some forecast wet stuff and things could get even worse, but Banks said you never know what can happen in the mud.

The Hawks (0-2) are coming off a 40-21 loss at Van Buren last week and lost a nail-biter in the week 1 home opener to Pekin.

But the offense has been productive and Washington state transplant Jaedon Betker has made a name for himself on both sides of the line.

Betker has 130 yards on 30 carries and a TD this year from the running back spot, but the senior has also gobbled up 25 tackles, 18 solo, two for losses and a sack in just two games. The 25 tackles is tops in the state in Class 2A.

Banks said Betker may need some help against Mid Prairie on Friday. The Hawks run a three-back, double tight end set to free up ground yards.

"We're gonna put in a

different defensive scheme that may suit us a little better against their run," Banks said Thursday.

"The 5-2 we started with doesn't look, with our personnel, like it's beneficial for us. We'll move some kids into different sports and see how we go. We're in the right spots, we're just not tackling as well as we should be."

Banks said Friday will be a bend-don't-break night for his Hawks' defense against a big front from Mid-Prairie.

"I sound like a broken record, but you have to be bend-don't-break on defense and limit turnovers. We're coming into this game setting our sights on getting better, but it's gonna be another slugfest."

One of the other bright spots for the Hawks has been the play of first year wideout Kade Myhre. The senior has four receiving touchdowns, tied for second in the state in Class 2A, and 158 yards through the air.

"Kade is just a breath of fresh air. He comes and works hard every day. He's a leader both on and off the field," Banks said. "Having that positivity and showing that kind of leadership stepping in year one - we just have a lot of kids that have been playing looking up to him."

Myhre is averaging a

whopping 26.3 yards per catch including an 87-yard catch and score from Mason Schau on Friday. Schau stepped in for Stuecker who suffered an injury on a play in the second half. Stuecker was 13-26 for 79 yards and a score before leaving.

Banks said he will probably hold Stuecker out Friday to allow him to heal up for Davis County next week.

Mid-Prairie comes into the contest 0-1 after losing to Sigourney-Keota last week.

Quarterback Vinnie Bowlin, a senior, threw for 238 yards and a touchdown, but was picked off a couple times. Senior Kayden Reinier had a productive day out of the backfield with two scores on 134 yards, averaging 6.1 yards per carry.

Senior Keegan Gingerich has 116 yards and a touchdown. The longest coming on a 61-yard hookup with Bowlin in the fourth quarter of the 27-21 loss at Mid-Prairie.

Banks said rain is in the forecast, but the Hawks will stick to what's working for them.

"You still run your routes, and your receivers still have to catch the ball. A lot of people would say that negates your plan, but I've seen spread teams get into the mud and have some success," Banks said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Lauren Bailey and Lauren King try to block an attack from New London's Sofie Reigard in the first set of Thursday's three-set loss to the Tigers

Hounds fall to No. 3 New London in opener

Tigers ruin Senior Night with three set win over Fort Madison

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - It's a start.

Maybe it's a little bit

later than most other teams in the state, but Fort Madison High School's volleyball team opened the season on Thursday night, falling to No. 3 (Class 1A) New London 25-13, 25-15, 25-16.

It will be an unpredictable fall season because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Bloodhounds have already found that out. They were supposed to open Tuesday night against Burlington High School, but that match was postponed.

Instead, Fort Madison started its season against one of the best teams in the state, and with two ranked teams looming this weekend in the Linn-Mar Invitational and a match against No. 1 (Class 1A) Holy Trinity set for next Monday, well, welcome to the 2020 season.

"That's what I told the team, 'Hey, at least we got to play,'" Fort Madison coach Kent Bailey said. "It's been different, with everything that's happened. We really wanted to play tonight."

The Bloodhounds had early leads in the first and third games, but the

Tigers (5-0) controlled the match.

"We did some good things," Bailey said. "But we played a little timid at times, and you can't do that against a team like New London. We were on our heels a lot tonight. Our back row did a good job of digging out shots, but we could never really get any offense going."

Fort Madison opened the match with an early 4-3 lead before New London scored eight of the next 10 points. Keaura Williams had two kills in that stretch, while Paris Wilka had a kill and a block.

New London raced to an 8-3 lead in the second game before Fort Madison closed to within 12-8. Another four-point run gave the Tigers control again.

The Bloodhounds, trying to stay alive, led 5-4 in the third game, but the Tigers would score nine of the next points.

Fort Madison will play No. 9 (Class 2A) Sumner-Fredericksburg, No. 6 (Class 5A) Pleasant Valley and Center Point-Urbana in Saturday's Linn-Mar Invitational.

"We're getting tested right off the bat," Bailey said.

But at least the season has started.

FMCH Pediatrics Welcomes Dr. Bryan Blacker



Fort Madison Community Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Bryan Blacker. Dr. Blacker is a Board eligible Pediatrician and will join the FMCH Pediatric Clinic on Monday, August 3, 2020.

Dr. Blacker is coming to FMCH after completing his Pediatric Residency at the University of South Dakota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences from Brigham Young University and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University Of New Mexico School Of Medicine.

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- Dr. Bryan Blacker

From the Front

State should defer to local school officials on virus

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numbers with Central Lee High School reverting to a hybrid model last week for two weeks because of spike in positive cases there. All while the 14-day positivity rate continues to drop in the Lee County

Maybe using that rate as the benchmark for state education officials is a bad idea. Maybe they should rely on local school reporting to determine what needs are there.

Dr. Erin Slater and Dr. Andy Crozier know what's going on in their respective districts. Crozier didn't use state numbers to make the decision to go to hybrid learning last week, he used internal data to make that decision.

That's good. We have to look to leadership for guidance, but it's comforting to see that at the end of the day, locally we're doing what's best for our kids.

The Fort Madison Community School District's decision to start the year in a hybrid model was a brilliant stroke. That move alone could have mitigated the spread for all students, and potentially families, in the district. There were other steps taken, but having half the students learning at home and half at school certainly created breathable space and made social distancing possible.

Throw in the mask mandates while students are in transition, and ramped up sanitation, and we can feel a little better about an otherwise crummy situation.

And this crummy situation has me still thinking I have some construction chops, which I don't, and redoing half my house. This pandemic can end at anytime so I can stop spending money and slicing thumbs open... But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current

State planning for fall release of vaccine

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of Dispensing (POD) plans as well as closed POD plans (agreements in place with health care organizations who could dispense vaccines once state or federal assets are received). We will be looking at our vaccine storage and handling capacities, temperature monitoring protocols and devices, ancillary supply needs, and updating our mass vaccinations or POD plans."

"In summary, we have been asked to begin preliminary local planning with our health care partners for when COVID-19 vaccines are available and ready to administer."

According to the FAQ, IDPH officials indicated that early results from the first COVID-19 vaccine tests in people show it worked as intended with no serious side effects.

Initially, supply issues may limit doses to certain priority groups such as health care workers, residents of long-term care centers and assisted living, and those who work in industries where social distancing is difficult.

The supply is expected to expand substantially in 2021 to the point where eventually anyone who wants the vaccine can receive it.

The state is also anticipating that the vaccine will be offered at no cost, although providers may charge a small fee to individuals or health insurance companies for administering the vaccine.

Vaccines contain the same germs that cause disease, but in a weakened or dead state so they don't make you sick, according to the IDPH.

But even after being vaccinated the state is encouraging individuals to continue to wear a mask because of the time required for the vaccine to affect a body to produce antibodies. In some cases, COVID-19 may require two doses to provide the best protection.

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