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Third time’s a charm

STATE BOUND: HTC girls advance to state tournament with win over No. 5 Nikes



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, HTC holds up the state qualifier banner Wednesday night after upsetting No. 5 Burlington Notre Dame 3-1. Below left, Holy Trinity’s Mary Kate Bendlage looks over to the bench as she gets ready to serve in front of the HTC student section in the fourth set of the win. Below right, HTC’s Taegan Denning gets a hug from a family member in tears after the Crusaders qualified for the state tournament at Burlington High School.



CRUSADERS WIN HTC knocks off No. 5 BND in four sets

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

BURLINGTON — The final point of the biggest match of Holy Trinity’s volleyball season fell softly to the Johannsen Gym court, and a season’s worth of frustration — heck, two seasons worth — was buried in the Crusaders’ celebratory pile.

“This team,” coach Melissa Freesmeier said, “deserves this.”

Holy Trinity’s 23-25, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21 victory over two-time defending state champion Notre Dame in Wednesday’s Class 1A regional final was the Crusaders roaring through their biggest roadblock, an SEI Superconference South Division rival that had defeated them seven consecutive times and eliminated them from the post-season the past two seasons.

“To beat this team, I’m speechless,” said junior outside hitter Mary Kate Bendlage.

“It means that we had the heart to do it,” said senior middle hitter Kayla Box. “We knew we could do it.”

“Honestly, right now, there’s no words for this win,” senior outside hitter Brooke Mueller said. “We wanted it, and we knew we could do it.

“And we did it.”

The Crusaders (29-15) are going back to the state tournament. They are the sixth seed in the 1A bracket, and will face third seed Gladbrook-Reinbeck (32-9) in Tuesday’s 8 p.m. quarterfinal at Xstream Arena in Coralville.

This victory in the crucible of October was built with the struggles of August and early September. It started when junior Natalie Randolph, expected to be one of the key pieces of a 6-2 offense that Freesmeier wanted to run, went out with a season-ending knee injury before the season began.

The adjustments that the Crusaders had to make without one of their top players led to some early-season stumbles. They were 7-7 after a five-set home loss to West Burlington on September 15, an unusual record for a program that has traditionally been one of the state’s best.

Holy Trinity has gone 22-8 since then.

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WEATHER

THU 27 Oct.....	Partly sunny and cool, 57° F/ 37° F
FRI 28 Oct.....	Sunny and cool, 61° F/ 37° F
SAT 29 Oct.....	Sunny and cool, 63° F/ 43° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LUCKY FOR LIFE 10/25.....	17 30 40 41 45, Lucky Ball: 1
MEGA MILLIONS 10/25.....	21 30 35 45 66, Mega Ball: 21
PICK 3 10/25 MIDDAY.....	0 9 6
PICK 3 10/25 EVENING.....	5 1 8
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Obituaries/Scene Around Town

OBITUARIES

JAMES R. JUDY

James “Jim” Randall Judy, 72, of Wever, IA passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 11:22 PM at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics.

He was born on July 19, 1950 in Chicago, IL to Roy E. and Iris “Cokie” Whitehill Judy. On April 17, 1982 he married Mary Jo Mertens in DeKalb, IL. James was a Union brick layer and fell on the job in the late 1970’s and broke his back. Due to his injury, he became involved in planning and management for different universities including Iowa State University for eighteen years as the Assistant Director of facilities, planning and management of residence halls. James was a member of Holy Family Parish and the Knights of Columbus. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan and loved to travel with Mary Jo. Jim and Mary Jo had a home in South Padre Island where he could fish which was one of his greatest passions. They loved being at their home in rural Wever where they would sit and look over the Green Bay Bottoms and the Mississippi River.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo Mertens of Wever; one brother, Jacque Judy of Chicago; one niece, Jacqui Judy; two nephews, Joshua and Jason Judy. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Thomas Judy and his dog and faithful companion, Jameson.

The funeral mass will be held at 11 AM on Monday, October 31, 2022 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. Visitation will be held from 10 AM until the time of the service. A graveside service will be held at 2 PM at St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

A memorial has been established for the Polysistic Kidney Foundation or the Ft. Madison Food Pantry and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



JUDY



Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Kiwanis Halloween Decoration contest. Chad and Denise Donaldson and Brandon are pictured in front of one of their many spooky decorations. Keep an eye out for next year’s contest and take some time to enjoy the other great decorations around town.

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.

Energy bill help available from Alliant

MADISON, Wis. (October 26, 2022) – For the second consecutive year, Alliant Energy has donated \$4 million to its Hometown Care Energy Fund to help customers who are struggling financially pay their energy bills.

Customers in need of financial assistance are urged to apply for the funds to assist with paying and managing their energy bill. If approved, customers can receive up to \$500 annually.

“We encourage customers in need to take advantage of the available resources to help manage their energy finances,” said Michael Luhrs, senior vice president of customer experience and strategy at Alliant Energy. “We’re proud to contribute \$4 million to help customers in need with their bills.” Alliant Energy partners

with nonprofit organizations to distribute the funds. Customers in Iowa can review income eligibility requirements and apply for funding by contacting their local Community Action Agency.

The Hometown Care Energy Fund is supported by funds from Alliant Energy shareowners as well as voluntary contributions from employees, retirees and customers. Those interested in donating to the Hometown Care Energy Fund can learn more at alliantenergy.com/hometowncare.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL A. BUCKINGHAM (RUSSELL RUSH)

Russell Adam Buckingham “Russell Rush”, passed away on Friday, October 21, 2022, at his home in San Antonio, Texas surrounded by his family and close friends.



BUCKINGHAM

He was born on August 4, 1978, in Fort Madison, Iowa the son of Lyle and Rosemary (Funck) Buckingham. Russell’s love of people and compassion for others was apparent at an early age, and he always gravitated towards the spotlight whether it be to grab his guitar to organize cousin sing-a-longs, or to perform in a local production of “The Music Man” at the age of nine. He attended the Aquinas Catholic School system in Fort Madison, Iowa graduating in 1996. He then went on to complete his bachelor’s degree at St. Ambrose University, majoring in Communications with a minor in Music and Marketing.

Russell’s passion for radio began as a young child pretending to do radio spots in the backyard. At sixteen years old he first flooded the airwaves at KBKB-FM Radio as DJ Colin Black, and over the course of his young lifetime worked at several radio stations in cities across the country including All Hit 98.9 out of Davenport, Iowa, 101.5 WBNQ in Bloomington, Illinois, and WQEN in Birmingham, Alabama.

In 2005 he transferred to San Antonio, Texas where he became the afternoon drive on-air personality and later became the program director for iHeart Media’s KXXM-FM Mix 96.1 NOW. Russell

fell in love with the city of San Antonio and was a well-known and respected member of the broadcast community. In 2008 the San Antonio Media Alliance named him “Radio Personality of the Year” and his work has been featured on radio and TV stations across the country. He wrote and produced “The Russell Rush Haunted Tour,” a paranormal investigation show which won several Lone Star EMMY & Telly Awards.

His passion, however, didn’t stop at the microphone. He was a powerful voice and strong advocate for several nonprofit organizations participating in events for Susan G. Komen, Make-A-Wish, Kidd’s Kids, SA Rodeo, Fiesta San Antonio, Elf Louise Radioathon, Toys for Tots, College Signing Day, and organizer of the annual Roofsit for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) to promote safe sleep patterns for infants in honor of his niece Caroline who passed away from SIDS in 2002. He also helped raise money for the Uvalde, Texas school shooting victims and hosted a public affairs radio show that brought awareness to several community activities. He was an advocate for education and worked with many local school districts.

On November 14, 2020 he married the love of his life, Saralyn Ferrell, in Dripping Springs, Texas, who survives with their two dachshunds: Hayden Waffle Fry and Leia June.

He is survived by his parents: Lyle and Rosie Buckingham; his sister: Amber Fernandez; friend:

Zeb Andrews; niece Kaylee Fernandez and nephew: Konnor Fernandez (all of Topeka, Kansas). Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and his grandmother: Marcella Funck of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Russell was welcomed to heaven by his grandparents: Robert and Cecilia Buckingham (formerly of West Point, Iowa); his grandfather: Robert Funck (formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa); his niece Caroline, and his dog: Barrett.

Family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa, with Father Joseph Phung officiating.

A large scale memorial service will be held at Tech Port Center and Arena in San Antonio, Texas, Sunday, November 13, 2022. Open to the public, family, friends, fans and anyone touched by Russell are encouraged to come.

A permanent sight to memorialize Russell has been established at www.russellrush.com/wp.

A memorial has been established in his memory and can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 22, West Point, Iowa 52656.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
10/25/22 – 4:26 p.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
10/25/22 – 6:45 p.m.
– Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 5100 block of Avenue O.
10/25/22 – 7:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Alan McCoy, 37, of Davenport, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
10/25/22 – 7:48 p.m.

– Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue N.

Lee County Sheriff Report
10/25/22 – 10:18 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Zachary Charles Michael Bennett, 27, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on 3 warrants for possession of a controlled substance, 2 warrants for felon in control of a firearm, drug trafficking - 5gm - 100kg meth, violation of parole, eluding, possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance schedule IV/V, and drug tax stamp violations. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report
10/24/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to seven medical calls, one burn complaint and two tree fires.
10/25/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls and two vehicle accidents.

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Tuesday, October 25
Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice

Wednesday, October 26
Mini Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Beans

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27
FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, October 28
Grilled Ribeyes, Chicken Breasts, Hamburgers

From the Front



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC senior Brooke Mueller attacks between Madalynn Knapp (12) and Taryn Stephens (9) in the third set of the Crusaders' 3-1 win in the Class 1A Regional championship Wednesday night.

Crusaders seeded 6th in Class 1A state tournament

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"I know we had a lot of doubters out there," Freesmeier said. "But we never gave up on these kids. The season started with a lot of adversity. Every game, it seemed like something would happen. And we worked through it."

Which was why the Crusaders weren't staggered after the first-set loss of this match. "Tonight, when things got tough, we played harder," Freesmeyer said. "Just gutted it out. Gutted it out. I think they left some blood out on the court."

“We just had the strength to pull through,” Box said. “There was nothing (the coaches) could really tell us. They knew we knew what to do.”

“That first set gave us a lot of momentum, actually,” said freshman middle hitter Presley Myers. “We really took that into the second and third set.”

The Crusaders were built for this.

"It's one set," Mueller said. "There's possibly five. We knew we had a lot of errors in that first set, and the next three sets we just took over and cleaned everything up."

A Box block and a Myers kill ended the second set. Holy Trinity led the entire third set, closing with the last four points — Bendlage had a kill and Myers had a block and a kill to set up game point.

The Nikes led 21-20 in the fourth set, then Myers took over. She had three kills in a four-point run to get the Crusaders to match point. When the mishit by Notre Dame's Taryn Stephens bounced off the net and to the court, the Crusaders finally had plucked a thorn that had stung them for two years, the one that cut them in the regional semifinals in 2020 and in the state tournament semifinals last season.

“This whole season, this has been our goal,” Bendlage said. “We wanted to play them in the postseason. They’re a great team and they played hard all night. But we played just as hard and came out on top.”

She thought back to the final point.

“Oh my gosh. I couldn’t think straight,” Bendlage said. “It was an unreal moment. It was like, ‘Oh my God, we just beat them.’”

"It means a lot," Myers said. "I felt this was a huge win. Not for this just being (a regional final), but beating this team. To do this is such an accomplishment."

“It’s something we’ve been working for this whole year, beating those teams we knew we could beat who had beaten us,” Mueller said. “It was just pushing, pushing as hard as we could.”

The Crusaders fell a step away from the state championship match last season. They're back for another opportunity.

"We've all been working for this so much," Myers said. "We really pulled through as a team, and made our dreams happen. We pulled through, and showed everyone who we really are."

“We still have goals to achieve,” Bendlage said, “and I know we’re going to achieve all of them.”

“I think this was one of the toughest years we’ve had as coaches,” Freesmeier said. “It was one of the toughest years these players have had. They overcame that.”

"And we're going to state."



HTC girls fall on the floor after winning the Class 1A Region title match over Notre Dame, punching their ticket for the 2022 IG-HSAU State Volleyball tournament.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
10/18/2022

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 10/18/2022, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Pro Tem Andrews presided with Council Members Gray, Amandus, Schulz, Bowker, Cangas and Rink present. Mayor Mohrfeld was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 10/4/2022; Liquor License Renewal: Simple Table, 617 – 7th Street, effective 10/1/2022; Claims of 10/13/2022, September Financial Report & September Manual Claims; and Payroll of 9/23/2022.

On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance vacating city right-of-way located between Avenue B and 117 – 16th Street. On motion, Council

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$231,037.49
Special Revenue	115,951.02
Road Use	85,771.56
Capital	1,042,873.81
Water	80,339.27
Sewer	47,838.48
Solid Waste/IWC	27,793.48
SW Utility	1,600.99
	\$1,633,206.10

REVENUES	
General	\$ 43,393.26
Special Rv	241,978.81
Road Use	161,233.42
Debt	819.23
Capital	17,720.55
Water	312,870.41
Sewer	309,539.95
Sld Waste, IWC	69,671.06
SW Utility	17,017.18
	\$1,174,243.87

CLAIMS - 10/18/2022

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, ANNUAL FIRE EXT INSPECT	139.80
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES; COMMODITIES.....	771.51
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSN, MEMBERSHIP FEES ...	370.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM	726.57
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, PRE-TREATMENT STUDY	5,943.38
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POT-TIE RENTAL	535.00
BITUMINOUS MATERIALS & SUPPLIES, HFE-90.....	1,982.16
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, REPLACED TIRE	220.62
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., COUPLINGS	1,550.00
BUILDING MATERIALS	

adopted Resolution No. 2022-86 approving a Title VI Non-Discrimination Assurances and Agreement, appointing Mark Boussetol as the City's VI Coordinator and naming Mark Boussetol and David Varley as designated signatories for the City of Fort Madison. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2022-87, setting public hearing for 11/1/2022, at 5:30 P.M., on the sale of City right-of-way located between Avenue B and 117 – 16th Street. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-88, approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #6, for PIP 2020-05, Reconstruction of Old Highway 61 – 6th to 10th Street.

On motion, Council received and filed the City's audit for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 P.M. until 5:30 P.M., November 1, 2022.

/s/ Rusty Andrews, Mayor Pro Tem
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL		10/7/2022
General		\$194,844.97
Old Fort		4,385.22
Mersch Trust		501.19
Road Use		29,501.25
Water		27,777.51
Sewer		30,105.24
Solid Waste		16,102.69
Airport		486.54
Storm Water		2,945.90
		\$306,650.51

INC, REBAR/SHINGLES/FLASHING.....	1,048.29
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE	85.00
CARSON KUESEL, EXPENSE @ WATCHOUT	7.70
CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE (E & W)	2,012.73
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC, CAMERA REPLACEMENTS	3,639.86
CORE & MAIN LP, YOKE EXPANDERS.....	396.13
CRITICAL HIRE, EVALUATION.....	75.00
CULLEN CONSTR. & EXCAVATING, DEMO/CLEAN-UP	6,894.18
DAILY DEMOCRAT, PUBLICATIONS.....	242.76
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, INK CARTRIDGES.....	203.58
DOUDS STONE, LLC, CLEAN STONE/ROAD-STONE	1,268.60

DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, OIL CHANGE	100.00
EASTIN, CHRIS, HAZMAT TRAINING	277.55
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, TRANSFERRED RADIO EQUIP	4,949.06
ELECTROTECHNICS CORP., TRAFFIC LIGHT ASSMBLY KIT	202.84
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, STUDY	383.16
EVORA CONSULTING, PROF FEE - ANNUAL SERVICES	2,930.00
FLOYD'S E-Z WAY, GARBAGE PICKUP ..	1,103.50
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, UNIFORM	651.78
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WAST, GARBAGE PICKUP	23,573.33
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, TOWELS	47.08
GREGORY MANUFACTURING, TARGETED JOBS	2,102.72
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES	1,572.30
HAMPTON EQUIPMENT INC., HANDLE ASSEMBLY	457.90
HELLIGE LAWN CARE, TRIMMING HEADSTONES	1,460.00
HILL PRINTING, ABATEMENT NOTICES ..	192.79
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, REPAIR PUMP	2,996.18
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, CUTTING FLUID	1,092.50
HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRE REPAIR	27.50
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, MEDICINE/ PAPER SUPPLIES	32.73
HY-VEE FOOD STORE, COLLECTION FEE	24.75
IA DEPT. OF PUBLIC DEFENSE, LODGING	280.00
ICONNECTYOU INTERNET, FOR FINGERPRINT MACH	5.00
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, CONCRETE @ 30TH & FLORENCE	2,517.96
IOWA ASSOC OF MUN. UTILITIES, SEISG (OCT-DEC).....	6,828.22
IOWA ASSOC OF WATER, AGENCIES ANNUAL WATER DUES	850.87
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., YEARLY SUPPLY FEE.....	115.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, BASIC LEVEL 1 SCHOOLING	6,875.00

IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES	120.10
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS.....	306.52
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY, 1/2 OF PRISON TOURS	2,302.50
JONATHAN LEFLER, TRAVEL REIMB.....	35.00
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #16 - AVE H 6-10	1,042,873.81
JOSH WADE, TRAINING	32.31
KAYLEB KERN, SCHOOL UNIFORM.....	34.95
L.N. CURTIS & SONS, UNIFORM.....	369.92
LISCO, TELEPHONE/ INTERNET.....	1,942.39
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC, GUIDE PIN	596.86
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, B-BELT	187.85
MASTERCARD, TRAVEL EXP; MISC	2,415.73
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, BUILDING SUPPLIES	658.63
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SE, FOAM CONCENTRATE	1,041.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, COUPLINGS/ TUBING	4,915.73
NAPA AUTO PARTS, PARTS/OIL/FUEL...	15.80
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS/OIL/FUEL	704.10
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC, UNIFORMS	1,632.21
PERMAR SECURITY, SERVICES SECURITY	235.05
PETTY CASH - MELINDA BLIND, POSTAGE/ TRAINING/REPAIRS	197.12
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PROF FEE - CODE REVIEW	1,288.92
POHLPETER, BILLY, WINTER WEAR....	213.99
QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, SAFETY BOOTS	103.25
QUILL CORPORATION, ENVELOPES/TONER/ PENS.....	221.34
RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., CHEMICALS/ TUBES.....	12,621.00
RIVER CITY MOTORS PLUS, REPAIR TIRE	2,124.22
ROBERTS TIRE CENTER CORP, REPAIRED MOWER TIRE	245.00
SCHICKEDANZ CONSTRUCTION, SECURING WALL @ JAMES BLOCK	165,000.00
SERVICE MASTER OF	

FORT MA, JANITORIAL SERVICE.....	1,311.50
SHOTTENKIRK SUPERSTORE, REPLACE TIRE/ WHEEL.....	318.00
SOUTHEAST IA REGIONAL MED, PRE-EMPLOYMENT.....	5,295.00
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COL, TRAINING	45.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC, TESTING	92.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, WATER SAMPLES	40.00
STERLING CODIFIERS/ AMERICA, EDITING PAGES	2,243.95
TRI-STATE LAWN SERVICE LLC, NUISANCE	1,375.00
TRUCK REPAIR INC., HOSE/FITTINGS....	89.75
UNITY POINT CLINIC - OCCUP, PRE-EMPLOYMENT	168.00
WALMAN OPTICAL, SAFETY GLASSES	150.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, HYDROXIDE	8,751.60
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/ INTERNET.....	263.90
TOTAL	1,352,351.59
GENERAL	214,761.05
SPECIAL REVENUES	5,668.98
ROAD USE.....	8,681.55
CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,042,873.81
WATER	28,285.55
WASTEWATER	24,623.69
SOLID WASTE	25,868.88
AIRPORT.....	47.08
STORM WATER UTILITY	1,541.00
TOTAL	1,352,351.59

MANUALS - SEPT 2022

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	69,139.68
ANSER IOWA, WATER ANSWERING SERVICE	

.....	210.00
AT&T MOBILITY, HOT SPOTS	1,651.04
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, BUILDING SUPPLIES	444.89
CENTURY LINK, PHONE/INTERNET	185.90
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Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Republican party chairman supports Becky Gaylord

Dear Editor:

My name is James Creen, and I am the Chairman of the Lee County Republican Party of Iowa. I am writing a letter to the editor to explain my decision to allow the candidacy of Becky Gaylord for Lee County Treasurer. Many people are under the impression that I allowed Becky's party switch to change a county office from Democrat to Republican. Running a local candidate requires substantial time, energy, and money from the local party. Changing a "D" to an "R" as the primary motivation is a no-go for my Central Committee and me.

One of Becky's primary motivations for running for Lee County Treasurer comes from Chris Spann's announcement that the Driver's License Services through the County Treasurer's Office is not profitable and should be eliminated. While I may applaud Treasurer Spann's fiscal conservatism, eliminating our county's Driver's License Services could require Lee County Residents to travel up to 80 miles round-trip to obtain or renew their driver's licenses in Burlington or Mt. Pleasant. While not profitable, Becky believes this is a service that the residents of Lee County rely on and deserve to have available in their county.

Another of Becky's motivations comes from the fact that the County is renting two sets of Driver's License equipment from the DOT, one for Fort Madison and one for Keokuk. When either location is closed, the equipment the taxpayers are paying for sits idle and is unused. It is also no secret that the Driver's License Services still has a large backlog of appointments from COVID. Becky plans to reopen both Keokuk and the Fort Madison Treasurer's Office full-time, Monday through Friday, to fully utilize the equipment we are renting and diminish the appointment backlog. I have also spoken to Becky about her ability to reopen each office without blowing up the budget. She is highly knowledgeable regarding the Treasurer's budget and eliminating superfluous waste.

Becky and our other candidates will appear at numerous events throughout the county between now and November 8th. I don't care if you are a Democrat, Republican, Green Party, Libertarian, or No-Party; feel free to come up and introduce yourself to Becky. After speaking with her, I am confident you will come away with the knowledge that Becky Gaylord is the right candidate for Lee County Treasurer.

Sincerely,

James D. Creen
Chairman
Lee County Republican Party of Iowa

Reader says night and day difference with candidates

Dear Editor;

We Lee County residents have some very important decisions to make on November 8th. One of which is voting for our new County Supervisor.

If you are a liberal minded person and believe in the current administrations over spending, raising taxes, anti business, anti fossil fuels and open borders then you need to vote for Donna Amandus. She is a Democrat that supports what this current administration is doing and in my opinion wants to bring those beliefs to Lee County. Now I don't say that lightly but rather because I have seen her in action on the Fort Madison City Council. I have seen her attempt to go against a local small business person right here from Fort Madison. Thankfully there was a well informed city employee and city council member that stood up and informed her that what she was demanding was against city code and city protocol.

Fortunately we have Tom Schulz who is running for Lee County Supervisor. Being in business myself for 35 years I can really appreciate another business person that takes the time to run for local office. Tom is a successful small business owner/operator and knows how to operate within budgets. He is a Veteran with an honorable discharge. Tom Shulz is also conservative minded, supports local small businesses and like most of Lee county residents he believes immigration laws should be enforced. He also believes in our second amendment right to lawfully bare arms. He has also said that bigger government is not better government!

Again, NIGHT AND DAY Difference.... If you're thinking that the above paragraph is closer to what Lee County needs to move in the right direction....then Tom Schulz is the person to help lead us there.

Todd Schneider,
Fort Madison

Outgoing supervisor backs Donna Amandus

Dear Editor:

As I look forward to retiring from the board of supervisors at the end of the year, I reflect on the accomplishments of the board and of course I want the best for its future. While it is your choice to name my successor, I would appreciate you considering voting for Donna Amandas to fill my seat. There will be many issues requiring strong leadership and a solid background in local government. Both candidates have served on local government, but Donna has taken the initiative to garner a certification from the Iowa League of Municipalities. She invested over 9 month of her spare time in that endeavor. This demonstrates her dedication to her elected position, leadership and a strong desire to learn as much as possible to be effective.

There are many different facets to being on the board of supervisors, the weekly meetings are just the tip of the iceberg. Donna has demonstrated she will make the time necessary to do an effective job of both owning a business and being on the board. Donna is a business owner but her small business gives her the flexibility to set her schedule to be able to make many other meetings and duly investigate issues that are required of a supervisor.

Another reason I encourage you to support Donna on election day is she has no axe to grind or hidden agenda. She is simply seeking this seat because she wants to continue to serve the community she loves and she has the time to give back to it. Donna's personality and make up is that of someone who is open, eager to listen and affirming. She will do a good job for all the citizens of Lee County, she has my vote and I hope she has yours too.

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