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Alliant pitches solar field



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Concerned property owners look over a map of a proposed Alliant Energy Solar Field near Wever at a meeting Tuesday night at Cobblestone Inn & Suites in Fort Madison.

RATES: Officials say cost to produce energy will be lower, but don't talk rate impact

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Details on an 877-acre solar field near Wever were unveiled to Lee County residents Tuesday night at Cobblestone Inn & Suites in Fort Madison.

Less than a hundred people attended the Iowa Utilities Board Informational hearing, which was laid back in comparison to recent public hearings the IUB held over the Navigator carbon capture pipeline being proposed to be run through the county.

Justin Foss, of Alliant Energy, whose parent compa-

ny Interstate Power & Light Co. is building the facility, outlined the project and fielded questions from the audience.

One of the most pressing comments was focused on possible lower costs for customers.

Foss said the company couldn't guarantee lower costs, but said it would cost less to produce the energy with solar panels.

"Will this project lower rates today?" asked IUB board chairman Geri Huser. "Are the rates going to be lower today?"

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State will end fiscal year with \$1.9B surplus

IOWA NEWS: State pads general fund by more than \$700 million in last FY

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Kim Reynolds announced the State of Iowa will end Fiscal Year 2022 with a balance of \$1.91 billion in the General Fund, \$830 million in reserve funds and \$1.06 billion in the Taxpayer Relief Fund.

"Time and again over the last five years, we've ignored the self-appointed experts who insisted that tax cuts and economic prosperity wouldn't be worth the cost," said Gov. Reynolds. "In fact, as today's budget numbers show, they were worth every penny. It turns out that growth-oriented policies and fiscal restraint are a powerful combination."

"Iowa's strong financial status again proves that we continue to over collect from Iowa taxpayers," said Kraig Paulsen, director of the Iowa Department of Management. "I applaud the Governor for finding ways to return these funds to the taxpayers."

The Governor's tax bill, HF2317, signed in March 2022, includes the formula to reduce the corporate tax rate when net corporate income tax receipts exceed \$700 million. For Fiscal Year 2022, net corporate income tax receipts exceeded \$850 million, triggering a drop of 14.2% in the top corporate tax rate to 8.4% from 9.8%. This drop reduces the number of corporate tax rates from three to two, which was not projected to happen until at least 2027.

"Iowans want common-sense responsible policies even when it requires going against the grain. We cut taxes when many said our budget couldn't handle it; we kept our economy open when few others were; we chose growth over government even when it was hard. As a result, our fiscal health is strong, and our tax code is more competitive than ever," said Gov. Reynolds.

Fiscal Year 2022 closed on June 30, but the accrual period officially ends on September 30. During those three months, Iowa closes the books and pays and receives any outstanding obligations. Fiscal Year 2021's budget surplus was \$1.24 billion.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Hallow-Read highlights October events at FM Library

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Hallow-Read 2022

Sign-up for this month long reading challenge through Beanstack (Fortmadison.beanstack.org). Read

300 minutes during the month of October and complete three seasonal activities to win a broom shaped pen and a sweet treat. Don't be intimidated by the three activities, they're really easy and something you'll probably do this month, any-

way. The first challenge is to make yourself a Halloween treat such as pumpkin seeds, apples sprinkled with cinnamon or a candy mix of your choice. I'm a fan of popcorn and Reese's Pieces. For the second

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WEATHER

THU 29 Sep.....Sunny and cool, 65° F / 43° F	OpenWeatherMap
FRI 30 Sep.....Sunny and cool, 69° F / 45° F	
SAT 01 Oct.....Sunny and warm, 71° F / 47° F	

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Obituaries/Scene Around Town

OBITUARIES

ARLEN E. ANDERSON

Arlen Edward Anderson "Rob Sherwood" 68, of Nauvoo, IL died Monday, September 26, 2022 at Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

He was born October 28, 1953 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Paul and Beatrice Borden Anderson.



ANDERSON

On July 20, 1981, Rob was united in marriage to Christina Williams in Alexandria, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Brittany Hernandez (Jorge) of Hamilton, IL, one son, Paul Anderson (Carrie Hammer) of Wayland, MO and four grandchildren, Phoenix Williams, Maria Anderson, Jorge Hernandez and Christiana Hernandez.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Mickey Williams.

Rob had been employed as a radio announcer for forty-one years, at several local radio stations, including KOKX, KRNQ and KIMI.

He enjoyed taking pictures, watching and collecting trains, airplanes and Star Trek memorabilia.

There will be no services.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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Fort Madison firefighters help Fort Madison Middle School students from a fire safety house Wednesday that was brought to the school by State Farm Agent Jess Sutcliffe and Blank Children's Hospital out of Iowa City. Students were taught fire safety in the house and about making plans in the event of a fire. They were also shown how to exit a smoke filled room.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

09/27/22 - 5:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited William Francis Rankin, 43, of Donnellson in the 1100 block of 21st Street on a charge of driving while barred.

09/27/22 - 5:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue.

09/27/22 - 8:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

09/27/22 - 1:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3000 block of Avenue P.

09/27/22 - 8:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of 26th Street.

09/27/22 - 9:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of

Avenue L.

09/27/22 - 9:15 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Darren Lee Taeger, 38, of Fort Madison on an active warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/27/22 - 11:04 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry Lynn Douthart, 49, of Farmington in the 1100 block of 257th Street, on a charge of violating a no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/27/22 - 12:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Brian Fulton, 59, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

09/27/22 - 2:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jef-

frey George Sniegowski, Jr., in the 700 block of Avenue F, on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/27/22 - 4:38 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Noah Christopher Scott, 18, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail, on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was held in custody.

09/27/22 - 4:44 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Audrey Donnell Green, 41, of Burlington, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was held in custody.

Those listed above are only charged with a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Fire & Rescue Report

09/27/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and three fire alarms.

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From the Front

October filled with spooky ideas at FM library

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challenge, make a Jack-o-Lantern either carve a real pumpkin (and then toast those pumpkin seeds) or draw one or make one out of paper or your favorite craft supplies. Whatever you choose to do, make something festive to decorate your house. Finally, read a spooky book or watch a spooky movie. If you need some help finding a spooky book, ask a librarian or check out the list of recommendations in Beanstack. I've started the pattern of reading "A Night in the Lonesome October" by Roger Zelazny each October. Since the book is written in diary form with one entry for every day from October 1 through Halloween, I read one diary entry a day as the month progresses. It can be hard to skip ahead.

Friends of the Library

The Fort Madison Public Library gets by with a little help from our Friends . . . actually, we get by with a lot of help from our Friends! Established in 1990, our Friends of the Library group has enhanced library services over the years by funding children's and adult programming, providing equipment, helping the library apply for grants and contributing funding for new and emerging technologies.

October 16-22, 2022 is National Friends of Libraries Week, and it's the perfect opportunity to give the Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library a big shout out for all they do to make a difference for us every single day.

We know the Friends are always looking for new members and volunteers. They have so much fun while working to make our community better. It's easy to join, pick up a brochure and application

at the Library. In my opinion, the biggest benefit of Friends membership is getting first pick of the books at the sale as you volunteer to help get the room ready.

Joining the Friends of the Library is a terrific way to make new friends of your own, and give back to our town and make its library even better.

Community Calendar

We have begun adding community events to the online library calendar at <https://fortmadison.librarycalendar.com>. Events are added to the calendar as they are submitted by community organizations using the form found here <https://tinyurl.com/547jam3h>. Does your group have an upcoming community event? Let us know by submitting it through the form. Most community events open to the public are eligible for inclusion in the community calendar.

A Librarian's Dozen of Spooky Books

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson (F PB JAC)

Something Wicked This Way Comes by Ray Bradbury (F BRA)

John Dies at the End by David Wong (F/PB WON)

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (MYS/PB CHR)

Night Shift by Stephen King (F KIN)

Old Country by Matt Query (F QUE)

20th Century Ghosts by Joe Hill (F HIL)

Bunnicula by James How (J F HOW, also in graphic novel format YA GN HOW)

The Witches by Roald Dahl (J F DAH)

Zombies vs. Unicorns compiled by Holly Black and Justine Larbalestier (YA F ZOM)

Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol (YA GN BRO)

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (J F GAI)

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz (J F SCH)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library -

- Closed for Staff Development - The library will be closed on Monday, October 10 for the staff development.

- Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30.

- Hang Teen - Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 for ages 12-19, except on October 4.


- Minecraft - 3:30-5:00, all ages on Mondays.

- Once Upon a Wednesday - Join us from 1:30-2:30 for a variety of adventures. October 5 will be Bingo (with prizes!). There will be a food craft on October 12 and a Halloween craft on October 19. Lee County Conservation will be teaching about bats on October 26.

- Thursday Crafternoon - Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14-adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month.

- All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, October 6, we will be discussing "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr. On November 3, we will be discussing "Help Me!" by Marianne Power.

- Cook the Book - October 11 at 6:00 pm, we will be sharing recipes selected from "Sheet Pan Suppers" by Molly Gilbert.



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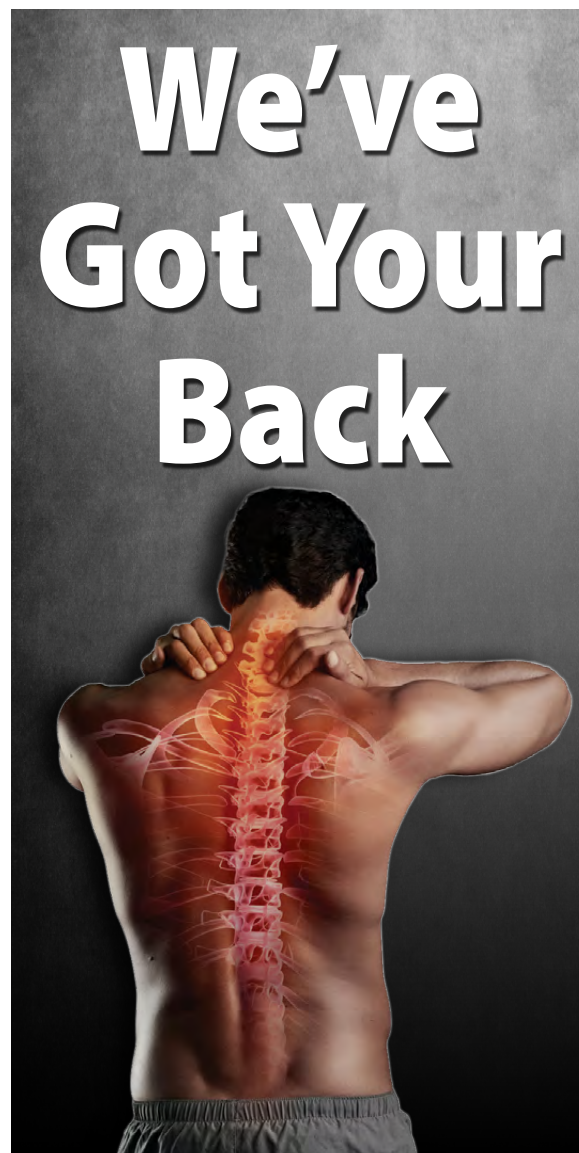
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Lee County EMS is now accepting applications for full-time EMT Trainees. We are a county owned and operated ambulance service providing emergency medical services to Lee County, Iowa as well as critical care transport services. Our primary full-time schedule is based on two 24-hour shifts per week rotation with five days off in a row every third week! Starting EMT wage, \$48,580 per year based on a 48-hour full-time work week. 2% wage increases annually for three years. 20 cents per hour increase for every year of EMS experience after your first year. Benefit package includes paid Vacation, Personal days, Sick and Family Sick days! Health insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield (80/20 plan), chiropractic, prescription plan, annual wellness, vision, dental, life, protection class IPERS, optional 401K, Aflac, Lee County Credit Union. Annual uniform allowance provided. In house continuing education provided. EMT Trainee Qualifications:

- High School Diploma (GED or High School Equivalence Certificate)
- Valid Driver's License/insurable

Applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S. Veterans will be given preference but all candidates will be considered. Applications and job descriptions may be found online at www.leecounty.org and may be also obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison Iowa. You may also email jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org for an application or more information. Applications accepted through October 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Complete background check, drug screening and post-offer physical required. Lee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please email completed applications to:
Dennis Cosby, EMS Director
dcosby@leecounty.org
Jason Dinwiddie,
Director of Operations
jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES August 15, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin, Chuck Holmes.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve re-ordering a Mack Granite dump truck with a Henderson dump body for \$177,932.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve an Employment Agreement with County Engineer Ben Hull for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class B Native Wine Permit for Appleberry Orchard, for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, August 8, 2022 Board Minutes. Motioned carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Holmes, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for July 2022.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting and a Workforce Development Board meeting. Seyb reported on an ARPA Committee meeting, an Empowering Families Committee meeting, a Health/EMS Building Committee meeting and a meeting with Conservation concerning Pool 19. Larkin reported on a Regional Mental

Health Board meeting. Pflug attended the Building Committee meeting. Health Department Administrator Michele Ross gave an update on the Covid numbers in Lee County.

At 10:45 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid August 15, 2022

Access Systms, equip	70.32
Advd Crctnl Hlth, svcs	8667.16
All Ssns Music, svcs	387.80
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	2514.22
E Andries, exps	17.00
Aspire Nursing, rfrnd	976.07
Assured Partners, costs	3402.00
Blessing Hlth, rx	130.00
J Booth, exps	337.50
R Braden, exps	80.00
V Briggs, rfrnd	98.45
Brightree Home, svcs	3263.50
CenturyLink, svcs	50.24
Comm Heating, svcs	291.55
A Cook, exps	204.00
M Cook, exps	213.00
CJ Cooper/Assc, svcs	225.00
D Covert, svcs	468.31
Cullen Pest, svcs	195.00
Culligan, wtr	31.49
Democrat Co, publ	2960.40
Dly Gate City, publ	204.15
DM Co Hlth Dpt, svcs	3815.96
DM Co Sheriff, svcs	43.00
DM Stamp Mf, splys	32.90
RK Dixon, equip	543.09
Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	110.70
Donnellson Tire, svcs	132.50
Drake Hdwr, equip	709.00
Electr Engrg, parts	417.00
B Fader, exps	191.00
Family Res, svcs	1446.15
FM Hsing Auth, svcs	2011.00
Gabel RI Est, rent	155.00
T Gage, exps	253.71
Garner FdMart, fuel	948.01
GB Auto, svcs	158.63
J Hall, exps	375.00
Health Sol, svcs	403.45
hibu Inc, publ	143.09

Hm Thrpy Sol, svcs	139.84
.....	3154.10
Hope Haven, svcs	202.80
J Hudson, exps	178.00
Huffman Wldng, equip	942.92
.....	22615.75
IA State Pen, meals	70.09
Jays Auto, svcs	269.00
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NAPA Auto, parts	99.13
AT Conf, svcs	13087.55
NWR Services, splys	600.00
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OMG Mdwst, svcs	84.00
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Onmedia, adv	179.60
J Parker, rfrnd	40.00
PATC, mtrl	208.00
Pen City Crmnt, publ	1808.90
.....	53.75
K Pflug, svcs	825.00
M Pflug, exps	150.00
Pilot Grove, splys	1207.00
Plak Smacker, mtrl	118.00
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Polk Co Sheriff, svcs	
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Postmaster, svcs	
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T Schroeder, exps	152.00
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.....	2561.66
Truck Repair, svcs	272.24
U.S. Bank, equip	227.94
US Cell, svcs	2354.68
L Wallingford, svcs	248.46
.....	1.00
Wayland Stn, svcs	809.16
Wst Grp, splys	1446.15
Wst Pt Utility, svcs	355.00
T Wilson, exps	8230.03
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Dylan Stuecker, owner and operator of Stuecker Drone Solutions, is pictured while spraying the Central Lee Ag-Ed/FFA Land Lab near the Central Lee campus. Dylan is a former FFA member and started his enterprise as a Supervised Agricultural Experience program in precision agriculture. The drone technology can be utilized for a multitude of tasks where normal equipment cannot reach.



No commitments to Alliant rates even with solar field

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“No”, Foss said.

Will the rates be lower in a new rate case.

“I can’t predict that,” Foss said.

Foss said the Tuesday hearing was informational and was not a hearing on rates.

“This is a request to build a project, and so a request for a rate increase would be separate from the request to build the project,” he said.

“With that being said, I can say that what solar energy provides is a lower fuel cost as opposed to other alternatives that we have.”

He said as Alliant builds more solar and wind energy, they have the cost of the asset, but no longer have a cost for fuel to run the asset.

“That is a trade off as opposed to building a traditional generation that comes with both the cost of the asset and the cost of the fuel to run the asset,” Foss said.

He said Alliant intends to have a diverse mix that provides reliable power that’s as good for the economy and the environment as possible.

Other questions focused on property tax dollars under the easement agreements and insurance, among others.

Foss said property owners would not be responsible for either the property tax or insurance under the agreements, which are good for 30 years with an option for another 20 at Alliant’s discretion. He said, however, the county will still get tax payments on the land from Alliant.

The property for the site will be directly north of the Iowa Fertilizer Plant and then northwest of the plant almost to the Augusta Access on the south side of the Skunk River.

He said the energy produced will go onto Alliant’s overall energy grid, like all the other facilities in the state.

A collector substation will run above ground wires to a substation that connects to the fertilizer plant so it could help with resilience, but the energy produced will not run to the fertilizer plant. Most of the other wiring for the system will run underground.

A battery station is also planned for the project near the substation which will be fenced off with chain link and barbed wire.

The solar field will have “deer” fencing which will allow deer onto the property, but will keep other animals that could be detrimental to the panels away.

There are also ecological plans in place for native plants and growth around the panels to reduce the need for mowing, but add to the environmental value of the project. Foss said that could take several years for the native growth to take affect.

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Agenda

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