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Conagra facility hits 50



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

As part of Sunday's 50th anniversary at Conagra in Fort Madison, family member were able to race around in pedal-powered four-wheelers before touring the food-processing/packaging facility.

CELEBRATION HELD: Family, employees, visitors invited Sunday to celebrate

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It's been under multiple corporate brands, but the Conagra facility that produces about 4 million cans of food products daily, rolled over 50 years in operation with a celebration Sunday in Fort Madison.

Plant Manager Bryan Langerud said the secret to the 50 years isn't such a secret.

"It's about the employees," Langerud said while taking a break from briefing plant tourists on the newest line of Nalley Chili and Van Camps being run on Fort Madison lines.

"There are some key things we have to do right."

Langerud said the safety, quality, and processes are key elements in ensuring the plant stays viable.

"It's safety, and we have to keep our employees' safe."

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ANIMAL SHELTER

PAW breaks ground on new \$8M animal shelter

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Officials with PAW Animal Shelter, donors, and Schickedanz Construction broke ground Thursday afternoon on the shelter's new facility.

Ground had already been scraped and leveled off as golden shovels dipped into



Officials, donors, volunteers, and construction officials break ground on the new \$8 million PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison Thursday afternoon.

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GREAT TASTES

SCC holding fundraiser for programming

BURLINGTON - The annual South-eastern Community College Foundation (SCCF) Great Tastes event is scheduled for Friday, November 11, at the Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center in Burlington.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction starting at 6 p.m.

Guests will enjoy a wide variety of wines, beer, ales, and spirits. A broad array of appetizers and desserts will be served throughout the night.

Executive Director for Institutional Advancement Val Giannettino appreciates the generous support that the community offers to students each year.

"The gift of an education changes our students' lives for the long-term," she says. "We love hosting this event so friends can get together for a fun night with the added bonus of raising a lot of money for a great cause."

Net proceeds support SCC Foundation Board scholarships, instructional program mini-grants, and SCC Foundation initiatives.

Charity auctioneers from Fraise Auction & Realty Company will auction off items donated by employees, alumni, and friends of SCC. Items include gourmet dinners, boat rides, home decorating and baking items, event tickets, and many other specialty items.

Individual tickets are \$50 each in advance or \$60 at the door. A few sponsor tables for eight are still available for \$500.

Buy tickets, reserve sponsor tables, or make donations online at bit.ly/SC-CIAGreatTastes.

Attendees may also purchase tickets directly from the SCC Foundation.

For more information, contact Giannettino at (319) 208-5065 or vgiannettino@sccciowa.edu or Reta Krieger at (319) 208-5066 or rkrieger@sccciowa.edu.

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WED 19 Oct.....Sunny and chilly, 48° F/ 31° F
THU 20 Oct.....Mostly sunny and cool, 61° F/ 37° F

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

10/13/22 - 12:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue H.

10/13/22 - 2:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

10/13/22 - 3:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Henry Ladyn Drive.

10/13/22 - 3:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2200 block of Avenue L.

10/13/22 - 8:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue O.

10/13/22 - 11:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue O.

10/14/22 - 7:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of property damage accident at the intersection of 19th Street and Avenue E.

10/14/22 - 1:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue H.

10/14/22 - 4:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the Fort Madison area.

10/15/22 - 5:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of 4th Street.

10/15/22 - 6:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

10/16/22 - 12:07 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue N.

10/16/22 - 10:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2100 block of Avenue A.

10/16/22 - 5:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

10/16/22 - 9:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Hank William McCann, Jr., 28, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue H, on a Missouri warrant for probation violation and charges of operating motor vehicle without owner's consent, eluding - speed 25 miles over limit, and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/10/22 - 1:38 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kalief Kasean Farrell, 37, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for

controlled substance schedule IV/V. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

10/11/22 - 3:45 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Bodin Edward Lasswell, 21, of New London, at the intersection of Hwy. 16 and 265th Avenue, Denmark, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

10/12/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

10/13/22 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

10/14/22 - 8:45 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwys. 16 and 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Mason James Christie, 22, of New London, was traveling east on Hwy. 16 near Hwy. 61 when the brakes on Christie's vehicle went out and he couldn't slow the vehicle. Christie tried to

make a right turn onto Hwy. 61 and the vehicle tipped over landing on a vehicle driven by Rachel Elizabeth Stockwell, 30, of Fort Madison. Both vehicles came to a stop in the median. Both drivers were transported by ambulance to area hospitals. Both vehicles sustained severe damages and had to be towed from the scene. Christie was cited for defective brakes and failure to maintain control.

10/14/22 - 9:01 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Robert Carl Rook, 31, of Keokuk, in the 2600 block of Hwy. 218, Donnellson, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

10/14/22 - 3:01 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chad Wallace Larson, 47, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

10/14/22 - 11:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dakota Storm Reed, 27, of Kahoka, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

10/15/22 - 2:10 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Gerhard Andrew Luebbers, 54, of Farmington, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after time served.

10/16/22 - 11:10 a.m. - Lee Coun-

ty sheriff deputies arrested James Brett Stinson, 33, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of Johnson Street Road, Keokuk, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/17/22 - 1:29 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Richard Chaney, 35, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for contempt - failure to pay fine/cost. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

10/07/2022 - DALE, LEEVI M (19 of Ferris, IL) Improper Use of Electronic Communication Device

10/07/22 - HARL, JENNIFER I (56 of Niota, IL) Hancock County Warrant

10/07/22 - HANSHAAW, DARRREL E (40 of Plymouth, IL) Hancock County Warrant

10/07/22 - ANDERS, LACI E (39 of LaHarpe, IL) Suspended Registration, Operate Uninsured Veh.

10/08/2022 - IRISH, ALEXANDER M (31 of LaHarpe, IL) Aggravated Domestic Battery

10/08/22 - PALMISANO, IZICK (20 of Hamilton, IL) Failure to Wear Seat Belt

10/09/2022 - PETERMAN, JAVEN R (22 of Warsaw, IL) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While License Suspended, Operate uninsured Vehicle

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

GERARD J. LOZANO

Gerard J. "GJ" Lozano, 58, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 9:10 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City, IA. He was born on January 29, 1964 in Fort Madison, IA to Rito & Paula Porrez Lozano. He married Lisa L. Wetteland on November 11, 2000 in Fort Madison, IA. He was a correctional officer at the Iowa State Penitentiary and a member of the Fort Madison Lulac Club #304. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and enjoyed coaching football and wrestling. He loved fishing, the Chicago Cubs, the Iowa Hawkeyes and arguing with people.



LOZANO

GJ is survived by: his wife: Lisa Lozano of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Diego & Mateo Lozano of Fort Madison, IA; 2-honorary daughters: Neleh & Lulu Lozano of Des Moines, IA; 3-brothers: Sam (Laura) Lozano, Travis Lozano of Fort Madison, IA & Dan (Nancy) Stout of Keller, TX; 6-sisters: Rita Cangas of Des Moines, IA, Lali (Rick) Leach of Tahlequah, OK, Sheri Lozano-Dobbs of Fort Madison, IA, Pam Lozano of Fort Madison, IA, Renay (Memo) Dominguez of Mexico & Betsi Lozano of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents & 1-brother, Ty Lozano.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Fort Madison Lulac Club, 1424 36th Street, Fort Madison. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery at a later date. Online condolences to the Lozano family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. RIDDLE

Robert Lee Riddle, 58, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, October 14, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, IA.

He was born on April 13, 1964 in Keokuk, the son of William and Virginia Hawkins Riddle. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1982. On January 18, 1986, Robert was united in marriage to Barbara Cockrell in Keokuk. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Matt Riddle (Steph) and Michael Robert Riddle both of Keokuk, his grandsons, Jackson and Grayson Riddle, one brother, Randy Riddle (Alice) of Olathe, KS, one sister, Teresa Bevering (Jim) of Plainfield, IL, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Robert had been employed at Keokuk Steel Castings in Keokuk for twenty-two years. Currently he was employed at Shottenkirk in Fort Madison. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Robert loved to hunt and always enjoyed the annual Riddle hunting trip with his sons Matt and Michael, his grandson Grayson and his brother Randy. He also enjoyed woodworking. Most of all Robert loved his family and spending time with them was his greatest joy. His grandsons, Jackson and Grayson, were the light of his life.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor Derek Olsen officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service on Thursday from 4 – 6 p.m. with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Keokuk Christian Academy.

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

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Sports

Hawks bow out at Davis County in three straight



Above, Central Lee senior Makayla Morrison goes for one of her 14 kills Monday night. The effort wasn't enough as Central Lee was eliminated from the post-season in three games at Davis County. At right, Bailey Swartz goes for a block against the Mustangs' Kayla Joos.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

MORRISON: Senior Makayla Morrison surpasses 750 career kills with 14 Monday to lead Central Lee

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

BLOOMFIELD - A 16-0 run between the first and second games threw Central Lee into a downspin the Hawks couldn't recover from as they ended the year in Class 3A Region 8 volleyball action Monday night.

The Hawks fell 25-19, 25-18, 25-19 but were battling the Mustangs through the first game when the teams were tied five different times, the last time at 18.

Central Lee had an 18-13 lead, but then surrendered a 12-0 run with Davis County's Sophia Young serving the game out.

Freshman Taylor Jones got a kill to make it 18-13 to cap a five-point stretch for the Hawks, but that would be the last point they would get in game one. A long rally at 18-14 resulted in another point for Davis County when the Hawks block from Kenna Sandoval and Bailey Schwartz went wide out.

Young would serve the rest of the way, including back-to-back aces at 19-18 and 19-20. The Mustangs would get three kills in the run, and then an attack from the Hawks went wide to end the first game.

"We just let up a little bit and let them get through our blocks. Then we just couldn't regain our composure and couldn't fight through it," Head Coach Amy Cook said.

"Our hitters were moving things around, but they just have a really good defense."

The 12-0 run turned into a 16-0 run when Davis County came out in the second game, scoring the first four points, and then would push the lead to 14-6, forcing Cook to call a time out.

Davis County would come out of the break and score three straight to take a 17-6 lead and pulled away with Mustang senior Kayla Joos and Young taking turns pounding away at the Hawks at the net.

Joos would get a kill to the center court at 24-19 to end the second game.

The third game was much of the same as Davis County jumped out to a quick 7-1 lead. The Hawks would make a game of it, however, when Sandoval and Kodi Moeller put a block on the right side that fell clean to cut the lead to 17-14.

Davis County would pull away again and go up by as much as six when Stephyn Wilfawn scored on an attack from the left outside.

Moeller would get a kill and Sandoval would score on a push to cut it to 17-22. The Mustangs got the yips a bit trying to close out the match and allowed the Hawks back in it at 19-22.

But Young would get kills on two of the next three points, including the match winner, to send Central Lee home for the season.

Senior Makayla Morrison surpassed 750 kills for her career with 14 kills on the night. She also finishes the year perfect serving going 12 of 12 Monday with 19 digs, both team bests.

"She's valuable everywhere and it's just hard because when she's not up front, it hurts us," Cook said.

Morrison said the energy fell early for Central Lee.

"Our energy got down and we got down on ourselves and it just kept getting worse and worse," Morrison said.

She said she didn't know she was close to 750 kills until Cook told her before the match.

Schwartz had nine kills on the night and Jones finished with six. Schwartz had 20 digs and Jones had 16.

The Hawks will be losing six seniors, including Morrison, Mya Lampe, Alix Congdon, Karissa Moeller, Schwartz, and Karlie Pohren.

"It's hard coming to an end," Morrison said. "We've been together for a long time and we gelled together."

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Sports/From the Front

HTC girls roll Wayne in Class 1A regional opener

MUELLER: Senior Brooke Mueller serves 23 straight as Crusaders win second game 25-2

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Almost the entire second game of Holy Trinity's sweep of Wayne in Monday's Class 1A volleyball first-round match was just Brooke Mueller serving.

Mueller served 23 consecutive points for the No. 9 Crusaders on a night when they dominated from the service line.

Holy Trinity's 25-8, 25-2, 25-7 win was a 44-minute clinic to open the postseason.

The Crusaders' locker room door was decorated like a Christmas present, with a sign that read, "The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year."

This match was a festival of serves.

Holy Trinity (26-15), which advanced to face Sigourney (23-7) in Wednesday's quarterfinal at home, was 70-of-73 serving with 18 aces. Mueller had 11 of those, a school single-match record.

"Our serving was very, very aggressive tonight," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "That said a lot."

The second game was tied at 1 when Mueller stepped up to serve. Her third serve of the stretch was an ace, the first of eight for her in the run.

"Serving 23 points is awesome," Mueller said. "It's postseason, it's my senior year, I want to

come out and do my best. And I knew if I could serve aggressively, plus get the ball in the court, my team was there for me."

She couldn't serve out the game, but it ended two points later. It was so dominant that senior middle hitter Kayla Box, who comes in on the Crusaders' second rotation, never got to play in the game.

Mueller knew it was a long streak, but wasn't sure how long until it was over.

"I was focusing on the game, going point by point," she said. "I wasn't focusing on serving 25, or whatever it was. I was just focusing on getting the ball in and going a point at a time."

Mueller said she was following the directions from Freesmeier, who signals where the serves are supposed to go.

"We practice spots all of the time that are weak in most serve-receives," Mueller said. "I was trying to pick out those. Especially in the longer run, I was more aggressive."

"It's what we want to do in the postseason," Freesmeier said. "We want to be the aggressor. We want to force people out of system. We thought if we could keep them out of system, it would be a good night for us. And our kids proved that was true."

"Brooke served a whole bunch. And her

serving had a lot of stuff on it. That really helped a lot."

The third game featured another impressive streak, when Taegan Denning had six consecutive aces to get the Crusaders to match point.

"Taegan came in and that run at the end," Freesmeier said.

The Crusaders also dominated up front. Mary Kate Bendlage had 13 kills and four blocks. Presley Myers had 10 kills and five blocks.

"We had a big presence at the net — Pres and MK, and when Kayla was in there," Freesmeier said. "That was big, too."

Bendlage added eight digs and one assist. Anna Bendlage had 26 assists, six digs and a block. Denning was 10-of-10 serving with six aces, and added a kill and six digs. Box had three kills and a block. Mueller had four kills, nine digs and a block. Teagan Snaadt had three digs. Alexa Dingman was 8-of-8 serving and had a dig. Laura Mehmert was 7-of-7 serving with an ace.

Officials hope to open shelter in fall 2023

PAW - Continued from Page 1

the fresh soil just north of the current facility at 2031 48th Street.

PAW Director Sandy Brown said the service area, which includes six counties in three states has just outgrown the need.

"The shelter is being built because for forever this small little building has served the tri-state area and at least six surrounding counties in Missouri, Illinois, and Iowa and we've just outgrown it," she said.

"We've been blessed by so many people who believe in what we do and have donated and worked hard to get us this new shelter.

"This is not Sandy's shelter, the board's shelter, or PAW's shelter. It's the community's shelter."

The new facility is designed to be efficient, easy to navigate, and will

allow the public to have a more hands-on approach to the animals waiting to be adopted.

There will be inside/out kennel runs so no animals will be living outside, which Brown said is a must-have part of the design.

The new shelter and adoption center will have Meet-n-Greet Rooms. Cats will be on one designated side, with dogs housed on the other. Nurseries, a true isolation room, play areas, a surgery room for spay clinics, laundry rooms, and more are in the works.

PAW Board of Directors President Brad Walker said supply issues caused by the pandemic have run the price from the initial \$5 million to closer to \$8 million with final plans.

Schickendanz Construc-

tion is the general contractor for the project, and Mark Schickedanz was on hand for the ground-breaking ceremony. Schickedanz said construction should take about a year.

Brown said it's her hope that animals are in the new shelter by the fall of 2023.

"We have animals from 32 states and two countries and there's rarely a day that goes by that I don't have some type of donation in the mailbox. We have truly been very blessed," she said.

Fundraising is still ongoing for the new facility, but Walker said the board has enough money to get construction underway while the rest of the money is raised.

"There's a long way to go. We still have to run the other shelter while we build this one," Brown said.

"But with God's help we're going to get there."



Officials, donors, volunteers, and construction officials let out a whoop after breaking ground at the new PAW animal shelter Thursday afternoon.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Fort Madison Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 4: 00 p.m. in the Hillview community room and virtually. The link to join is listed below. Regular meeting of the Board of commissions tentative agenda. (Meeting to be held in person and virtually)

- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.
- E. APPROVAL OF BILLS AND INVOICES
- F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- G. OLD BUSINESS
- 1. FIRE SAFETY SYSTEM FOR FMHA OFFICE
- H. NEW BUSINESS
- 1. FYE 9/2022
- 2. BUDGET

- 3. RESOLUTIONS #2022-01-BUDGET #2022-02-WRITE-OFFS #2022-03-SEMAP CERTIFICATION
 - I. NEXT BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 16, 2022.
 - J. ANY OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
 - K. ADJOURNMENT
- To join the virtual meeting, please follow the link: <https://meet.google.com/nso-wkgt-rzb>
- Members of the public

who wish to give public comment: Please send your written comments to amy@fmhousingauthority.com before the meeting date. If you have questions, please call 319-372-6083.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON Regular City Council Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2022 6:00 PM West Burlington City Hall 122 Broadway Street TENTATIVE AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER
 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - ROLL CALL
 - PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - CONSENT AGENDA
- All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent

Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on October 5, 2022
2. Approve Liquor License Renewal for Westland Fast Break and Hwy 34 Truck Stop
3. Accept Bill Brissey's retirement resignation from the Public Works Department
4. Accept Fire Department Resignations from Firefighter Caston and McCampbell
5. Approve payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Water Tower and Booster Station Project - \$30,148
6. Approve payment to Boomerang Corporation for work completed on the Water Tower & Booster Station Project - Pay Request #17 - \$72,064.17
7. Approve payment to Four Seasons Excavation, Inc. - \$7,031.25
8. Approve payment(s) to Des Moines County Auditor for GIS Services - \$17,372.99
9. Approve payment of Claims as listed on the 10/19/2022 Expense Approval Report - \$348,614.72

adopting Airport Approach Regulations

6. Discuss changes to Water Rates

OLD BUSINESS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
CLOSED SESSION
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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE FORT MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 Time: 5:30 P.M. Place: Sheaffer Meeting Room and Online AGENDA

Optional Electronic Meeting

The option of attending the meeting electronically is being offered. You can participate in the meeting via telephone and can comment on an agenda item by joining the Zoom meeting. Using your telephone, dial (312) 626 6799 and enter the meeting ID (899 2351 1276) when prompted. If you have trouble connecting to the meeting, please call (319) 372-5721.

- I. Excused absences
 - II. Approval of Agenda
 - III. Public Comments
 - IV. Approval of minutes
 - a. Meeting September 15
 - V. Approval of the Bills
 - VI. Correspondence
 - VII. Director's Report
 - a. Financial
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Programming
 - d. Collection Development
 - e. Operations
 - f. Facilities
 - g. Professional
 - h. State Annual report
 - i. Annual Report to the City
 - VIII. Unfinished Business
 - IX. New Business
 - a. Review Operations Policy
 - b. Discussion of Jerry Pickard Memorial
 - c. Create a Newsletter e-Mail List
 - closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i) "To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."
 - d. Library Director Evaluation
 - End Closed Session
 - X. Trustee Education
 - a. Report from the Iowa Library Association Conference
- Next Meeting November 17, 2022

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STATE OF IOWA				
2022				
FINANCIAL REPORT				
FISCAL YEAR ENDED				
JUNE 30, 2022				
CITY OF DONNELLSON, IOWA				
DUE: December 1, 2022				
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.				
ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	267,867		267,867	258,726
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	267,867		267,867	258,726
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	168,966	0	168,966	147,936
Licenses and Permits	2,632	0	2,632	1,100
Use of Money and Property	1,225	0	1,225	2,000
Intergovernmental	198,381	0	198,381	198,911
Charges for Fees and Service	63,655	595,905	659,560	661,703
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	20,846	0	20,846	4,500
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	115,485	195,049	310,534	313,995
Total Revenues and Other Sources	839,057	790,954	1,630,011	1,588,871
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	86,697		86,697	99,780
Public Works	180,896		180,896	202,616
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	119,372		119,372	107,412
Community and Economic Development	30,584		30,584	31,000
General Government	137,310		137,310	127,003
Debt Service	57,485		57,485	64,485
Capital Projects	52,119		52,119	63,633
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	664,463	0	664,463	695,929
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES		579,783	579,783	605,661
Total All Expenditures	664,463	579,783	1,244,246	1,301,590
Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	79,010	231,524	310,534	313,995
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	743,473	811,307	1,554,780	1,615,585
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	95,584	-20,353	75,231	-26,714
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2021	344,261	303,796	648,357	564,156
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022	440,145	283,443	723,588	537,443
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:				
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds		Pension Trust Funds		
Private Purpose Trust Funds		Agency Funds		
Indebtedness at June 30, 2022		Indebtedness at June 30, 2022		Amount
General Obligation Debt	560,000	Other Long-Term Debt		15,227
Revenue Debt	3,285,355	Short-Term Debt		0
TIF Revenue Debt	0	General Obligation Debt Limit		2,108,194
CERTIFICATION				
The foregoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief				
Signature of Preparer			Publication	
Printed name of Preparer			Phone Number	
Signature of Mayor or other City official (Name and Title)			Date Signed	
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From the Front

Secret of 50 years rooted in Conagra employees

PLANT - Continued from Page 1

If they aren't safe, we can't keep them happy," he said.

"The other is quality. That's what consumers make most of their buying decisions on. If we can't compete there, they buy another product. And if they buy another product, ours goes back on the shelf and no one is calling asking for more."

Staff at the facility are hyperfocused on those issues, Langerud said. Everything else boils down to processes and communication of those processes.

"Everything we do from here on out is gonna be figuring out how the processes work, how we work together, and how we communicate to win at those three things," he said.

Conagra had a Fun Day set up on site with four food trucks, cotton candy, games and activities for kids, music, and tours of the facility.

The facility has more than 600 employees, 120 of which were added with the most recent lines.

Robert Cale, President of the employees' Union 617 UFCW (United Food and Commercial Workers), said through all the owners the one constant has been the union and being able to keep it a good place to work.

"Conagra is making a big investment in the place, and we've had some ups and downs but, right now, the biggest thing is work-life balance," Cale said.

"They thought demand would go down after the pandemic, but it just stayed right up there. That's a good problem to have, but there's a lot of burn out right now."

He said efforts were underway to improve the quality of life of workers while still protecting overtime rights.

Cale agreed it's a skilled, dedicated workforce



Courtesy photo

Visitors sign up for drawings and enjoy the food trucks on site at Conagra Sunday afternoon. The facility celebrated 50 years in operation in Fort Madison.

that has been the key to the company's success.

"When people come in here, they know the expectation is not just to check your brain at the gate," Cale said.

"There is skill involved. They pay well and we've negotiated good wages and benefits and that's given us stability here.

"I'll give Conagra that. They've invested in the area over the past four or five years and we've been on the good side of things in the company."

He said the Fort Madison facility has a good reputation for getting things done.

"We have ups and downs, but it's mutually re-

spectful. They see us as a partner and a necessity to run the plant," Cale said.

The company has carried the Dial Corp, Armour-Dial, and Pinnacle Brands over the 50 years in Lee County and was annexed into the city of Fort Madison just recently for enhanced water service and other city services.

Langerud said the company always has its eyes on opportunities in the area, and he is excited about the possibilities of the new Lee County Career Advantage Center.

"We like what we're seeing there and they've had a lot of kids go through there," he said.

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