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Music in the Parks



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, Central Lee elementary Principal Heather Fuget belts out an old Stevie Wonder tune while other area members of Adult Show Choir play backup singers and dancers Friday night in Central Park. The troupe performed following youth show choir campers at the direction of Anne Chapman, Allen Chapman, Taylor Stoddard, and Jason Woodley.

At right, Switchback plays for hundreds in Old Settler's Park as part of the Old Settler's Association's summer Music in the Park series.

OPINION



FMHS trades team's success points to value of program

It really is one of the greatest stories to roll through Fort Madison in decades. People tend to dismiss vocational awards as secondary to athletic awards, but what happened over the past week in Atlanta is something to be recognized and celebrated.

Four FMHS kids went into a huge arena in Atlanta, built a free-standing design structure with plumbing, electrical, and roofing and came away with the second best score in the country. They were competing against 49 other high school trade squads.

And just to show the power of what was happening, there was a collegiate contest happening at the same time.

In a conversation I had with trades instructor Clint Kobelt yesterday morning, Fort Madison was the only team in both the high school and collegiate competition to complete the build.

This group went to Louisville three years ago and competed in the Skills USA Competition, finishing in the top 25 without anyone doing the plumbing on the team.

Kobelt said he told the group to work to their strengths in 2019. In 2022 he told them the same thing, but this time he had a plumber in Andrew Schaefer.

When I looked at the picture taken after the team completed the build in Atlanta, posing with Kobelt, there was something different in their smiles. I told one of the parents who was keeping me posted that there was something differ-

SKILLS USA TeamWorks

FMHS construction trades team 2nd best in the country

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Construction trades team had to celebrate some pretty exciting news Friday from an airport terminal At Hartsfield-Jackson International Atlanta Airport.

Landes Williams, Emmett Kruse, Andrew Schaefer, and Hayden Wolfe, was planning on attending an award ceremony that night after finishing the build project they were working on for two days as part of the Skills USA TeamWorks Championships in Atlanta, Ga last week.

But the emotional landscape following the U.S. Supreme Court overturning of

Roe v. Wade, had the group and instructor Clint Kobelt watching the ceremonies from the airport, waiting for a flight later that evening.

The group left the Georgia World Congress Center early on the advice of officials

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 TUE 28 Jun.....Clear Skies, 78° F/ 57° F
 WED 29 Jun.....Sunny & Warm, 83° F/ 63° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 06/25.....12 28 30 34 39, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 5
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LORENZO L. KELLEY, JR.

Lorenzo "Rennie" Louis Kelley, Jr., 84, of Keokuk died Friday, June 24, 2022 at his home in Keokuk.

He was born October 13, 1937 the son of Lorenzo Louis Kelley, Sr. and Ruth Chittick Kelley.



KELLEY JR

Rennie graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1956. He then attended Keokuk Community College in Keokuk and Culver Stockton in Canton, MO.

He enlisted in the Iowa National guard and retired in 1997. He was ordered to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. After retirement he worked at Keokuk Spirits for fifteen years. He then was a driver for Gemini Travel.

Rennie was first married to Mary Jo Beeler. They later divorced. On September 28, 1986, he was married to Suzanne Sandidge McDowell in Mt. Pleasant, IA.

He helped establish and was the first president of the Keokuk Athletic Boosters. He coached boy's football and basketball and later videotaped the football games for many years. He loved all sports especially the sports his kids and grandchildren were participating in.

He was a member of the Keokuk Elks Lodge #106 and American Legion Post #41. He was also an honorary member of the Keokuk Jaycees and the Knights of Columbus.

Rennie was an avid golfer and enjoyed bowling. He was a worldwide traveler and never missed an opportunity to take off on an adventure. He enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals and the Southeastern Community College Girls Blackhawks basketball team and local high school sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne Kelley of Keokuk, two sons, Christopher Scott Kelley (Pam) of Camdenton, MO, and Mark Alan Kelley (Tammy) of Keokuk, four daughters, Denise Kelley of O'Fallon, MO, Jamey Washburn of Keokuk, Jody Martin (Bob) of Keokuk and Casey Kelley of Des Moines, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Kenneth Kelley (Norma) of Milan, IL and Shirley Daniels (Jerry) of Cape Girardeau, MO along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service with military rites will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 28 at the Keokuk National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held Tuesday from 11:30 - 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #106 in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Monday, June 27 at the Vigen Memorial Home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Sports Boosters or the Keokuk Elks Lodge #106.

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

OBITUARIES

JOHN E. MOSS

John Edward Moss, 68, of Keokuk, IA, died Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at his home. He was born on October 23, 1953 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Dane Edward and LaFern Mary Susan (Heimer) Moss.



MOSS

He had most recently been employed at Henniges in Keokuk.

John enjoyed fishing and was a St. Louis Cardinal fan. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends at local establishments.

John is survived by five daughters, Tonya Walker of Keokuk, Kathryn Blakely of Keokuk, Lisa Donaldson of Ft. Madison, , Mary Skinner (Keith) of Keokuk, and Marcia Lott of Keokuk. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, two sisters, Martha Andrews and Mary Lang, one half-brother, Sonny Gipe and a special friend, Ann Galbreath.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Betty Snow and one half-sister, Juanita Schreiber.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 10 am - 12 noon Monday, June 27, 2022 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Mound Cemetery.

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

LARRY FLAMBEAU

Larry Flambeau, 73, of Keokuk died Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



FLAMBEAU

He was born on September 20, 1948 in Keokuk, IA the son of Rhea and Ferne Flambeau.

Larry graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1967. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Navy from 1968 - 1972.



On December 27, 1969, he was united in marriage to Gwynn Harmon in Keokuk, IA.

Larry retired from Roquette as a railcar supervisor after twenty five years. Larry liked keeping busy after he retired and decided to go back to work. He work for AMI Plumbing Supply in Keokuk, Phoenix Fabricators and the Hy-Vee gas station.

He was a member of St Paul United Church of Christ, the American Legion and the Southside Boat Club and served on the board for seven years.

Larry enjoyed the outdoors, riding his motorcycle, playing golf, boating on the Mississippi or fishing. He was a gifted woodworker and enjoyed countless hours in his workshop building snowman and pumpkin crafts.

He is survived by his wife, Gwynn Flambeau of Keokuk; two children, Todd Flambeau of Keokuk and Cari Flambeau-Johnson (Brandon Smith) of Hamilton, two granddaughters, Brandie Wolff and Brooklyn Johnson, three great grandchildren, Kamryn Wolff, Landon LaBonte and Rudi Gwynn Gonzalez; one sister-in-law, Kay Flambeau of Warsaw, two brothers-in-law, Terry Schilson of North Carolina and Gary Barnes of Keokuk along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ferne Flambeau Eppers, father, Rhea Flambeau, step-father, Chuck Eppers, sister, Linda Schilson, two brothers, Roger Flambeau and Randy Flambeau.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Mike Shea officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from noon - 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk American Legion.

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

As we remember and celebrate all who fought for our independence, Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Monday & Tuesday, July 4th & 5th. The e-Edition will resume Wednesday, July 6th.

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Construction Trades Nationals

Cinderella stories abound in national runner-up performance

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who said protests around the Supreme Court decision could shut down travel to the airport, so Kobelt made a decision in an abundance of caution to get the boys to the airport early.

But sitting on the concourse, the three seniors and junior Kruse found out they had received a silver medal in the TeamWorks competition making them the second best high school construction trades team in the nation.

"It's just been home run after home run for these guys," Kobelt said Saturday morning after returning to Iowa. "These guys were the very definition of a team."

The program has become a perennial winner of the state qualifying competition and has made it to the last two national competitions. The first was in Louisville in 2019 where the Bloodhounds, including Parker Denning, Elton Kruse, AJ. Nolting, and Danes Settles, finished in the top half of all schools without even completing the plumbing project.

This time the squad did

some final preparations including having one team member, Andrew Schaefer, get up to speed on plumbing prior to making the event.

"Andrew Schaefer was designated as the plumber and honestly - he drew the short straw," Kobelt said. None of them had plumbing and someone had to do it. He stepped up. There was a little bit of hands on work, but that was a lot of YouTube videos. And he probably had the least amount of practical experience in that discipline, but there he was."

Schaefer said it wasn't overly difficult, but the plans didn't provide a lot of detail.

"That was the first time I had done any soldering and stuff like that, but I watched a couple YouTube videos and I had done a little bit, but not too much of it," Schaefer said.

"Going into it, I was just hoping we would do better than the last team Fort Madison took before."

Schaefer said he's currently trying to line up a job after high school, but wants to go into trades and doesn't plan

on attending college.

Kobelt said in 2019 the team just decided to move forward with what they were good at and that included the carpentry, electrical, and masonry. The plumbing wasn't even touched in that build, but the Hounds were so tight in the other portions they scored better than half of the schools there.

"This year it was much more methodical. Watching them that night at the hotel, they went through the math and generated a cut list for half that entire build. Just off paper. And then the first thing they did during the competition was just measuring and cutting board. It looked like we were getting our butts kicked and just making long boards into short board," Kobelt said.

He said all four are really carpenters fundamentally, but this week they were all Cinderella stories in their own right.

"Laying brick is not part of our curriculum so we took Emmett to Marshalltown about two weeks ago and he got an intense two-day training at brick laying in their union hall," Kobelt said.

"That kid had never laid

a brick before so it speaks to their ability to adapt to situations and you have to do that in the field. This kid devoured it in two days laying brick eight hours a day."

Kruse's older brother Elton was on the 2019 team and he, too, handled the masonry work on the build.

"He kind of forgot everything," Kruse said. "So he didn't have much to offer, but I learned the basics of how to lay bricks. I was pretty iffy on it, but I knew I could get it done - just not the best quality. It turned out better than I thought which was good for everyone. There were a few things I haven't done before, like stepping out which I handled okay."

Kruse said he was surprised, as were the other members of the team when they saw they had finished second in the nation.

"We watched on a computer in the airport and we were all pretty excited, then we got a dinner off of Clint."

Hayden Wolfe handled the electric work. Wolfe has signed a letter of intent to work for Mohrfeld Electric following high school. Kobelt said during a pregame at the end of the first day, Wolfe

told the team he could start at noon and get all the electrical done.

"I tried to talk him out of it," Kobelt said with a laugh. "But he knew his skills and abilities and he's a very solid guy. When he got into his spot, he flipped a switch and said, 'Don't talk to me'"

A laid back Wolfe said the electrical work really wasn't that difficult.

"It was a simple thing for the most part. The hardest thing, I think, was getting it to the way they wanted it done. They changed the scope of some of the plans so I had to adjust to those changes, but after that it really was pretty basic," Wolfe said.

Landes Williams, much like his success on the basketball, baseball, and football fields is a flexible option that can handle many different positions for coaches. He applied the same concept to the TeamWorks competition.

"Landes has just turned into the ultimate utility player. The first day they were all carpenters, had to get the building up. But on day two, when everyone got into their own discipline, Landes was basically putting up rafters

by himself. And then he just switched from trade to trade and did not lose a step. He probably had the hardest time keeping a rhythm, but it never phased him."

Kobelt said scoring sheets from the competition will be released in the coming days, but he said he thinks it was decided by single digits as Fort Madison was the only team on site, college and high school, to completely finish the project.

He said he thinks the difference may have been in the written part of the competition which included a written plan that was presented to judges, as well as an examination on the team's knowledge of SkillsUSA.

"I can tell you, if I was going to speculate there are two written exams. One is skills-related, which I'm sure they fared well on. The other is about the SkillsUSA - what year they were we founded, official dress code colors, that sort of thing, and we did not study for that at all - we just wanted to build," he said.

Kobelt's responsibility is relegated to observer during

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Sports

Williams just misses shutout in Hounds' win Friday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A weird confluence of events resulted in the FM boys baseball team winning its sixth game in their last seven Friday night in Fort Madison.

The Hounds were pulled from infield warmups after about three minutes by Head Coach Ron Walker for a lackluster approach and then an odd suspension of play with rain coming down reset the Bloodhounds as they downed Ottumwa 8-1.

“I guess we’re 2-0 on that,” Walker said. He pulled the team from warm-ups in a similar fashion at West Burlington a couple years ago and the Hounds came out with the win.

Then the sprinkles came before a 10-minute moderate rain prompted the home official to suspend play for about 15 minutes. After the delay in the second inning, junior Kane Williams went out and threw a four-hit gem, missing a shutout on a two-out Bulldog run in the top of the seventh on a fielder’s choice to third.

Williams (4-0) slung his shoulders for a few seconds and then got the last hitter to ground out for the win.

“It’s been a long week, we were outta pitching and Kane was our go-to. We had (Reiburn) Turnbull ready but we had to piecemeal a week together,” Walker said.

Williams worked a clean first inning before getting into a little trouble in the second. Giving up back-to-back singles to start the inning, followed by a bunt that he bobbled trying to throw down to first, Ottumwa had

the bases loaded with no outs.

But Williams got a grounder back to him on an 0-2 pitch that he flipped home for a force and catcher Caden Barnes fired to first for the double play. A pop-up to Williams ended the inning without a run being scored.

“That kinda set the tone in the second inning when we had bases loaded and nobody out. Kane induced a comebacker and made a nice play to get the one at home and then Caden, a freshman catcher, made a nice turn for the 1-2-3. Then everything was going our way,” Walker said.

Barnes, playing his first year of varsity ball, has started 18 of the Hounds’ 20 games behind the plate and Walker said he’s coming along nicely in the gear.

“Yeah, I’m ecstatic. Two or three years ago, we had a love-hate relationship because I knew this was coming, but I can’t be happier from that time til today. He’s maturing right in front of our eyes.”

Through Thursday night, Barnes was sixth on the team hitting at .288 and fielding at .988 with just two errors. He’s fourth in RBIs with 9.

Fort Madison opened a comfortable lead in the bottom half of the second. Jordan Simpson was hit by a pitch, Matt Hopper drew a walk, and Barnes reached on an infield single to third to load the bases. Aiden Mitchell then stood in front of a ball pushing Simpson in for a 1-0 lead.

Aidan Pennock drew a walk scoring Hopper, and Williams singled through the middle just past the glove of Ottumwa’s Carter Thompson at short, scoring courtesy runner Henry Wiseman. Turnbull took a breaking



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison junior hurler Kane Williams throws over to Reiburn Turnbull at first in the early going Friday night in Fort Madison. The Hounds downed Ottumwa 8-1.

ball off his foot to score Mitchell.

Tate Johnson scored Pennock on a fielder’s choice grounder that caught Turnbull at second for the first out. Tanner Settles laid down a nice bunt single to score Williams and make it 6-0 before a ground out and strike out ended the rally.

Fort Madison would put up two more in the bottom of the fifth inning on a couple wild pitches to make it 8-0 before Ottumwa got its only run in the top of the seventh.

Williams went 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI and run scored to lead Fort Madison. The junior struck out seven in seven innings giving up just four hits and the one run, unearned, while walking just one.

Settles, Simpson, and Barnes had the other hits for Fort Madison, who had just five on the night, but drove in six runs.

Fort Madison has been missing a key component this week with leading hitter

Landes Williams (.410) out at a national trades competition in Atlanta. Williams’ trades team finished second in the nation at the event. He will be back in the lineup on Monday.

“I couldn’t be happier for him. He pulled me aside one day after they qualified and I think his heart was breaking, but in the skills trade, he had to make that decision. It’s great for him. And it was good for us, we got kids playing in different positions,” Walker said, “Going 4-1 without him this week was huge, and a credit to the team for making plays heading into the postseason.”

Fort Madison (15-6, 11-5 Southeast) takes on Keokuk (9-14, 5-11) in a doubleheader Monday starting at 5:30 p.m. Monday night is senior night and new Fort Madison AD Jeff Lamb will be introduced. Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater is going to throw out the first pitch.

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FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, July 1
Grilling on the Sidewalk

Classifieds/Public Notices

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
June 27, 2022
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Fund Transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads

Consider Approval of Resolution Appropriating FY2023 Funds

Consider Approval of HA VA Grant Application for Election Security

Consider Approval of Employment Contract with County Engineer

Consider Approval of FY 23 contract with Wayland Stone for Road Rock

Discussion on Possible Section 130 Grant Applications for Railroad Crossing Improvements

Consider Awarding FY 23 Fuel Supply Bid and Authorize Engineer to Execute the Contract

Consider Approval of Resolution #2022-76 Committing to Building Health/EMS Building

Consider Approval to Replace Full-time Clerk in Recorder's Office

Consider Approval for Pay Increase of \$1.00/hour for Acting Paramedics in Charge

Consider Approval to Shred Claims and Checks for FY2011-FY2019

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Ridgewood Lounge II

Consider Approval of Monday, June 20, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Consider Approval of July 1 Wages

Personnel Actions:
 A. Step Increases - Ambulance Personnel (28)
 B. Step Increases - Auditor's Office (2)
 C. Step Increases - Maintenance Department (1)

D. Transfer-From Recorder's Office to Treasurer's Office

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
CITIZENS WELCOME

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BURLINGTON CITY
COUNCIL WORK
SESSION AGENDA
Monday, June 27, 2022,
4:30 p.m.,
Thomas J. Smith
Council Chambers,
City Hall,
400 Washington Street

A. DISCUSSION
ITEMS:
 1. Treasurer's Report
 2. Appointments

B. PROPOSED REGULAR AGENDA: for July 5, 2022 (RM13)
 1. PROCLAMATION:
 * Parks & Rec Month - Eric Tysland

2. Public Hearing, Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the 2022 ADA Improvement Project

C. PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA: for July 5, 2022 (RM13)
 1. Resolution Approving Nuisance Abatements for Various Properties

2. Resolution Approving Purchase of Right-of-Way from a Lot Locally Known as 1818 Summer Street

3. Resolution Approving Purchase of a Permanent Sanitary and Storm Sewer Easement for Property Locally Known as 2556 Surrey Road

4. Resolution Waiving the 2022 Rental Permit Fee for the Burlington

Area Homeless Shelter

5. Resolution of Consent for Assignment of Tax Rebate Grant for Merge Burlington, LLC

6. Resolution Approving the Final Plat of Eudy Subdivision

7. Resolution Providing for a Salary Adjustment for the City Manager

8. Set Date for Public Hearings: July 18, 2022
 a. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 1605 Mt. Pleasant Street from C-2, General Commercial to R-4, Multi Family Residential Zoning District

b. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Properties Locally Known as 311, 312 and 313 South 9th Street from R-4, Multi Family Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District

c. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Properties Locally Known as 312 Shields Street from R-2, Single Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District

d. Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 2107 Agency Street from R-2, Single Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District

D. FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Planning and Zoning
Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 29,
2022 - 5:30 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on January 13, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome new members Sandy Lee and Joe Rector

2. Consider the Final Plat for the 9th Addition to Wildlife Lakes Subdivision

3. Update on various projects:
 • Penn's Landing
 • Celtic Crossing

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OLD BUSINESS

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NOTICE OF
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at 5:30 PM on July 5, 2022, at which time and place a hearing will be conducted concerning the sale of City property located at 2614-2618 Avenue O, legally described as follows:

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And Lot five (5) of Block Four (4) of Chanutte's Subdivision of part of Allen's Addition to the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or mblind@fort-madison-ia.com, no later than 4:30 PM on July 5, 2022 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

Melinda L. Blind
 City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
June 16, 2022
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on June 16, 2022 at 501 Main

Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Police Chief Dave Hinton, and Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark as well as other city employees.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of upcoming events in Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Dorothy Cackley voiced concerns regarding city employees residing out of

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state.
Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of June 2, 2022;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for May 2022;

- RESOLUTION NO. 85-2022: Approving amendment to Liquor License for American Legion, add a 5-day permit to include Outdoor Service, June 28-July 2, 2022 for concert;

- Special Event Permit for American Legion Post #41, First Friday Concert, Friday, July 1, 2022 3 p.m. - 11 p.m., North 8th Street between Main and Blondeau Street;

- RESOLUTION NO. 86-2022: Approving a Liquor License for The Hawkeye, 105 N. Park Drive, effective July 7, 2022 - Class C Liquor License with Catering, Outdoor Service & Sun-

day Sales;

- RESOLUTION NO. 87-2022: Approving a Liquor License for The Bar 914, 914 Main Street, effective July 7, 2022 - Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales;

- RESOLUTION NO. 88-2022: Approving a Liquor License for Walmart Supercenter #1431, 300 North Park Drive, effective July 21, 2022 - Class E Liquor License, Class C Beer Permit & Class B Wine Permit with Sunday Sales;

- RESOLUTION NO. 89-2022: Approving a Liquor License for MOD Convenience Store, 3345 Main Street, effective July 22, 2022 - Class E Liquor License, Class C Beer Permit & Class B Wine Permit with Sunday Sales;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in register No.'s 5277-5279;

Motion by Garcia to amend ordinance to include 60-day time frame to meet residency requirements set by resolution,

second by Marsden. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve the amended second reading of an ordinance amending the employee residency requirements.

Roll Call Vote: (5) AYES - Crenshaw, Garcia, Helenthal, Marsden, and Greenwald. (4) NAYS - Altheide, Winn, Andrews, and Bryant, (0) ABSENT. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 90-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX BASED ON AN AMOUNT ESTIMATED FOR FY 2022-2023." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 91-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVEST-

MENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE CITY OF KEOKUK." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 92-2022: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PETTY CASH AND CHANGE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 93-2022: "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE TIME & PLACE TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST TO AMEND TITLE 20, OF THE KOEKUK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING HOMELESS SHELTER AS SPECIAL USES." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 94-2022: "A RES-

OLUTION SETTING FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 SALARIES FOR PERSONNEL OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 95-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PARTS TO UPGRADE TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Winn to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 96-2022: "A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL OF TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE (415 BLONDEAU) INTEREST OF THE CITY BY SEALED BID AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC NOTICE THEREOF." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN TO FREEZE DRIED USA FROM THE CITY OF KEOKUK REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 98-2022: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCEMENT OF COST FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND CERTIFICATION OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR PAYMENT UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Winn to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 99-2022: "A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AND APPROVING A CERTIFIED LIST OF ENTRY LEVEL CANDIDATES." (9) AYES,

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(0) NAYS. Motion carried. **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Final notification for Thomas Dreasler to Airport Commission, fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 10/22/2023. Final notification for Jean Toole to the Building & Housing Advisory Board, 3-year term to expire 9/19/2025. Final notification for Sue Dickson to be reappointed to the City Planning Commission, 5-year term to expire 5/14/2027. Final notification for Dustin Wade, Tom Seabold, and Carla Celandia to be reappointed to the Depot Commission, 4-year term to expire 6/1/2026. Resignation of Ryals Parker from Grand Theatre Commission- 3-year term to expire 11/5/2023. Motion to approve by Marsden, second by Garcia. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Second notification for Dustin Cackley to the Veterans Memorial Commission, 5-year term to expires 6/1/27. Second notification for Sylvia Mills to the Keokuk Housing

Authority, 2-year term to expire 9/5/2024.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Marsden updated on Main Street Keokuk. **STAFF REPORTS:** Hinton reported on integrated camera project and requested to proceed with purchase; formal approval to take place during July 7th meeting. O'Donnell updated on status of IDNR administrative order, ADM consent order, UTV registration, and Washington DC trip; instructed on employee safety pertaining to extremely hot weather; informed he is out of office next week.

NEW BUSINESS: Council person Helenthal requested updates on Amjet and Garcia asked for updates on Road of Honor.

Motion by Garcia, second by Bryant to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. D-89
AN ORDINANCE**

AMENDING TITLE 8, PUBLIC WAYS AND PROPERTY, CHAPTER 7, SEWAGE WORKS, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON

Be It Enacted By The City Council Of The City Of Fort Madison, Iowa: Section 1. The following is a brief summary of Ordinance No. D-89,

with changes to Title 8, Public Ways and Property, Chapter 7, Sewage Works, City of Fort Madison, Iowa: 1. Adding the definition of COD (Denoting Chem-

ical Oxygen Demand, NH3-N, Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus. 2. Setting the following rates for Monitored Customers:

Monitored Customers:	7/2022 (2%)	7/2023 (2%)	7/2024 (2%)
BOD (per pound)	0.80	0.81	0.82
SS (per pound)	0.84	0.85	0.86
NH3N	2.52	2.57	2.62
COD	0.39	0.40	0.41

3. Sets charges and procedures for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus so as to meet the Nutrient Requirements in the current POTW NPDES Permit.

4. Sets procedures for reimbursement of costs of setting up and operating the City's billing program, monitoring, inspection and surveillance procedures and all laboratory testing required, including fees.

5. Sets the standard strength units for the Classification System for

Non-monitored customers.

6. Changes name of "water billing office" to "utility billing office".

7. Sets procedure for collection of bills.

A complete copy of Ordinance D-089 is available for review at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Monday through Friday (with the exception of scheduled holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is also available at the City of Fort Madison website: fortmadison-ia.com.

Section 2. All ordinanc-

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

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance, shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication

as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE City Council this 6th day of June, 2022.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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Students rose to the challenge in short order

KOBELT - Continued from Page 3

the competition hours. But he said moving about, he could see other teams lose focus and engage in some in-fighting when things went south, but he said that never once happened with the Bloodhounds.

He said the Wisconsin high school state qualifier won the event and the two schools have agreed to compare notes once scoring sheets are made available to see how they did compared to each other to prepare for a return trip to the event.

"It was kinda neat. They're always a contender – always a top 10 team and they were good to us in Louisville and showing us some things. So we struck up a friendship there. Both their state and college teams placed this year, so that's a really good resource for us."

Kobelt said the real importance of the competition is the exposure the team gets to high level professional trades people and seeing the importance of soft skills, while at the same time showcasing their trades skills.

"Coming out of industry, I've always tried to instill at a fundamental level, the importance of problem solving, teamwork, communication – what is basically employability. That was always the thing here – to help students transition

from school to work, create employable kids," he said.

"You think you're doing it right, and then you step on that stage and see how those folks do it. I was already making concessions in my mind because these are high school kids. At the national level you get no special favors for being 17. They put the same pressures on them that industry professionals do."

He said he had no doubt his students would rise to the challenge in front of them and said setting the bar at what is acceptable for high school is a disservice to students in the program that want or need to enter into a trade program after high school.

"That's been a shift for me. I know my students without fail will rise to the challenge. They will meet the expectation. And if my expectation is higher, then that's really good for a high school student. Setting a bar that's just good enough for high school is the wrong way because then that's the level they will get. Set the bar higher and you get more out of them," Kobelt said.

"The program here at FMHS has allowed us to develop those quantifiable skills for a grade and that wasn't the case before Greg Smith got this program up and running."

Lofty program status not surprising

VOCATION - Continued from Page 1

ent about the picture and something special could be in the works.

It sure is something special but really, not that unexpected.

Clint Kobelt was hired by Fort Madison Principal Greg Smith, who created a relationship with Kobelt and allowed him freedom with the trades curriculum.

What was born out of that vocational/academic partnership was a program that has prepared many students, who weren't sure of the career path they wanted, to be productive career professionals.

Elton Kruse, who graduated from FMHS and participated in Kobelt's construction trades program, now owns his own construction company. Think about the math in that. This young man, who could have taken a collegiate career path, instead sought out on his own. So instead of the crushing debt of a college education, he had a career salary with benefits. The net gain on that is nothing short of \$100,000 a year when you consider debt vs. earnings.

How many students have we seen sign letters of intent with companies like Mohrfeld Electric, Carl A. Nelson Co., and Seither & Cherry? So not only are we providing career opportunities for our students directly as a result of this program, we're also backfilling important positions with companies who are now struggling to find good workers.

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If you've been at any of the recognition ceremonies, and there have been plenty, of the trades programs, you'll see an instructor so invested in his students and their future success, sometimes he can't get through what he's saying as the emotion starts to overtake him.

We can see our sports programs grow, and regress, but the athletes keep getting stronger and faster under the district's Athletic Enhancement program shepherded by head football coach Derek Doherty. The hard work has put many of Fort Madison sports programs back on the map, but that's not even necessary any more with the trades program.

This program has owned the Iowa Skills USA competition for the past several years and it's starting to be considered so commonplace that people forget about it.

But this honor shouldn't be overlooked, as it is one of the best accomplishments the school has received in recent memory.

The fact the school has put so much emphasis on vocational programming is also a big part of the success. In fact, the mission of the Fort Madison School District is to "ensure all students learn the academic and life skills necessary for personal success and responsible living."

I'm not sure there is a better example of ensuring students learn life skills necessary for personal success than Kobelt's trade classes. This curriculum regularly has students on building sites and partnering with large construction and contracting partners learning real world skills, including soft skills.

Part of the scoring of the Atlanta competition was soft skill analysis and resume preparation, which goes just another step in helping the students prepare themselves for real life interaction with hiring companies – an absolute must in today's high demand labor market.

There's a special place in my heart for Kobelt and the kids in that program. Louisville was the last trip Kelsey and I took together before we lost her in 2020. I remember that, as much as she loved to swim, she didn't want to go down to the hotel pool because she was so tired.

We did get to go to Churchill Downs where she won close to \$100 betting the ponies – through dad.

I'll never forget that trip, and I actually had a thought of driving to Atlanta – you can do that in about 13 hours – to watch the kids do this again. I should have made the trip. The back was not havin' it.

So a tip of the cap to Landes Williams, Emmett Kruse, Hayden Wolfe, and Andrew Schaefer, instructor Clint Kobelt, and the Fort Madison Community School District for their foresight in creating one of the best Career Education programs – now in the country.

In a competitive education landscape, maybe some billboards along the I-80 corridor would help bring some families to this community if for nothing else than to give their kids some of the best high school trade instruction in the nation.

And it could help Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld bring some of the 1,000 new people in the next four years – but that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at Charles.V@pencitycurrent.com.

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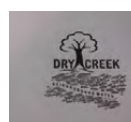


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