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## City may raise levy

**DEBT SERVICE:** General obligation bond to help with Hwy. 61 work is to blame for increase

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison city officials will begin to mull over a proposed \$7.06 million 2023/24 budget on Tuesday.

The standout portion of the budget is the proposed increase in the city's mil levy of \$2.735/\$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Last year the levy was set at \$15.072 and this year, City Manager David Varley is projecting a levy rate of \$17.808. The increase, he said, is due to the general obligation bond that was issued to finish the Hwy. 61 project.

Varley is projecting the city to end up with \$1.1 million in the general fund which is very close to the \$1.096 million currently expected for the revised 2022-23 budget which ends June 30.

The city's levy is comprised of among other things, the general levy at \$8.10 which is the maximum allowable by state code.

The debt service portion of the levy is the part showing the substantial



Courtesy photo

The house on 33rd Street that caught fire earlier this week, reignited overnight Thursday night and the blaze was caught by a reader.

increase this year. In 2022-23's budget that number was \$1.636/\$1,000 and the proposed budget includes a debt service levy of \$3.703. That represents \$2.07 of the \$2.74 increase.

The city isn't collecting a local emergency management levy as it hasn't for the past two years due to a change in funding the Lee County Emergency Management Agency budget.

The employee benefits levy will in-

crease by approximately .67/\$1,000 to \$5.511 to accommodate for the rising costs of employee benefits including IPERS payments.

The emergency tax levy of .27/\$1,000 is a levy that can only be accessed if the city is maxed out in the general levy. There is also a tort liability that helps cover the city's general liability insurance

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## They have a right to bare arms in Mo.

Something funny kind of fell off the racks in the Missouri legislature this week.

A GOP woman state representative moved to clarify the state Legislature's dress code by pointing out that women should be wearing jackets or knit jackets while on the floor.

Essentially saying that women should not be showing bare arms on the floor.

Something funny about the U.S. Constitution's right to bear arms comes to mind here as a little ironic from Republicans, but...

I took off last summer about the hillbilly gridlock in Missouri and now this. What's going on in Missouri? This same legislature that saw GOP legislators fight to prevent having to wear a mask during Covid outbreaks to keep everyone safe, has now amended floor rules to mandate women wear sleeves. Don't make us wear masks, but it's okay to make us wear jackets?

By the way, cardigans don't count.

Maybe the funniest, yet most obscure point of the five-minute debate on the floor was a comment from Rep. Anne Kelley, who brought the subject up during a general rules debate.

Kelley, who brought the "bare arms" amendment to the floor said she agreed with Democrats that it was "ridiculous" to be having the conversation on the floor - that professional dress shouldn't have to be policed.

Then she blamed Democrats for wasting time by expanding the debate.

That's the real travesty. She's saying

See **JACKETS**, page 7



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

## PAW donation

From left to right, Sandy Brown, director of PAW Animal Shelter in Fort Madison, accepts a \$500 check from Justin Pieper of Assured Partners and HR Director Michelle Reed, who nominated the charity on behalf of county employees.

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## WEATHER

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**MON 16 Jan**.....Windy with thunderstorms likely, 56° F/ 36° F  
**TUE 17 Jan**.....Mostly cloudy, cool, 42° F/ 29° F  
**WED 18 Jan**.....Mostly cloudy with chance of rain, 41° F/ 31° F  
**IOWA LOTTERY**  
**LOTTO AMERICA 01/14**.....25 35 37 38 48, Star Ball: 5 All Star Bonus: 2  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### JOANN C. MEYER

Joann C. Meyer, 81, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 6:38 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 2023 at the Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois.

Joann was born January 4, 1942 in Burrville, Tennessee, the daughter of Charles and Lucy (Potter) Brown. She was second youngest of eleven children. Joann spent much of her young life in Tennessee growing up along side her siblings, nieces and nephews. She spent the later half of her childhood in Joliet, IL. There she met the love of her life Herbert "Bud" Meyer. They were wed on March 24, 1962 and had 3 children, Connie, Bobby, and Randy. Joann and her family moved to Pontoosuc, IL in the summer of 1975 and remained in the Dallas City and surrounding areas. Bud preceded Joann in death on February 20, 2002.

Joann was an amazing cook and it was her favorite hobby. She worked as a cook at many local businesses including Pat's Tap, the River view Supper Club, and the LaHarpe-Davier Health Center where she retired from. When she wasn't cooking at the local restaurants, she was cooking for her family. The family's favorite dishes were her famous chicken n' dumplings, biscuits and gravy, and crab rangoon. The time spent surrounded by her children, 8 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren was especially important to Joann. Her family was her entire world and she showered them all with nothing but love and acceptance of who they were as individuals.

Survivors include three children: Connie Meyer of Mediapolis, Iowa, Bob (Melody) Meyer of Colusa, Illinois and Randy Meyer of Pontoosuc, Illinois; six grandchildren: Justin (Melissa) Tate, Chad Meyer, Randi Jo (Mark) Calvin, Ryan Meyer, Kenny (Anne) Meyer and Jessica (Collin) Gehringer; 21 great-grandchildren; one brother: Roger Dale (Betty) Brown of Joliet and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud; her parents, Charlie and Lucy Brown; two grandsons Calvin and Daniel Meyer; four brothers and five sisters.

No services are planned per Joann's request. Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial fund has been established. Memorials and cards may be sent to Joann Meyer Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330.

To sign the guestbook and leave a condolence, please visit Joann's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).



MEYER

### PATRICIA A. HAAS

Patricia A. Haas, 88, of Fort Madison, passed away peacefully at 2:04 PM at Arbor Court Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born on December 6, 1934 in Topeka, KS to Stanley and Anna Jones Lobb. On September 4, 1954 she married Robert Haas in Ft. Madison and he passed away on May 18, 2015.

Survivors include one daughter, Roberta "Ann" Hayward of Mt. Pleasant; two sons, Stuart (Sherry) Haas of Glendale, AZ and Mark Haas of Ft. Madison; five grandchildren, Billy and Danny Hayward and Aly, Austin and Ashlyn Haas. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### GLEN O. MYERS

Glen Oren Myers, 68, of Keokuk, IA died Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

He was born on October 28, 1954 in Key West, FL the son of Phillip D. Myers and V. Darlene Vice Byrne. On June 18, 1993, Glen was united in marriage to Donna Myers. She survives.



MYERS

Other survivors include three daughters, Trena Myers of Keokuk, IA; Lisa Myers Quimby (Jeff) of Goldsboro, NC; and Danielle Myers Davis (Mike) of Granite Falls, NC, one son, Josh Spence of Sioux City, IA, seven grandchildren, Brittany Sheppard, Prestyn Bradford, Carter Quimby, Caden Quimby, Michael Davis, Colt Quimby and Mia Davis and four great-grandchildren, Ava Sheppard Avery Cox, Alejandro Bradford, Aven Sheppard and another little Bradford girl on the way. He is also survived by two brothers, Danny Myers of Keokuk, IA and Phil Myers (Cathy) of Keokuk, four nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, several aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Glen graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1973. He completed his associate degree at Southeastern Community College in Keokuk; undergraduate degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. He also attended courses at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL.



Glen was a Veteran of the United States Air Force where he served during Desert Storm. Over the years, he had been employed by Roquette, Delta Airlines and was self-employed with his art business, Myers Art Service prior to retiring.

He was a member of the Montrose Nazarene Church in Montrose, IA and the American Legion Post #41 in Keokuk.

Glen enjoyed painting, photography, spending time with family and riding around in his teal blue Thunderbird. He was a Dallas Cowboys fan and enjoyed reminiscing about his high school football days.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, January 16, 2023 at the Montrose Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Preston Smith officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9-11 a.m., Monday, at the church with family meeting with friends at that time. Following the service, a time of food and fellowship will be held at the church.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Montrose Church of the Nazarene or The Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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# Obituaries/For the Record

## OBITUARIES

### ALAN J. RUNG

Alan Jay Rung, 61, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023 at his home. He was born on November 27, 1961 in Fort Madison, IA to Bernard Edward & Mary Catherine Vonderhaar Rung. He married Lori L. Nolte on August 17, 1991 in Fort Madison,



RUNG

IA. He was a painter and loved the Iowa Hawkeyes, St. Louis Cardinals and the Detroit Lions. His greatest love was spending time with his grandchildren and his beloved dog, Bella.

Alan is survived by: his wife: Lori Rung of Fort Madison, IA; 1-daughter: Elyssa (Dan) Hall of Waterloo, IA; 2-sons: Tyler (Katie) Rung of Fort Madison, IA & Brody Rung of Manteca, CA; 4-grandchildren: Paislee, River, Clay & Levi; 3-sisters: Sally (Tower) Stadler of Quincy, IL, Kathy (Dan) Fraise of Donnellson, IA & Julie (Brad) Freesmeier of West Point, IA; 5-brothers: Jim (Chris) Rung of Victoria, TX, Marvin (Chris) Rung of Fort Madison, IA, Marty (Twila) Rung of Fort Madison, IA, Steve (Becky) Rung of Fort Madison, Gary Rung of West Point, IA and numerous nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church. The memorial mass will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established in Alan's name. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## Capital projects could be reduced in 2023-24

### LEVY - Continued from Page 1

and is set at .22/\$1,000 and cannot exceed the amount needed for insurance premium.

Varley said in a report to the council that expenditures for the proposed budget are decreasing, but most departments will see inflationary increases. The one-time expense of the James Block building, which will not be incurred again this year.

"Expenditures in the General Fund are being impacted by the very high inflation rate. This has caused increases in several of our line-item accounts such as fuel and other supplies," Varley wrote in his report.

"When expenses increase like this, we try to find savings in other accounts to offset the increases. This can be difficult however, when most of our expenses are being affected by the current economic

situation."

The current budget with revised figures shows deficit spending in 2022-23 of \$182,235, mostly attributable to the James Block building repairs.

Varley wrote the proposed budget is projected to have a \$5,180 surplus in the general fund.

The new city tourism board is being funded at \$75,000 in the next budget and \$90,000 in year two which will tug at Hotel/Motel tax funds, but Varley said that fund is rebounding and should be able to handle the additional expense as well as current funding responsibilities, but will result in \$41,600 of fund balance spending leaving an ending balance of \$7,074.

The city's \$6 million quality of life bond, is also expected to be depleted by the end of the upcoming fiscal year.

Another budget session has been tentatively set for Jan. 31.

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

01/12/23 - 7:41 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Angela Marie McBride, 53, listed as homeless living in Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue N, on a warrant for failure to appear - disorderly conduct. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/12/23 - 7:53 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue E.

01/12/23 - 9:03 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrest Collin Elijah Segoviano, 25, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation - possession of marijuana. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

01/12/23 - 12:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue G.

01/12/23 - 3:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

01/12/23 - 8:59 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Amber Rae Grooms, 39, of Wever, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

01/12/23 - 4:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mark Alan Pepper, 51, of Burlington, in the 1000 block of 200th Street, Farmington, on a charge of making a false report to a public entity. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

01/12/23 - 8:06 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 14-year-old male juvenile from Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of 255th Street, on a charge of 3rd degree criminal mischief. He was referred to juvenile court.

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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## Sports

# Cresswell's buzzer beater gives Hounds crosstown win

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - OK, so the play didn't go exactly the way Ryan Wilson drew it.

But the result was perfect.

Hunter Cresswell's basket at the buzzer gave Fort Madison a 52-51 win over city rival Holy Trinity on Saturday night at Shottenkirk Gym.

"It's just how we drew up the game plan," said Wilson, the Bloodhounds' coach, celebratory tongue planted firmly in cheek. "Just how we drew it up."

The Bloodhounds (4-7) got a win they needed. Still simmering after Friday's 63-46 home loss to Burlington, Fort Madison nearly let a 12-point lead at the start of the quarter get away.

Instead Cresswell, with the help of the long pass from Aidan Boyer, made the play of the night to hit the game-winner.

"It was good to get this win," Cresswell said. "It was a lot uglier than it should have been."

Holy Trinity (4-9) took a 51-50 lead with three



WAGNER

seconds left on Luke Hellige's baseline layup. Wilson then called his final timeout to draw the play.

The original plan, Wilson said, was to look for Carson Rashid, one of the Bloodhounds' best 3-point shooters.

Boyer, who threw for 14 touchdowns as Fort Madison's quarterback this season, threw the pass to Cresswell standing inside the top of the key. The pass got over Holy Trinity's Adam Sobczak and Cresswell caught it, spun, and shot. The ball banked off the backboard and through the net as time expired.

"I caught it at a weird angle," Cresswell said. "It looked like it was going to get stuffed up. I knew we only had a half of a second so I just kind of threw it up there. It was definitely lucky, but..."

"Hunter is the guy who wants to take the big shot," Wilson said. "He wants the responsibility, and he did a great job of catching the ball. And a great pass from our quarterback."

"I told the kids in the locker room that sometimes life is tough," Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said. "It was just a one in a million shot. Hats off to Fort Madison for drawing up a great play. Hats off to Cresswell for making a tough catch and throwing it up and catching some backboard."

"Sometimes things just don't bounce your way."

Cresswell led Fort Madison with 13 points.

"Our guys bounced back really well after last night's game," Wilson said. "Last night was a lot of emotion, a lot of physical effort, and a hard game. And I was really proud of the way we battled back and came ready to play."

"I think we've still got a lot to work on, especially in the second half," Cresswell said. "We had a lot of turnovers and stuff, but it feels good to win."

Luke Hellige had 26 points for Holy Trinity. Conner Gehling, who topped the 500-point mark for his career, had 17.

"It's definitely a positive, the kids played hard," John Hellige said. "We did everything we needed to

# Mara Smith wins title at Mid-Prairie girls' wrestling invitational

WELLMAN - Mara Smith won the 130 lb title at the girls Mid-Prairie Invitational, and seems poised to make a run in the post-season.

Smith won all three matches by a pin and was only really challenged in the title match against Wilton's Kylie Langley.

The freshman received

a first round bye coming into the tournament with an 18-3 record. She then quickly dispatched Gabriella McDermott of Western Dubuque in just 40 seconds to move to the semifinals.

There Smith defeated Kylie Collins of West Liberty by fall in the first period setting up the title match

with Langley. It took three periods, but Smith was able to work a Langley's shoulders to the mat with just :17 left in the match.

Freshman Hailey Kemper took second at 100 lbs. Kemper went 1-2 on the day with a first round win by fall. She lost a very close 7-6 decision to Wilton's Audrey Cummings before

losing in the final round by pin to Gabi Robertson of Mid-Prairie.

Sadie Brandon also took second place at 170 lbs. Brandon got a first round bye and then scored a pin over Destiny Boone of WACO to move to the title match.

North Scott's Abby Allen needed to get into the third period before getting Brandon's shoulder's to the mat leaving the Bloodhound sophomore with the runner-up title.

Chloe Sokolik went 2-2 at 125 lbs. to secure fifth place in her division including a pin in the semifinals.

The complete results from Saturday's invitational are below:  
100 - Hailey Kemper (15-7) placed 2nd and scored 12 team points. Round 1 - Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) 15-7 won by fall over Grace Murphy (Epworth, Western Dubuque) 21-10 (Fall 0:32). Round 2 - Audrey Cummings (Wilton) 11-16 won by decision over Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) 15-7 (Dec 7-6). Round 3 - Gabi Robertson (Mid-Prairie) 25-3 won by fall over Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) 15-7 (Fall 2:30) 125 - Chloe Sokolik (10-16) placed 5th and scored 10.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Hannah Rogers (Wilton) 23-2 won by fall over Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) 10-16 (Fall 1:31). Cons. Round 1 - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) 10-16 won by fall over Sierra Metcalf (North Scott) 20-14 (Fall 0:55). Cons. Semi - Anna Gorsh (English Valleys-Tri County) 21-12 won by fall over Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) 10-16 (Fall 2:27). 5th Place Match - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) 10-16 won by forfeit over Heaven Steege (WACO, Wayland) 19-17 (For.) 130 - Mara Smith (18-3) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) 18-3 received a bye (Bye). Quarterfinal - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) 18-3 won by fall over Gabriella McDermott (Epworth, Western Dubuque) 14-14 (Fall 0:40). Semifinal - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) 18-3 won by fall over Kylie Collins (West Liberty) 17-6 (Fall 1:31). 1st Place Match - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) 18-3 won by fall over Kylie Langley (Wilton) 22-3 (Fall 5:43) 140 - Mady Emmett (2-13) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Mercedes Brockert (West Liberty) 12-15 won by fall over Mady Emmett (Fort Madison) 2-13 (Fall 0:32). Cons. Round 1 - Mady Emmett (Fort Madison) 2-13 received a bye (Bye). Cons. Round 2 - Vivian Cardona (West Liberty) 10-12 won by fall over Mady Emmett (Fort Madison) 2-13 (Fall 0:41) 155 - Tatum Peters (4-18) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points. Quarterfinal - Jorie Hanenburg (North Scott) 34-3 won by fall over Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) 4-18 (Fall 0:26). Cons. Round 1 - Cora Davis (North Scott) 8-15 won by decision over Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) 4-18 (Dec 8-5) 170 - Sadie Brandon (8-11) placed 2nd and scored 22.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Sadie Brandon (Fort Madison) 8-11 received a bye (Bye). Quarterfinal - Sadie Brandon (Fort Madison) 8-11 won by fall over Destiny Boone (WACO, Wayland) 9-8 (Fall 1:22). Semifinal - Sadie Brandon (Fort Madison) 8-11 won by fall over Ellie Callahan (Mid-Prairie) 16-9 (Fall 3:05). 1st Place Match - Abby Allen (North Scott) 12-6 won by fall over Sadie Brandon (Fort Madison) 8-11 (Fall 4:12)

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## Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**January 16, 2023**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**(CDT)**  
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 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input

Discussion and Possible Action on Opioid Settlement Funds

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Fund Transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads Discussion and Possible Action on Polling Sites for Special Election

Consider Approval to Renew Contract with Lynch Dallas for Contract Negotiation Services

Consider Approval to Renew Contract with Lynch Dallas for Human Resource Services

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Mt Hamill Tap

Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (2)

Consider Approval of Monday, January 9, 2023 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:

A. Promotion - Health Department  
 B. Position Changes (2) - Board of Supervisors

C. New Hire - Sheriffs Office (Replacement)

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 A. Sheriffs Monthly Report  
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that Democrats should have accepted the amendment without questioning it. Sit down and do what we say.

This seems to be an M.O. of politics in general lately. We saw it when Democrats had control, and we see it now with Republicans in control.

Telling women what they can do with their bodies specific to health, and now specific to dress, sure paints a murky picture of where the shining beacon on the hill is headed.

Rep. Ashley Aune asked Kelley, during a minute-long back-and-forth how that could even be enforced. Aune said the legislature is 2/3 men, so now men would be looking at how a woman is dressed and trying to determine if it's appropriate.

The most pointed comment came from Rep. Jamie Johnson who asked how it can be justified to add additional barriers to the idea that "anyone can represent the people."

Should the legislature be a place of decorum and formality? I don't know. It's real fun to watch the British Parliament get after it. If you haven't seen that, you should.

Can you say professional dress is required and expect people to not show up in t-shirts. Absolutely, and that should be monitored. But where do you draw the line with women who don't wear a neck tie?

I'm certainly not a fashion guru. It doesn't take long to see I'm a thug and dress that way. Last night I wore Duluth firehouse pants that were the color of gingerbread and a flannel shirt. I don't think I was working it.

We're not idiotic. We can look at a person and say an effort was made and pulled off to look professional and not casual and I don't think that mandates a woman cover her arms.

Don't we rebel against requiring women to cover their hair as being repressive? Yet we slip back to requiring women to cover their arms in America.

The next thing they'll be telling women is to not cross their legs at the ankles. That was not professional for a time as well. At one point it was unacceptable for women to vote... or even speak.

We have so many larger problems facing us. Accountability of self, work ethics, economics, education, poverty, incompetence. We're gonna talk about whether women, duly elected by their peers, have to wear wrist length jackets.

I guess we are... But that's Beside the Point.

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# Morrison, Lampe light up New London

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
Pen City Current Editor

DONNELSON - A good one-two punch is a powerful weapon in a fight.

Central Lee's one-two punch of seniors Mya Lampe and Makayla Morrison took the fight out of New London early as the Hawks rolled to a 72-35 SEI Superconference win Friday in Donnellson.

Morrison and Lampe combined for 12 three-pointers, eight from Lampe, all of her scoring, as the Hawks moved to 4-5 in the conference and 6-7 overall.

New London scored the first bucket of the night on a put back from sophomore Morgan Jones, then it was all Central Lee as they raced out to a 16-4 advantage and a 24-11 first quarter lead.

Morrison scored 17 points in the first quarter, including three of her four 3-balls.

Head Coach Taylor Hickey said the offensive juggernaut was just what the coach was hoping for.

"It's huge. That was a big offensive momentum changer for us. The last couple games have been pretty close," she said.

"We've been working on our offense in practice, but lately we've been all defense, so this was good to have an offensive mindset tonight."

As New London moved their defense to contain Morrison not only in transition but moving around the perimeter in the half court, Lampe stepped up and hit



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Karlie Pohren drives the lane against New London's Natalie Burden in the first half of the Hawks' 72-35 win Friday night in Donnellson.

two quick threes to open the second quarter.

The Tigers got a little run of their own with about 5 minutes left in the first half with Jones scoring to start a 6-2 run. Sophomore Mylee Miller would convert two back-to-back buckets, one on a nice interior bounce pass assist from Natalie Burden under the basket.

Jones would score again after the Hawks failed on two straight possessions, and Burden scored in transition to cut the lead to 11 at 32-21.

Central Lee would answer with an 7-0 lead to end the first half. Morrison would get 21 of her 24 points in the first half. Lampe had four 3-pointers for 12.

Lampe would put up three more 3s in the third quarter as Central Lee stretched the lead to 29 at the end of the third and were comfortably on their way to the win in the fourth.

Hickey pulled Morrison and Lampe with almost six minutes left in the first half. "Before the game there

was two keys because Kenna couldn't play. She's a huge presence and we had to rebound. We had to rebound, and we had to make our layups. Lots of times we get to the rim, but we look for a bail out and not a finish," Hickey said.

Hickey said she was very impressed with sophomore Maddie McGlasson who seemed very comfortable with the ball under the basket. McGlasson finished with 10 points on the night, all in the second half.

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