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Main Street may benefit from sewer line news

CDBG grant could also help rehab district streetscape

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A stroke of bad luck in funding new sewer lines on Avenue H, could work out very well for Fort Madison's Main Street District.

City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll informed the council at the regular meeting Monday that the city wouldn't be able to use state revolving loan funds to refurbish the city's sewer line as part of the Avenue H renovations planned for the next three years.

"As part of the bid package state will not allow SRF funding along the highway," Driscoll said. "We can use our own funds for the project, but they won't release

SRF funds for that work so we need to find a different route."

Driscoll recommended using Avenue G and said the project would involve running a sewer line from Second Street to Seventh but said he had to move the project back to 2021 because of other city projects including the three-year renovation of Avenue H.

When hearing the news, Mayor Brad Randolph wanted to know if moving the sewer line to Avenue G would push up the timeline on getting some work done in the downtown district.

"I was just wondering if that would allow us to up that project," Randolph said. "That has always been a concern of the downtown business district. It's a bigger picture than just running a sewer line when all is said and done, but if it's doable because we're running that



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line, then that's something I guess you guys could talk about."

He also asked if moving the project to Avenue G would open the city to any additional funding avenues for the work.

Driscoll said it may open the city to another bonding source for funds but no additional grants outside of a Community Development Block Grant would be available. Bonding would be money the city had to repay.

After the meeting, Driscoll said, optimally, it would be good if the the city were to pursue a Community Development Block Grant for the work but he said the legwork on applying for grants is tedious.

He said if someone were to take on doing surveys of the district defined by Avenue H and Avenue E from 2nd Street to 10th Street, there could be a chance the

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The Friends of the Library and Volunteers who helped make the first Library Friends and Family Fun day a success. From left to right, David Fageol, Bonnie Niehaus, Melissa Derr, Gery Shibley, Andy Andrews, Pat Morrison, Jacob Cook, Library Director Sarah Clendineng, Kira Kruszynski and Sharon Groene.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Clendineng, Kerrington Wardlow winner of a gift card donated by Fun City for the 10-13 year old category. Addison Rump won a movie night basket for the 5-9 year old category donated by Chuong Garden, Family Video and Kelly Cakes, Melissa Derr, of the Lee County Leadership Not pictured are Kylee Newkirk, winner of the 14-18 year old category who also won a Fun City gift card and Jeanene Dean winner of the adult category and a grilling basket donated by Hy-Vee.

Health dept. building, county attorney on ballot today

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Two hotly contested issues will be in front of voters on Tuesday with Lee County polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters in the county will be deciding who will be the next Lee County Attorney and whether or not the county will spend up to \$2.6 million on a new facility for the Lee County Health Department.

Ross Braden, the current county attorney, who was appointed earlier this year to fill the vacancy left when long-time county attorney Mike Short retired, is going up against Clinton Boddicker for the Lee County Attorney's position.

Braden came from a private practice when he was appointed to the position by the Lee County Board of Supervisors. Boddicker has been an assistant county attorney for the past nine years under Mike Short. The two have had three debates leading up to the election focusing on issues such as courthouse safety, the impact of drug activity in the county, nuisance properties, and staffing at the county attorney's offices.

The campaign did have its share of dirt when it was

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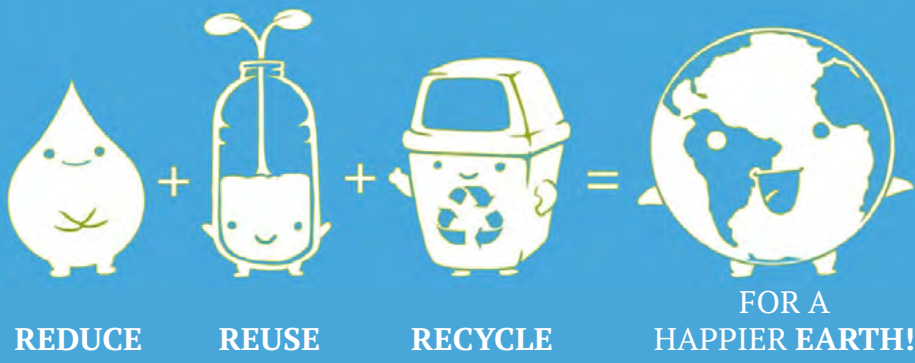
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Hounds fall to Fairfield on second half goal

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds scored first on a cold, wet night at Baxter Sports Complex, but Fairfield scored last and it was good enough for a 2-1 win in Monday high school boys soccer action.

Carson Donaldson had a big night with some gutsy saves mixed in with 13 on the night in helping keep the game close. The tie breaking score from Fairfield rolled over the line of net after Donaldson had blocked a hard strike. The ball bounced to Donaldson's right and crept over the line as Donaldson slammed his gloved hands onto the grass in frustration.

Chase Rogers got the Hounds on the board first with 7:30 gone in the half. Rogers took a middle pass from AJ Nolting who controlled the ball on left side of the field on a breakaway for Hounds who had been playing defense most of the first 7 minutes. Nolting slid a pass through two Fairfield defenders to Rogers who was manning the middle of the field on the break. Rogers dribbled to his left and shot through the left side of the goal for a the 1-0 lead.

Fairfield wasted not time evening up the score on the next trip down the field and the 1-1 score held until the intermission. The Trojans scored at the same point in the second half to take the lead and eventual winning score 2-1.

The Hounds fall to 3-8 overall and are still winless in the Southeast Conference at 0-6. They travel to Mt. Pleasant on Thursday.

The Fort Madison junior varsity squad tied Fairfield 2-2 with Kelly Russel and Miguel Trejo each scoring unassisted goals in the contest. Javier Trejo had two saves in the match.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS's Chase Rogers punches one into the net in first half action Monday night on a cold, wet night at the Baxter Sports Complex. The goal put the Hounds up 1-0, but Fairfield came back to win 2-1..



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Local News/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Department Report

04/28/17 - 3:22 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 100 block of 24th Street.
 04/28/17 - 4:07 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of 39th Street.
 04/28/17 - 10:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of 34th Street.
 04/28/17 - 11:40 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600 block of 37th Street.
 04/28/17 - 12:53 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue E.
 04/28/17 - 4:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Adam James Huss, 28 of Fort Madison in the 1400 block of 39th Street on a warrants for harassment, violation of a no-contact order, interference and multiple traffic violations. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 04/28/17 - 11:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run at the intersection of 21st Street and Avenue E.
 04/28/17 - 11:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of 21st Street.

04/29/17 - 1:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 Avenue G.
 04/29/17 - 10:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue L.
 04/29/17 - 11:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2500 block of Avenue L.
 04/29/17 - 4:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 04/30/17 - 12:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of 263rd Avenue.
 04/30/17 - 1:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue G.
 04/30/17 - 4:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in

the 3200 block of Avenue I.
 04/30/17 - 10:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue A.
 05/01/17 - 2:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J.
 05/01/17 - 7:38 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of 13th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Department Report

04/28/17 - 6:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Douglas Cable, 30, of Burlington at the Des Moines County Line in Wever on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released after paying a fine.
 04/28/17 - 7:28 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dalton Jerald

McKeown, 21 of Fort Madison at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for felony forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire Department Report

04/28/17 - The Fort Madison Fire Department responded to three medical calls, one false alarm and one lift assist.
 04/29/17 - The Fort Madison Fire Department responded to six medical calls and two lift assists.
 04/30/17 - The Fort Madison Fire Department responded to four medical calls and a mutual aid call to Lee County.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN R. CONLEE

John R. Conlee, 69 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Monday, May 01, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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Board of Supervisors
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Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY,
May 2, 2017
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center, 2530
255th St.,
Montrose, IA 52639

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Credit Card Limit for Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth
 Discussion of FY16 Audit
 Approve FY17 Budget Amendment and Set Public Hearing
 Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House, Montrose Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn
PUBLIC MEETING - CITIZENS WELCOME

Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Approve Tuesday, April 25, 2017 Board Minutes
 Consider Approval of Claims
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Resolution Raising Credit Card Limit for Two Employees in the Treasurer's Office and Establishing Limit for Conservation Director

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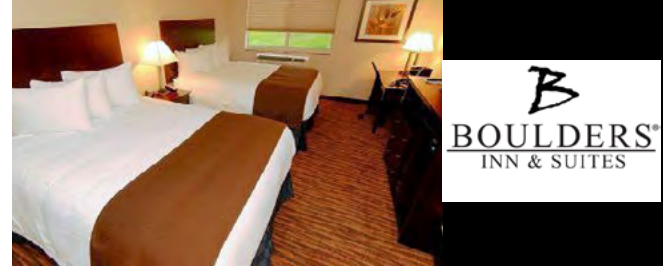
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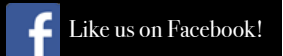
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revealed that Braden had a past record of convictions for OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia from his collegiate days. Boddicker has been openly criticized for his propensity to make plea deals. Braden has said his past is behind him and he is completely qualified to do the job and is ready to be the county's attorney for decades to come as this is the pinnacle of his career. Boddicker has said that his case load is always heavy and plea deals are a useful tool in handling cases.

The Lee County Health Department, which is currently out of its current home due to an air quality issue, is looking for voters to approve the construction of a new facility on county-owned property west of the Lee County Sheriff's office.

Julie Schilling has said the impact to county residents will be around \$7.50 for a homeowner with a \$100,000 home. Agriculture and commercial rates would be higher.

Savings from rent and maintenance on the current building would be approximately 45% of the current bond amount over 20 years. The new facility would meet Health

Insurance Portability and Accountability Act requirements and would be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The building will be approximately 9,000 square feet on the main floor with an additional 2,500 square feet of storage and HVAC space in the basement.

Polling locations are listed below.

- Fort Madison Ward 1
- Ft Madison City Hall, 811 Avenue E Ward 2
- McAler Hall -415 11th Street Ward 3
- Ft Madison Library - 1920 Avenue E Ward 4A
- Rolling Hall - 2210 Avenue I Ward 4B
- Rolling Hall - 2210 Avenue I Ward 5/Madison Twp
- Hillview Village - 1102 48th Street
- Keokuk Ward 1
- South Lee County Courthouse 25 N 7th Street Ward 2A
- Heritage Center - 508 Main Street Ward 2B
- Heritage Center - 508 Main Street



- Ward 3
- Keokuk Art Center, Lower level of Public Library - 210 N 5th Street Ward 4
- Evangelical Free Church - 2315 S 7th Street Ward 5
- Learning Center - 500 N. 20th Street Ward 6
- First Christian Church - 3476 Main Street Ward 7
- Keokuk Nazarene Church - 3116 Plank Road
- Charleston/Des Moines & Van Buren Townships
- Central Lee High School - 2642 Hwy 218
- Donnellson
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- Township
- Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room - 506 N Main Street, Donnellson
- Jackson Township Jackson Township Fire Station - 3640 Argyle Road
- Jefferson Township Lee County Conservation Center - 2652 Hwy. 61 Montrose
- Montrose Township & Montrose City
- Ivor Fowler Community Center - 710 Main Street Montrose
- Denmark/Pleasant Ridge/West Point Townships/ West Point City
- West Point Library - 317 5th St., West Point
- Washington/Green Bay Townships
- Grace Bible Church - 3526 175th Street, Wever

City would need entity to pick up survey effort

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city could get upwards of \$500,000 per year in what he called LMI funds, which are funds dedicated to rehabilitation efforts for low to middle income families. The upper floor apartments and other residences would help the city be eligible for those funds.

"We've been working on options to rehab Avenue G using CDBG and it would require a low-to-moderate income (LMI) survey. The problem is how do we get the study done. If the (the historical district) would do that survey with us from 2nd to 10th and from the highway to E. We need 100% surveys completed and if we could reach 50% LMI we could get \$500,000 a year for that work.

He said the state randomly selects addresses to survey and the city has no control, but the survey would have to hit 100% of the selected addresses and then 50% of those would have to be categorized by the state as low-to-moderate income.

"It's a very discreet study and you have to trust the people doing it to do it confidentially and be very thorough," Driscoll said. "If we do the sewer, you could get a new street surface, but you still have to address curbing and sidewalks and lighting and you could potentially use that CDBG money to do that work. It's a huge project and I did it once in Anamosa and it's something you have to do door-to-door."

Driscoll said there's a lot of education to be done, but if the survey were undertaken this is what they could use the money for if it's awarded as part of the CDBG process.

Just doing one block of streets, sidewalks, curbing, lighting, and the sewer line is close to \$1 million per block and that's just the basics, Driscoll said. Any frills on top of the basics would obviously add to the cost.

City Councilman Rusty Andrews, who's also president of the Fort Madison Main Street organization said the Main Street group would be willing to partner with the city on the project.

"Oh yeah, it would be great if they could, in the midst of rerouting the sewer project, get some of the streets curbing and lighting done that we've been talking about for over year, back on the radar," Andrews said.

"Main Street would team up with them. Main Street has a lot of resources that we can look at. Larry's been good at getting those grants, I'm just not sure how many more Fort Madison can get. But the downtown needs something like that. The business owners are working hard but we need the curb appeal stepped up down there."



ROSS BRADEN
Lee County Attorney
May 2nd, 2017



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