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Gregory, SEIRPC get \$100K grants

INNOVATION FUND: Governor Reynolds announces Coronavirus Relief Fund grants

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES – Gregory Design and Manufacturing and Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission were both awarded close to \$100,000 each from a state innovation fund on Wednesday.

Governor Kim Reynolds announced awards to 65 applicants for the Coronavirus Relief Fund Employer Innovation Fund Grant. The program will assist local employers, non-profits, community colleges, high schools, private universities, and the University of Iowa provide postsecondary training and education to Iowans whose employment has been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Gregory Design and Manufacturing was awarded \$99,909 towards a goal of training 44 people with a 4-week weld training program geared toward well-rounded production welding. Gregory intends to partner with the Burlington Residential Correctional Facility to recruit participants and hopes to hire completers.

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission based in West Burlington received \$99,997.50 to help with offender training in the Homes for Iowa program.

The pandemic has significantly impacted incarcerated men due to the reduction and elimination of training programs

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STATE SENATE RACE

Reichman, Taylor on party lines

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Iowa State Sen. Rich Taylor will be banking on his past eight years in the legislature to carry him to re-election, but Keokuk's Jeff Reichman who rolled in the Republican primary is out to unseat the incumbent.

Both men have military backgrounds with Taylor serving seven years in the National Guard, and Reichman is a U.S. Marine veteran and a command staff graduate.

Taylor, originally from Mt. Union, is an assistant leader for Democrats in the Senate and is the minority ranking member of the Veteran's Affairs Committee. He also serves on the Agriculture, Judicial, and Labor and Business Relations committees.

After serving in the National Guard specializing in HVAC and refrigeration, Taylor worked for the Iowa State Penitentiary where he oversaw repairs of the prisons HVAC and refrigeration systems.

Reichman was born and raised in Keokuk and graduated from Southeastern Community College, has a business degree from Iowa Wesleyan College in addition to his long military career.

He now makes his home in Montrose and works in the shipping department at Roquette, while running his own home



REICHMAN



TAYLOR

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THIS WEEKEND

Art in Central Park set for Sunday in FM

BY BRIAN RIGGS
Fort Madison Area Arts Director

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Area Arts Association will conduct another episode of Art-in-Central Park with some modifications this year due to Covid-19.

"FMAAA Board Members were concerned with the number of cases in early September. We met with LCHD staff in the middle of the month and then the Board voted to go ahead with our plans for the 27th after a decrease in active cases in Lee County," reports FMAAA director Brian Riggs.

"We have eliminated the popular Kid's Fun ArtZone this year due to the crowding concerns. The traditional BBQ picnic meal is out and we are spacing the visual artists much further apart to utilize all the space in Central Park. The open environment creates a safer event environment and most folks take their tour of the cultural options at differing times. Of course FMAAA recommends mask wearing in public."

Nearly 20 visual artists are on tap for the event in mediums of painting, stained glass, copper art, pastel, garden sculpture, photography, poetry, pen&ink, wooden



Photo courtesy of FMAAA

A resident visits the Art-in-Central Park last year in Fort Madison. The event is on for this Sunday after the coronavirus had the Fort Madison Area Arts Association Board having doubts.

furniture, and wood lathe work with several new first-time artists coming to town.

Artist vendor maps will be available at the park.

Three purchase awards will be awarded to artists with \$250 by Climax Molybdenum, \$200 by FMAAA, and \$150 by Kozlowski Law Group. Three booth awards will be distributed as well. 1st Place will win a stay at Kingsley Inn with River Rocks extras. 2nd Place wins specialty mum from Matt's Greenhouse and free slot for 2021 Art-in-Central. 3rd Place takes a

specialty mum as well.

Bill Hall will be conducting a painting class, housing a double-booth with his wares. Coal-Haus Pizza will be the food vendor with breakfast starting at 9 a.m. with breakfast pizza and biscuits and gravy. They will switch over for lunch joined by long-term participant Lost Duck Brewery with their beer garden by the shelter house.

Musicians begin in the gazebo at noon

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Current-Lee/From the Front

CURRENT-LEE

The following is a list of upcoming events and gatherings in North Lee County.

Kempker's True Value & Rental celebrates 50th anniversary

Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc. is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on October 2nd & 3rd. Join the Facebook Event for details and giveaways: <https://www.facebook.com/events/612351646309764/>.



Art-in-Central Park

The annual event will be held this Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. in Central Park in Fort Madison. The park, and afternoon, will be full of arts, crafts, music, food and fun. Prize are awarded to top projects and music begins at noon in the Gazebo. Breakfast will be offered starting at 9 a.m.

Green Bay Levee district meeting

The board will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Heartland Co-op in Wever.

River and Rail Trail weekend

Communities along the Mississippi River Lake Cooper will hold a series of activities this weekend to showcase their community and what it has to offer. More information can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/River-and-Rail-brochure.pdf> or by calling the Kingsley in at 319-372-2144

United Way Spaghetti Dinner

The United Way of the Great River Region will be holding it's annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Monday, Sept. 28 at the Keokuk Yacht Club on 2029 River Road. Tickets are \$8 and can be obtained the United Way offices in Fort Madison or Keokuk, or from board members, or on site. Dinner includes spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, side salad and a dessert for \$8.

Truth Group of Fort Madison

The church group is holding a free event on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Family Life Center at 301 24th Street in Fort Madison. An inflatable obstacle course, free food and fun will be available for kids 12 to 18. Bring a friend.

2020 Trunk or Treat

The Fort Madison YMCA's annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct. 23 at Baxter Sports Complex. This year's event will be a drive through event to allow for social distancing. Business will have cars in the parking lot to hand out goodies to goblins from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Set up is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Spots can be reserved by calling the Y at 319-372-2403 ext 1 or by email at ryan.wilson@fortmadison.org

Harvest Sunset on the Pasture

Hinterland Dairy will host a sunset on the pasture on Sept. 25th and 26th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and must be purchase in advance at <https://hinterlanddairy.com/online-store>. Tickets include admission for two adults, a cheeseboard with variety of cheeses, crackers and pairings. Bring a cooler with your favorite beverage or pick something up from the cheese shop.

Players Workshop Theater

The Burlington Theater will be showcasing a series of online skits beginning on Sept. 24, with Mother Goose Interrupted: This Little Piggy. Future presentations will include a musical cabaret, a reader's theater, throwback tributes and a Christmas Show. For more information log onto the Facebook page or the PWT website at www.playersworkshoptheater.com.

Pop Can Drive

The Fort Madison Middle School bands will hold their annual Pop Can Drive on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FMMS. Please use the Bluff Road driveway. All redeemable cans and any size of redeemable plastic bottles will be accepted. No glass please. Proceeds are used to offset band equipment and maintenance, and for new music.

Montrose Cemetery Cleanup

All plastic flowers that are in the ground must be picked up by Nov. 1. After that date they will be discarded. In addition Memorial Day flowers will now have to be picked up no later than two weeks after the holiday.

Halloween Dinner and Comedy

The Kingsley Inn will be featuring a Halloween Dinner and Comedy on Oct. 31 beginning at with a social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m, with the show starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be booked in advance by texting 309-221-9803

PowerChord, local bands take to Gazebo Sunday

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with PowerChord, sponsored by Jim Baier INC. PowerChord is a rock band out of Southeast, Iowa, with members from Ft. Madison and Burlington.

Their members range in age from 11-14. Current members are: Oliver Santiago (guitars and vocals), Ella Wright (bass and vocals), Jonah Santiago (vocals and

keyboards), and Lucas Carr (drums). PowerChord plays a variety of music that is enjoyable for all. They have played venues in Burlington, Keokuk, and Ft. Madison.

Headlining band this year is Jera and the Absolut

from Galesburg, Illinois. They are one of Central Illinois premier party bands specializing in classic rock, blues, and reggae. They happen to have Nick Knedler from Burlington as their lead guitarist. Nick also teaches guitar lessons at FMAAAA, which we hope to bring back into action this October. He will be taking new students! MidWestOne Bank is the sponsor for the exhibition.

Taking the stage at the 3 p.m. slot is Harmony Bible Church Worship Band, sponsored by Dana Bushong Jewelers. This will be the first time for a Christian Rock genre at Central Park. Band leader Jeremiah Landon explains, "Harmony Bible Church Worship Band is a ministry of Harmony Bible Church. The mission of Harmony is to bring glory to God by being disciples of Jesus Christ."

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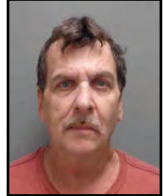
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Local News/For the Record

Tasks force arrests two in FM on methamphetamine charges

FORT MADISON – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of two Fort Madison residents on misdemeanor drug charges.



K. BOWER

Kevin Bower, 60, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on September 16th, 2020 at his residence in the 300 Block 12th St. in Fort Madison.

Bower is charged with Prohibited Acts-Maintaining a Drug House an Aggravated Misdemeanor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor.



J. BOWER

Authorities also arrested Jessica Bower, 30, of Fort Madison as the same residence.

Bower is charged with Possession With Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine more than 5 grams within 1,000 feet of a Public School a Class B Felony; Violation of Drug Tax Stamp a Class D

Felony; Prohibited Acts-Maintaining a Drug House an Aggravated Misdemeanor; 3 counts of Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd Offense, each an Aggravated Misdemeanor; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor.

The arrests stem from an ongoing investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force of narcotics being used and delivered at Bower's home and Fort Madison officers responding to a call for service at the residence.

The Fort Madison Police Department, Lee County Attorney's Office, and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/21/20 – 7:24 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue D. 09/21/20 10:14 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue C. 09/21/20 – 4:59 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue E. 09/21/20 – 6:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue G. 09/21/20 – 7:37 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue G. 09/21/20 – 8:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cory Ray Frey, 48, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue I, on charges of domestic abuse assault, interference with official acts, assaulting an officer and a warrant service. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 09/21/20 – 9:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Chris Ann Turner, 36, of Fort Madison in the 200 block of Avenue H, on a warrant service. 9/21/20 – 9:56 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police cited Robert Shane Martin, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue M, on a charge 4th degree theft. 09/22/20 – 1:23 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Julie Drenner, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension. 09/22/20 – 7:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of Avenue E. 09/22/20 – 10:09 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue M. 09/22/20 – 10:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jonathon Juhl, 32, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension. 09/22/20 – 11:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Gregory King, 58, of Denmark in the 2800 block of Avenue L, on a warrant service for failure to appear. 09/23/20 – 6:24 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/21/20 – no ac-

tivity reported. 09/22/20 – 8:30 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cory Ray Frey, 48, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/22/20 – 10:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Maurice Moore, 63, of Montrose, on Great River Road on a warrant for operating a vehicle without owner's consent. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 09/22/20 – 10:14 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Michael Alan Adkins, 57, of Keosauqua, backed out of a parking stall at the Lee County Jail and struck a phone box. No citations or injuries were reported.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/21/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls, two cooking fires, one false alarm 09/22/20 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to to medical four lift assists, one stand by and one CO alarm.

More than \$4.3M awarded by state

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within facilities. Without training, re-entry prospects are limited.

Homes for Iowa Inc. will facilitate this project to train 25 men in OSHA 10 and construction. The program will provide equipment, worksite protective clothing and tools. Homes for Iowa works with employer partners to make job contacts and place trained individuals in high-demand construction jobs upon release. Award: \$99,997.50

More than \$4.3 million has been awarded to the winning projects.

"Future Ready Iowa's Employer Innovation Fund is centered around

a grassroots effort to solve local workforce challenges while helping Iowans find economic opportunity in their community. The winning projects address barriers for Iowans who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic by providing training opportunities that will build on our economic recovery," said Gov. Reynolds.

"These programs not only help those affected by the pandemic, they will also focus on recruiting our minority and under-represented communities to help us diversify our workforce and provide equal chances of success for all Iowans."

The Coronavirus Relief Fund Employer Innovation Fund grants can be used to cover the cost of training, books, and equipment as well as often providing much needed wrap-around support that address other barriers some Iowans face when trying to obtain skills training.

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.

Pediatricians specialize in the health care of children from preventive to diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic diseases. They collaborate with the child's parent or guardian to deal with the physical, emotional and social development of their children.

Dr. Blacker will see patients from newborn through the teenage years in the clinic along with Dr. Kolleen Burnett, Dr. Libby Balbort, Dr. Greg Gorski and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Susan Holtkamp.



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- Dr. Bryan Blacker

From the Front/Sports

Candidates agree state revenues survived virus

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inspection business, Tri State Home Inspections for the past four years.

Taylor said he had no plans on running for a third term, but said since the Republicans dismantled collective bargaining, among other things, he's seeking another term.

"I just saw so much destruction done in the past years. I had originally planned on not running for another term," he said.

"There's just so much damage that the Republican controlled House, Senate, and Governor's office has done to the state I just couldn't leave it like that"

Taylor said collective bargaining was the biggest issue for him and he wants to push that agenda even though he knows the governor will never sign a return to the table for the unions.

Collective bargaining was founded in the state back in the 70s and Taylor said it allowed one voice to speak for 20,000 employees. He hopes the senate can flip back to Democrat control so inroads can be made to put collective bargaining back in two years if a Democrat is elected Governor.

Six Republicans are retiring from their seats in the Senate at the year's end and Taylor thinks the Democrats have a good chance, not only in those but other contested races, to regain control of the Senate.

"I think we've got a good chance of taking 8 to 10 seats if Iowa is paying attention to what the Republicans are doing to them," he said. "The only group I know that can be happy with what's going on is the very big businesses. Even small business shouldn't be happy with what's going on right now."

Taylor said he also wants to continue to advocate for Iowa's public schools. He said the national average for the percentage of state's budgets allocated to public school funding is about 20.5%, but Iowa's is only 16.9%.

"That amounts to just over \$1,100 per student. If Fort Madison or Keokuk had another \$1,100 per student they would be able to pay teachers properly, which the state hasn't done for years," he said.

The other problem there, Taylor adds, is that teachers in Iowa are dedicated and are putting up with the underfunding, but how long will that last.

"Older teachers will retire and younger teachers will go to other states where the pay is better," Taylor said.

Reichman said education is talking point for Democrats.

"It's a partisan talking point. When they had the majority, they funded it and then pulled millions and millions back out of it," Reichman said.

"The state has spent more money on schools and it wasn't just additional money per child. The state realized that rural schools have additional costs related to busing and directly funded additional transportation costs," Reichman said.

Reichman said is passion for bringing jobs and rebuilding the economy as an ambassador for southeast Iowa is what sets him apart from Taylor.

"I want to go to the senate to represent southeast Iowa. Manufacturing is our backbone and if you look at my agenda, it's the economy - rebuilding the economy and bringing more higher paying

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Gager takes 2nd at MP Invitational Tuesday

Hound runners shelved 14 days due to coronavirus case and exposures

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – Fort Madison junior Will Gager is beating everyone except Washington's Lance Sobaski on the 5k cross country paths in southeast Iowa.

Gager took second at the Mt. Pleasant Cross Country meet Tuesday afternoon with a time of 17:39.29. He finished behind Sobaski at last week's Timm Lamb Invitational as well. Sobaski won the Mt. Pleasant meet with a time of 17:00.21.

Gager will get some time to rest up as both the boys and girls Bloodhound cross country teams are in a 14-day quarantine after an exposure was revealed Tuesday afternoon. Both teams can resume activities on Oct. 3 at the earliest.

Austin Miller came in third in the run with a time of 17:48.00 to help Fort Madison to a third place team finish with 63 points. The Bloodhounds didn't have another running in the top 10, but Anthony Barnes finished 11th, followed by Carson

Rashid and Nathaniel Swigart rounding out the scoring runners at 20th and 27th overall.

In the varsity girls run, freshman Paetyn Wiegand was top runner for Fort Madison completing the course in 22.28.15 good for sixth place overall. Mt. Pleasant's Abby Blint won the large-school run with a time of 21:13.28.

Jordyn Burch, Ellie Schulte, Raquel Schneider and Mylah Blanchard rounded out the scoring runners for Fort Madison. Burch and Schulte were both top 10 finishing 9th and 10th respectively. Schneider came in 16th place and Blanchard was 20th. The girls finished third overall with 60 points.

In the small class event, Central Lee's Amanda Gilpin finished 7th overall with a time of 22:38.96 to lead the Lady Hawks to a third place finish with 65 points. Addy Brumble and Brianna Gruntmeir were 19th and 20th overall. Adrienne Britt finished 24th and Olivia Kraus finished 28th for the Hawks' scoring runners.

Holy Trinity's Mitchell Pothitakis was 11th overall in the small class

boys run with a time of 18:52.84. Chandler Rung was net at 30th overall with a time of 20:53.62.

The three other scoring runners for HTC were Edward Schroeder (36th), Jacob Pothitakis (52nd), and Sheldon Kruse (54th).

The Crusaders finished 7th in the nine team field, Central Lee finished 9th as a team.

Landon Crank scored finished 32nd with a time of 20:57.62 to lead the Hawks. Grant Anderson finished at 21:04.09 for 35th overall. The other three scoring runners for Central Lee were Tristin Howell (43rd), Derick Denning (50th) and Aden Ross (51st).

In the junior varsity run, Central Lee's Jackson Denning finished 9th with a time of 22:40.65 and Landon Lowenberg was 16th overall. Holy Trinity's Conner Gehling and Maddox Rung were 20th and 21st to lead the Crusaders.

Tate Green led the way locally in the middle school 3200 meter run with a time of 13:25.72 for Holy Trinity. Layne Rung finished 18th overall.

Leo Thomas was 21st for Central Lee and Weston Fraher was 23rd overall.

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Sports

Bloodhounds take 3-1 mark to Bracewell Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison’s Head Coach Derek Doherty is a self proclaimed history nerd.

He just acquired an old FMHS alum Jim Youel NFL football card and some 1960s Bloodhound team photos and wants to hang them at the school.

His philosophy this year, despite all the teams in the state making the playoffs, has been to still earn it so the Bloodhounds can stand tall with past teams that have made to the playoffs.

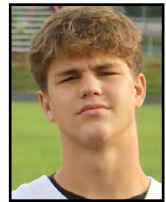
“We don’t call it a playoff year, unless we go a game or two in and then we’ll think about it,” he said.

The next step along the way is a stop at Bracewell Stadium Friday night to take on the 1-2 Burlington Grayhounds.

BHS (1-2) has had a rough start to the year, but got their first win last week against Fairfield. The Grayhounds started the year with a cancelled game with Ottumwa due to coronavirus concerns, but with everyone making the playoffs, the impact of the lost game was minimized.



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SETTLES



WILLIAMS

Burlington has lost tough games to Davenport North 40-7 and Keokuk two weeks ago 20-3. Junior quarterback Kanyae Baker had 75 yards on 18 carries in the game with Chiefs and has 204 yards on the year and a score. But the Grayhounds only attempted six passes in the game and have just 24 yards throwing all season.

Doherty said the Bloodhound secondary won’t be on idle.

“We’re high on our secondary, but our guys have fallen asleep a few times. Keokuk had some receivers open down field and just missed,” Doherty said. “We cannot afford to fall asleep on this team. They have some skilled kids.”

He said the Grayhounds run a tricky offense that’s tough to plan for.

“We know what’s coming and our coaches went right to work and schemed up something that we feel can put our kids in the best position possible for Friday,” Doherty said.

Fort Madison (3-1) again took advantage of created opportunities in the 21-14 win over Keokuk Friday. With an offense that ranks towards the bottom of Class 3A District 5 play, the special teams and defense are critical to the Hounds success.

Last week, senior Brock Califf blocked an extra point and then took the ensuing kick off, after bobbling the kick, back for a touchdown.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison running back Calem Maclearn (24) finds a temporary seam last week in the Hounds’ 21-14 win over the Keokuk Chiefs. The Bloodhounds go to Burlington Friday to try to move to 4-1 on the year.

“Brock’s a dog. He’s a competitor he’s a guy that wants the ball in his hands and is always asking for the ball,” Doherty said.

Offensive coordinator Justin Menke slipped junior Landes Williams in at quarterback to start against Keokuk and moved senior Will Larson to a slot receiver, and the Hounds started moving the ball in the second half.

Fort Madison had 111 yards rushing on the night with Williams and senior Calem Maclearn handling the carries. The two combined for 101 and a touchdown. Tate Johnson also caught his third touchdown pass of the year from 20 yards out after Williams dumped a lineman on a cut back to his right.

Doherty said he was afraid of what he called a “hangover”, but has seen a focused squad this week in practice.

“In college they call it the hangover game and we’ve been reminding them that we still have some work to do. And they’ve bounced back pretty well.”

A pleasant surprise for the Hounds has been sophomore Tanner Settles at defensive end. Tanner is third in District 5 in tackles with 26. Sixteen of those are solo and four were for losses.

In the third quarter Friday Settles tracked down a

speedy Equilius Lee from other side of the line on an end around, and the Hounds will be looking for his production on the defense side again Friday.

“He’s the definition of Effort, Attitude, and Toughness. Even when his stats aren’t going up, other people’s are because of the work he’s doing.”

Doherty said Settles is still learning as an underclassman, but when he makes a mistake, “it’s at 100 mph.”

Fort Madison has amassed 370 yards on the ground with five different ball carriers having more than 10 carries. In an extremely balanced ratio of run to pass, Larson and Williams have thrown from 376 yards and three touchdowns, all to Johnson. The duo’s 44 completions are tops in the district.

The Hounds lead the district in multiple defensive categories including interceptions with nine, pick sixes with two, fumble recoveries with six, and defensive touchdowns with three. Their eight sacks are second in District 5.

The two have split the last two games with Burlington winning at home in 2018, while Fort Madison got the win at Jim Youel Field last year.

Game time is 7 p.m. at Bracewell Stadium in Burlington. The game is voucher attendance due to coronavirus concerns.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE WEST POINT
CITY COUNCIL
WEST POINT, IOWA
52656
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on September 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuegen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus after the addition of St. Mary's Fall Festival liquor license application under New Business. Upon invitation, Marian Neuweg and Mike Schierbrock requested permission to place a memorial bench in City Square Park. A meeting will be scheduled to further discuss. Upon invitation, St. Mary's Church representative Rebecca Hannum addressed the Council regarding recent changes to the virtual Fall Festival and the decision to sell carry-out meals and beer, which required beginning the liquor license application process again, and requested consideration to approve the application. The Public Works report was reviewed. No Police Department report was made available. The Mayor reported on the following: IARBGAR will be held on September 19, 2020; City-Wide garage sales will be held September 26, 2020; St. Mary's Fall Festival will be held October 10, 2020; meeting date and time for meetings of Library Board; the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of October 12, 2020. Upon invitation Dennis McGregor presented the City Administrator's report. On motion approved liquor license application for Corner Tap with no outdoor service. On motion approved liquor license application for St. Mary's Fall Festival with outdoor service. On motion accepted audit examination proposal for

FYE20 from Ted Wiegand CPA. On motion approved Resolution No. 797-20 approving Street Financial Report for FYE20. On motion approved Resolution No. 798-20 authorizing filing an application for a hazard mitigation grant. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of August 10, 2020 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for August 2020 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for September 2020 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m., September 14, 2020.

**EXPENDITURES FOR
AUGUST, 2020**

ABRA Auto Body, repair2211.16
Altorfer, parts379.55
Aspelmeier & Fisch, fees117.50
Baker & Taylor, books553.90
Bill Moeller, reimbursement.....297.60
Cessford Construction, rock.....2047.73
City Clerk – FM, fees590.00
Daily Democrat, publications69.84
Delta Dental, premiums101.02
Demco, supplies...198.65
Ebert Supply, supplies50.00
Electric Pump, repair1036.60
Floyd's E-Z-Way, trash hauling47.00
Garden & Associates, engineering.....529.25
GRRWA, fees864.00
Hope Haven Area Dev, services30.00
Huffman Welding, misc supplies27.37
IA Dept of Public Safety, fee.....20.00
IA Dept of Rev, sales tax256.00
IA DNR, fee210.00
IAWEA Region 6, training60.00
J&M Korner, fuel.....19.50
Jet Gas, fuel414.14
Kempker's True Values, supplies156.58
LJ Neuweg Rental, fees65.00
Mary Jane Pranger, cleaning132.00
Mastercard, supplies78.10
McFarland-Swan, supplies28.69
Mediacom, telephone538.01
Michael Robins, services53.74
Petty Cash, misc supplies51.73
Quill Corp, supplies

.....26.75
RICOH, copier142.87
Sonny's Supermarket, supplies15.20
Sun Life Financial, premiums.....234.08
SYNCB/Amazon, supplies230.42
US Cellular, data plan70.77
US Postal Service, postage.....74.86
Verizon Wireless, data plan.....120.03
Wellmark BC/BS, premiums.....2726.89
West Point Lumber, supplies197.49
West Point Professional Group, lease685.00
West Point Utilities, utilities2188.18
Wex Bank, fuel309.64
Windstream, telephone183.82

RECAPITULATION

FUND: PREV BAL, RCPTS, DSBSD, CUR BAL: General: 333696.59, 13991.50, 26069.96, 321618.13; Grants: 500.00, ---, ---, 500.00; Capital Equip: 4127.06, ---, ---, 4127.06; Lib County: 6202.32, 2610.93, 573.90, 8239.35; Lib Mem: 18442.96, 547.52, 34.66, 18955.82; Roads Use: 5337.46, 10221.83, 6711.26, 8848.03; LOS: ---, 8933.23, 8933.23, ---; Lagoon: (5000.00), 529.25, 529.25, (5000.00); Sewer: 10128.10, 22814.97, 18227.07, 14716.00; Sewer Sinking: 19216.52, 9608.26, ---, 28824.78; Landfill: 259.53, ---, ---, 259.53

/s/ Paul Walker, Mayor
Attest: Diane E. Smith,
City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE
WEST POINT UTILITY
SYSTEM
WEST POINT, IOWA
September 15th, 2020**

The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at, West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa 52656 on September 15th, 2020. Board Chairman Randy Welding presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Members Brian Schmitz and Ted Vonderhaar were present for this meeting. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Status of

delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Superintendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail. Board Chairman was reported on the following:

Motion was made by Board Member Ted Vonderhaar and seconded by Board Member Brian Schmitz for approval of Resolution 198-20 'A Resolution Changing Water Rates'

Motion was made by Board Member Brian Schmitz and seconded by Board Member Ted Vonderhaar for approval of Resolution 199-20 'A Resolution Approving to Enter into Agreement with Pay Star'

Motion was made by Board Member Ted Vonderhaar and seconded by Board Member Brian Schmitz for approval of Resolution 200-20 'A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Ricoh USA'

The next regular Utility System Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at West Point City Hall 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of August 11th, 2020 was approved. On motion, approved warrants payable for September 2020 as presented. On motion, meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m., September 15th, 2020.

**EXPENDITURES FOR
MAY 2018**

3rd GENERATION ELECTRIC - TRENCHING150.00
ABOLT, RON - REBATE100.00
AGRINEED-HYDRAULIC HOSE52.32
AMAZON - CABLE TIES, SHOP TOWELS ...104.57
DAILY DEMOCRAT- LEGAL PUBLICATION46.56
DELTA DENTAL - INSURANCE.....138.48
EFTPS- FED/FICA TAX TAXES4,978.22
FLETCHER REINHARDT - RURAL LEDS,PAD-MOUNTS2,131.44
FLOYDS- TRASH PICK UP.....103.50
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE-TAPPERS,- MASONRY BIT57.69
IDEAL READY MIX-CONCRETE381.00
IOWA DEPT OF REVE-

NUE- SALES,EXCISE TAX.....3,615.00
IPERS -RETIREMENT2,865.89
MASTERCARD - FR UNIFORMS,WIRE,BUSHINGS1,780.84
MC FARLAND - OFFICE SUPPLIES28.68
MEDIACOM - TELE / INTERNET260.08
MENKE AUTO PARTS - CONNECTORS17.67
METERING & TECH SOLUTIONS- METERS300.70
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC. -WIRE.....586.00
PAUL'S PLUMBING - BRASS FITTING6.54
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER - WATER6,291.00
RESALE POWER GROUP OF IOWA - WHOLESALE ELEC105,695.00
RICOH - COPIER / COPIES80.72
ROBINS, MICHAEL - ITRON, INSTALL CABLES133.74
SONNY'S SUPERMARKET-SUPPLIES17.19
STATE HYGIENIC LAB - LAB FEES138.00
STUART C. IRBY - WIRE3,381.20
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL - INSURANCE108.57
TASCO - PAGER SERVICE142.25
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA - STATE TAX763.51
UPS - SHIPMENTS53.84
US POSTAL SERVICE - MAILING.....233.79
VAN METER- WIRE, BENDER.....546.93
VERMEER SALES & SERVICE - SPRAY GUN FOR VAC, PARTS178.21
WELLMARK BC/BS OF IOWA - INSURANCE2,577.55
WEST POINT LUMBER - REBAR,CEMENT SPRAY27.99
WEST POINT UTILITIES - UTILITY CHARGES386.86
WEX BANK - GASOLINE248.55
WILSON UN-DERHROUND BOR-ING-INSTALL WA AVE D1,000.00
/s/ Randy Welding,
Chairman
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NEW CONSTRUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sealed bids will be

received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources by email, at procurement@dnr.iowa.gov until 11:00 am, October 15, 2020 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. In an effort to mitigate the spread and effects of the COVID-19, the Department of Natural Resources will ONLY be accepting proposals submitted via email for these projects. No bids shall be accepted by FAX, mail or hand-delivery. After the bid opening, information concerning bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at www.iowadnr.gov.

Note: The bid opening for this project will be held by conference call only. No facilities will be available for an in-person meeting. Interested parties may call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

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While bids are due by 11:00 am CST on October 15, 2020, the bid opening teleconference will not begin until 11:15 am to allow staff ample time to print bids before reading them aloud.

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 IA 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 Adminis-

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 Completion Date: 09/15/2021

Bid Letting Date: 10/15/2020
 Project Description: This project consists of constructing an earthen embankment spoil site.

DELAWARE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-03-28-01

Back Bone State Park Pavement Preservation
 Proposal Guarantee:

\$25,000.00
 Completion Date: 08/31/2021
 Bid Letting Date: 10/15/2020
 Project Description: This project consists of HMA pavement maintenance - crack cleaning and filling, patching, fog sealing, pavement milling, PCC repair, shoulder blading, placement of revetment, erosion stone, macadam stone and shoulder rock, culvert replacement, seeding and fertilizing.

CASS COUNTY PROJECT NO. 17-04-15-01

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 Proposal Guarantee: \$25,000.00
 Completion Date: 09/30/2021
 Bid Letting Date: 10/15/2020
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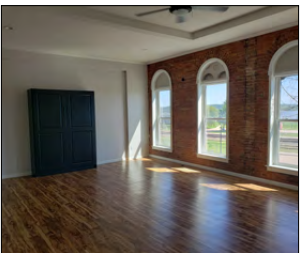
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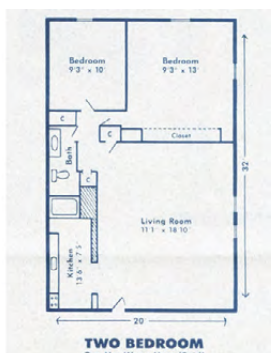
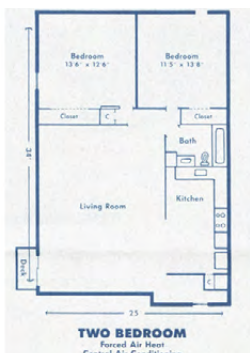
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From the Front

Taylor touts education, while Reichman talks jobs

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jobs to this part of the state.”

Reichman said another difference is just the party agenda.

“With us, you see a party with lower taxes, less government, looking for people to be self-supporting and not dependent on the government for a livelihood,” he said.

“One of my favorite quotes is, ‘Government large enough to provide everything you need, is government large enough to take away everything you have.’”

He said building curriculum in schools that allows students to explore vocational training will help redevelop a skilled workforce and help fill jobs locally.

Both candidates agreed that the state’s budget is in good shape considering the impact of the COVID pandemic. Taylor said budget analysts are projecting a 6% revenue growth this year in spite of the pandemic.

“For a Democrat I’m very conservative. I don’t buy things I don’t need and I want the state to do that, too,” Taylor said.

“Pay for the police, the fire, garbage pickup. Pay for what we should be paying. But I don’t need a Cadillac, I just want a good Chevy. That’s how I am personally. So when they call us Tax and Spend Democrats, that’s just not true.”

Taylor said military careers like he and Reichman have don’t prepare you for dealing with people on a personal level.

“That will be a big difference compared to Jeff’s military career. He doesn’t understand the people of southeast Iowa like he needs to. I was in the National Guard for seven and a half years and the military didn’t teach me people skills. It taught me other things, but not how to reach people,” he said.

Taylor said the pandemic kept him from being able to go door-to-door as much as he has in the past and he said his misses that interaction and getting to hear from constituents about their problems over a kitchen table.

“Campaign people would get upset with me because I would spend an hour or so at one house. But that’s what I like to do,” he said. “Find out deep down what problems they have and what can I do to help at the state level.”

Reichman said he’s been able to get out and do some of the door-to-door work getting to know people up in Henry County and other areas of the district.

“COVID is still lingering around and still an issue, but the good news is, we’ve been able to get out and knock on doors. I’ve knocked on 1,000s of doors myself,” he said.

“Luckily, we got through the primary without knowing a lot of people in Henry County, but we’re building on those relationships and meeting people

and there’s great excitement to see their candidate on the door steps.”

Taylor said other issues that need to be address at the legislature are water quality, fully funding the judiciary, free pre-school, classifying ambulance service as essential in the state, and redemption issues.

“I think the ambulance service thing will be huge his year. I think the virus has taught us we have to something here and I think it’s taught us we have to do something with redemption centers,” Taylor said.

He said the state has to move to make that more profitable and favorable to business operators, or the cans will end up damaging the environment.

“It all kind of goes together. If you’re not recycling, your stuff usually ends up in your water.”

Reichman said redemption plans in the state do need revamped. He said those are 40-year-old regu-

lations and they need to updated to make the process simpler and reimbursements quicker for operators.

Reichman said his transitioning back to southeast Iowa has made him realize how important it is to have representation in Des Moines that reflects the needs of southeast Iowa.

“My family is here and this is where I’m from,” he said. “But I feel my greatest fulfillment is helping and serving a greater cause, and the driving factor in that was my transition back to southeast Iowa.”

Reichman said he could have built a better professional life in other areas, but he wanted to come back to his family and roots.

“I remember my grandfather passing away when I was a young man and as close as we were, you always want more time,” he said. “I just didn’t want to pass up on anymore missed time.”



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