

ConAgra recalls 2.6M lbs.

DEFECT: USDA's Food Inspection Service labels recall "High Class"

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A USDA recall has been issued for close to 2.6 million pounds of meat products produced at the Fort Madison ConAgra facility.

The news about the recall was posted on the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Services website on Tuesday. The release said impacted products were produced from Dec. 12, 2022 to Jan. 13, 2023 in Fort Madison.

Impacted products, according to the report from FSIS, were discovered by the facility and reported to FSIS staff on site.

"The problem was discovered when the establishment notified FSIS after observing spoiled and/or leaking cans from

multiple production dates at the establishment's warehouse – per Food Safety and Inspection Services," the USDA statement indicated.

Subsequent investigation by the establishment determined that the cans subject to recall may have been damaged in a manner that is not readily apparent to consumers, which may allow foodborne pathogens to enter the cans.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be on retail shelves or in consumers' pantries. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

The following link lists all the products in the recall includ-

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Lady grapplers set strong foundation

Driving back from the Xtreme Arena Thursday night after watching a bunch of girls fighting on mats, I was a bit bored. When I'm bored, I think of weird things. Cheez-Its usually.

I decided to try some new tech and downloaded an audiobook for the ride home. Bachelordom has me trying to find new things to better myself. Planking and yoga aren't getting it all done.

I put on Sun Tsu's Art of War and listened to it on the way home. It was a shortened version of the original novel and converted into English. Actually, the transition was extremely clumsy. I think it was a computer generated voice from Amazon or something like that. It was read in just over 20 minutes.

But it caught me as a little ironic that here I was yearning for something classic and definitive, and it came in the form of a lesson in battle - what I spent the better part of five hours covering that day.

Sun Tsu's analysis is simple and it's globally recognized as archaic, yet it transcends the generations of battles around the globe. Attacking when your opponent is weakest, plundering resources in victory, burning soldiers in fields, and my favorite - every collapsed dynasty was caused by a spy.

The audio book got me thinking about what I had just witnessed and how it correlates to two Fort Madison girls I watched get on a mat in an arena trying to best the girl across from them.

It was the first time in Iowa history that a girls' state wrestling tournament, sanctioned by the IGHSAU, was held.

Battles.

These were battles fought the same way boys do in Des Moines – the same intensity. And these weren't violets shrinking

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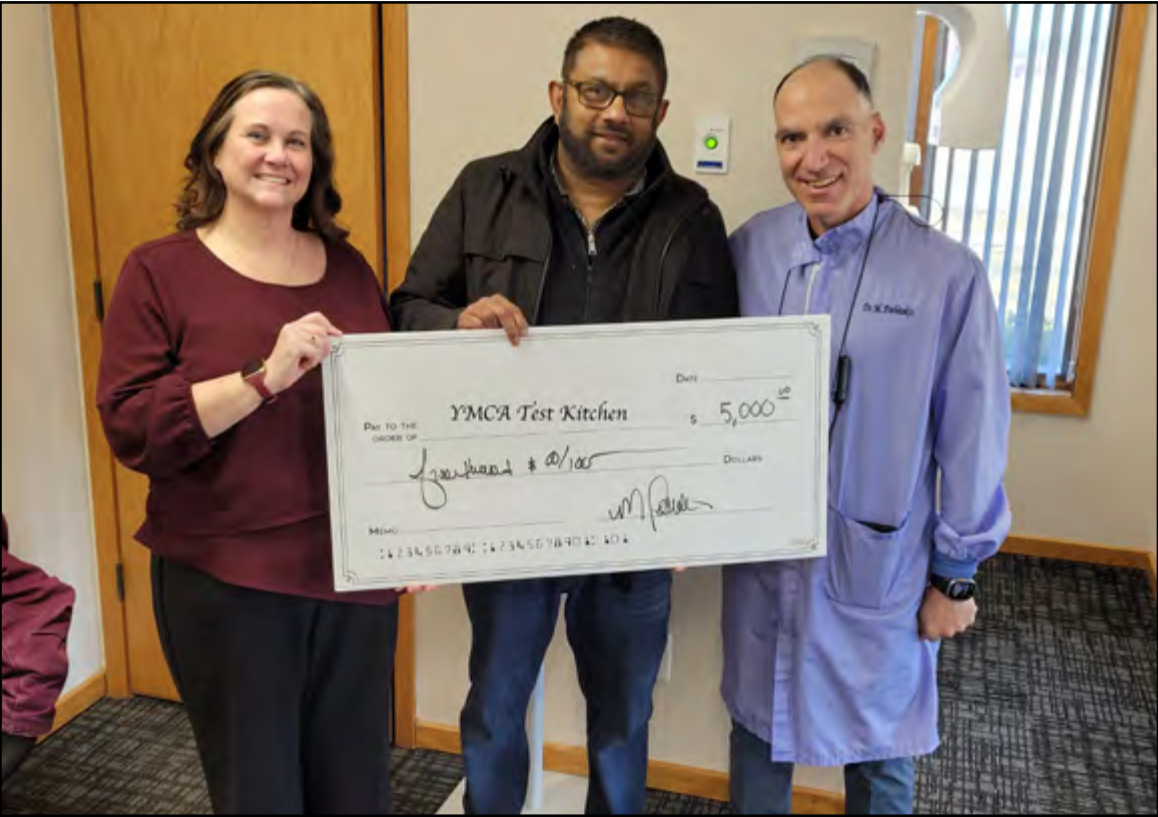


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Donation

Dr. Mark Pothitakis presented YMCA Test Kitchen (YTK) with a \$5,000 donation Tuesday to help with the newly formed YMCA Test Kitchen. On January 1st Elliott Test Kitchen merged with Fort Madison Family YMCA to form YMCA Test Kitchen.

ILLINOIS NEWS

LaHarpe couple drowns in ice fishing incident

HANCOCK COUNTY - Two LaHarpe residents have died as a result of a drowning at Hancock County farm pond.

According to Hancock County Sheriff Travis Duffy, an apparent ice fishing accident has led to the death of two individuals in rural Hancock County.

At approximately 3:44 PM Hancock County 911 Center received a call reporting two people in the water from an ice fishing accident at a rural farm pond near Durham, IL. Emergency services arrived on scene and within minutes both individuals were rescued form the water and life saving measures were started. A deputy entered the water to make the rescue effort.

Both individuals were transported to Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA. Life saving measures were attempted for several hours. At around 10:00 PM officials from our office spoke with Des Moines County IA officials and learned that both individuals had passed away.

Sean D. Chaney, age 52, and his wife,

Dawn A. Chaney, age 50, both of rural LaHarpe, IL passed away at Great River Medical Center.

Family of the Chaney's has been contacted and notified.

A full investigation into the incident is underway.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Dallas City Police Department, Dallas Rural Fire Protection District, LaHarpe Police Department, Nauvoo Ambulance, Air Evac, and Med Force.

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WEATHER

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

CHARLES E. WOOD

Charles “Chuck” E. Wood, 71, of Ft. Madison, died on Thursday, February 02, 2023 at 8:45 AM at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



WOOD

He was born on July 11, 1951 in Keokuk to Howard and Charlene Hardistry Wood. Chuck married Berneta Ryland and she survives. He was a correctional officer at ISP and retired after twenty-five years of service. Chuck also drove semi and a cement truck part time for numerous years. He enjoyed shooting pool, hunting, fishing and taxidermy.

Survivors include his wife, Berneta Wood of Ft. Madison; one son, Russell Wood of Ft. Madison; two step sons, Tim (Martha) Milligan of Montrose and Charles (Teresa) Milligan of St. Francisville; one step daughter, Tamara (Ed) Schraeder of Ft. Madison; seven grandchildren; several great grandchildren and his care taker, Amy Swisher. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one half brother.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call from 1-5 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/02/23 – 7:46 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue E.

02/02/23 – 1:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

02/02/23 – 10:00 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Anthony Steven Paul Brown, 20, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of

240th Avenue and 53rd Street, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana 1st.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/02/23 – 10:02 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Timothy Arron Weyls, 65, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later

released on his own recognition.

02/02/23 – 2:40 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Halley Dawn Evermon, 30, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. She 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.

Year two could be even better for lady wrestlers

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in any fashion. Nooo. No. No. These were girls who’ve trained to be able to do what boys do. And they get it done.

They bounce from one leg to another, while shaking their arms and getting the energy going.

Mara Smith, who won one match and lost two, got into the tournament after a higher qualifier had to vacate her seed due to an injury.

Smith went in as No. 31 at 130 lbs. and proceeded to knock off the 15th seed before bowing out. Smith lost in the first round to eventual runner-up champion Chloe Sanders of Vinton-Shellsburg. Her loss to Charity Mickles, a senior from Perry ended her run.

Sophomore Hailey Kemper came into the tournament as the 13th seed and went 2-2 at 100 lbs. She lost to 4th place finisher Mariah Michels (4th seed) and 7th place finisher Ava McNeal (5th seed).

Battles.

Neither of these girls had ever wrestled before Halloween, when the Bloodhounds launched the inaugural girls’ wrestling season.

I was on the arena floor waiting behind the Bloodhound team as freshman Smith hopped, almost overly anxious, to get on the mat and prove her stuff. Her black singlet with Crimson lettering made her a sleek representative of Bloodhound nation. And she prepared for battle just like her male counterparts.

Kemper took her losses almost unscathed, and certainly undistracted from her plan of getting in more mat time before next season begins in the fall. Smith, too, said maybe in the offseason, she’ll work on her craft, as well.

As I walked through the Xtremely crowded arena, one that I fear will not be sufficient next year if all the girls wrestle in one class again, I noticed these girls did not see themselves as anything other than wrestlers.

These girls are for real. And if the standing room only, sold-out crowd at the Coralville Xtreme Arena didn’t drive home Iowa was ready for girls wrestling, the announcer did.

“We have special news,” said a woman over the public address system at the arena during the day session Thursday.

“We were just told that this event is now sold out. If you have room next to you scoot over and make a friend, so all of our fans can have a place to sit.

“Guess Iowa was ready for girls wrestling after all.”

Fort Madison was clearly ready for girls wrestling, as well. If Head Coach Kyle Doherty can have two girls out of eight that went to regionals advance to state, and have three other girls just miss qualifying in year one, there are certainly bright things on the horizon.

Congrats Hailey, Mara, Coach Doherty, and the whole Lady Hounds squad on a historic first year for FMHS.

I just wonder what year two will be like... But that’s Beside the Point.

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Superconference Shootout

Lady Crusaders wake up in Shootout win over Wapello

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON — Tony Johnson told his Holy Trinity girls basketball team to “wake up” a few times in the first quarter of Friday’s SEI Superconference Shootout game against Wapello.

It took most of the quarter, but the Crusaders finally got the message.

Mary Kate Bendlage scored 33 to lead Holy Trinity to a 75-45 win at West Burlington High School.

The Crusaders finished the regular season 12-8, and head into the Class 1A regional tournament next week with plenty of offensive momentum.

But Johnson has concerns about his team’s defense and rebounding.

“It was a little sluggish,” Johnson said of the game. “We didn’t rebound as well as we should have. The rebounding and defense, we’ll clean up on Monday. The offense, we’re fine. We put up 75 points. The offense is fine. The defense is where we’re lagging.”

It was the second time the Crusaders played the Arrows in a little more than a week — Holy Trinity won at Wapello 82-39 on January 26 — and the two teams play again on Thursday at Holy Trinity in the first round of the postseason.

And for at least most of the first quarter, it seemed that familiarity was helping Wapello (8-13), which had no problem breaking the Crusaders’ pressure defense. Jacie Hoeg’s 3-pointer with 2:30 left in the first quarter got the

Arrows within 17-16.

But Holy Trinity finally listened to their coach’s demand to get out of the slumber. The Crusaders went on a 22-3 run, and were never threatened after that.

The Crusaders are becoming a hard team to defend these days. Bendlage came into the game ranked 10th in the state in scoring at 22.7 points per game, and she got help from Teagan Snaadt and Mary Hellige.

Hellige had six 3-pointers and finished with 18 points, while Snaadt got through first-half foul trouble to finish with 16 points.

“It’s a confidence thing,” Johnson said. “MK has a lot of confidence now the way she’s scoring. Teagan’s been shooting the ball well. Mary had that big 3-pointer (in Tuesday’s win over Central Lee), shot the ball well in practice (on Wednesday) and last night, and kept it going tonight. When you’re making shots, that basket gets a lot bigger, and I think you’re seeing that with us. The more confidence they have, the better they play.”

Quinn Veach led Wapello with 11 points.

Now the Crusaders are off to the postseason against a team they just played.

“It’s part of Southeast Iowa basketball,” Johnson said. “At this time of year, you can’t reinvent the wheel anyway. Everybody is what they are. You can make adjustments on things, and clean stuff up. But there aren’t going to be a lot of changes.”

HTC boys run streak to 4 games

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

KALONA — It will be a while before Holy Trinity’s boys basketball team plays again.

But the Crusaders take plenty of momentum into the break.

Holy Trinity extended its winning streak to four games with Saturday’s 54-36 win over Wapello in an SEI Superconference Shootout game at Hillcrest Academy.

Luke Hellige led Holy Trinity with 23 points. Conner Gehling had 15.

The Crusaders, who finished the regular season at 9-12, don’t play again until opening Class 1A district tournament play on February 13.

“To go without a game for a whole week is a little strange,” Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said. “We’ve just got to bring some energy and effort to practice, keep the toughness going.”

Holy Trinity trailed Wapello 26-22 at halftime, then outscored the Indians 28-3 in the first 11 1/2 minutes of the second half to take control of the game.

The run was a contrast to the first half, when the Crusaders were outscored 12-2

over the final 6:55.

“We just talked to the kids at halftime about being tougher,” Hellige said. “We started off nice, and then we went through a little lull there in the second quarter. But in the second half, we were tough.”

Wapello had just two points in the third quarter off a layup from Carson Belzer with 3:20 left. The Indians wouldn’t get another field goal until Casey Short’s jumper with 2:26 left in the game.

“That’s a pretty good run to have,” Hellige said. “Hat’s off to the kids for stepping up, stepping up their level of toughness.”

Jackson Lanz led Wapello with 20 points.

Hellige said the recent run is a lesson for his team on how it can play in the postseason.

“We told the kids in the locker room that, starting with Monday’s practice, everybody is 0-0,” he said. “If we can put together a complete game like we played there in the second half of this one, we can play with anybody.”

“We’ll practice hard. We challenged our (junior varsity) in the locker room after the game to bring their ‘A’ game to practice, to push our varsity as hard as they can, so we can be ready.”

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Sports

Creswell’s 35 points not enough in loss to Washington

BLOODHOUND HOOPS: Fort Madison boys can’t catch up to Washington in Southeast Conference play

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – On a night when Washington had no answer at all for the Hounds’ Hunter Creswell – they didn’t need one.

Cresswell went for 35, scoring on the Washington Six triplets all night long, but it was the Demons who were able to convert from outside to keep the charging Bloodhounds at bay in a 71-64 win in Southeast Conference action.

“We got the post domination that we knew has been there and we saw the capability of it. We got it tonight. We just didn’t knock down shots,” said Head Coach Ryan Wilson.

“Super proud. That was a hell of a game. Wilson was without Dayton Lamar, and Cresswell played all but 15 seconds out of a timeout in the fourth quarter when Fort Madison needed to foul and he was playing with four. Wilson opted for a quicker lineup with players who had fouls to give.

Wilson said the Hounds talked about toughness and growth and maturity before the game. “That’s gotta be our M.O. right now. Those three things. We’re in the home stretch of the season and there are a few things we can fix. But we only had six turnovers and gave up only five offensive rebounds.”

Fort Madison trailed from the jump with the exception of a tie at 9 in the first quarter when Leif Boeding scored on a putback of an Aidan Boyer miss. The teams hung with each other the rest of the first quarter with Washington holding a four-point lead with less than a minute left.

Cresswell would get banged around inside on a bucket and convert the free throw to make it an 18-17 Washington lead at the end of one.

Washington would extend the lead to 10 at 29-19 when Ajay Six hit a 3-ball from the right baseline. Cresswell and Six would exchange buckets and the lead would see-saw the rest of the first half down to a 36-26 Washington lead at the break.

Washington would push the lead to 12 with about



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Bloodhounds’ Nathaniel Swigart works a scoop in the lane in the first half of Friday’s 71-64 loss to Washington.

two minutes left in the third quarter, but Cresswell went nuts with 1:09 left and outscored the Demons 9-3 in the final minute and cut the lead to six. Ethan Patterson would ring up one of his patented threes to make it a nine-point game, but Cresswell again would work a hoop and foul with about a second left in the quarter to make it 55-49 going into the final quarter.

The Bloodhounds would whittle away to start the fourth and would get within one at 57-56 when Cresswell scored again inside with three and four Demons collapsing in the lane.

Washington would put together a short 5-0 run to get some breathing room. A three from freshman

Nolan Guzman cut it back to three, but Fort Madison couldn’t put it back together.

The Hounds were uncharacteristically cool from the perimeter, which took a lot of the sting out of Cresswell’s night inside the paint.

“It just seemed like everything was working. You get into that rhythm, like a shooter. But it was very physical. I definitely got away with some offensive fouls, but they got away with some defensive fouls, too. It was just physical,” Cresswell said.

He said he did get a little selfish when things were going so well.

“I was feeling it, so I just wanted it.” Cresswell had just three points in the previous game when Washington beat the Hounds by 20.

“I think this helps my confidence a lot. Tonight I realized that a extra little move helps me finish and it gives our guards confidence that I can finish it off if they put it up.”

Boeding finished with 15 for the 1-7 (5-11) Bloodhounds. They host Davis County on Monday to start a heavy week with away games at Burlington on Friday and Muscatine on Saturday.

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Board of Supervisors
Agenda
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February 6, 2023
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CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
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Consider Approval of
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Thursday, February 2,
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Claims for Payment
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MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Work Session
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February 8, 2023
6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEM
Council will discuss the
following items during the
Budget Work Session
1. Public Works Depart-

ment
Street, Road Use,
Water, Sewer, Parks &
Recreation Departments
Capital Projects

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AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY,
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5:30 P.M.
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the City of Keokuk met
in regular session on
February 2, 2023 at 501
Main Street. Mayor Pro
Tem Michael Greenwald
called the meeting to
order at 5:30 p.m. There
were seven council mem-
bers present, two absent.

Carissa Crenshaw, Linda
Altheide, Roslyn Garcia,
Shelley Oltmans, Dan Till-
man, Roger Bryant, and
Michael Greenwald were
present. John Helenthal,
Steve Andrews were
absent. Staff in atten-
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MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of upcoming events in Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Mike Hickey, Vice Chair for Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority thanked council for past financial support and requested \$3,500 funding for the 2023/2024 budget year.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Garcia

to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.

(7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 19, 2023;
- Minutes of the City Budget Workshop Special Meeting of January 21, 2023;
- Minutes of the City Budget Workshop Special Meeting of January 28, 2023;
- RESOLUTION NO. 184-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Keokuk Spirits, 1013 Main Street, effective March 1, 2023 – Class E Retail Alcohol License;
- RESOLUTION NO. 185-2023: Approving Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for the fol-

lowing homeowners be approved:

- Jamie & Teresa Gonzalez – 1784 Fairlane – sunroom
- Samuel Plenge – 722 N 9th – detached garage
- James & Mary Dennis – 1007 Grand Ave. – screened deck
- Daniel Hickey – 1426 Grand Ave. – inground pool
- Sady Haner – 953 Milton Dr. – renovation/reconstruction of fire damaged house
- Jack & Diana Huckabee – 3327 Middle Rd. – detached garage
- Mark Curtis – 1115 Johnson St. Rd. – detached garage
- William & Martha Banas – 730 Hazelhurst – attached garage/breeze-way
- Gwendolyn Scott & Kevin Stambaugh – 702 Hazelhurst – Convert attached garage into living space/install egress window in basement/detached garage

Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5321-5323; Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance to amend the code of ordinances of

the City of Keokuk, Chapter 2.88.150 "Civil Service Rules."

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. NAYS – None. Altheide absent during vote. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to waive the 2nd & 3rd reading of an Ordinance to amend the code of ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Chapter 2.88.150 "Civil Service Rules."

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. NAYS – None. Altheide absent during vote. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to adopt and give final approval of

ORDINANCE NO. 2036: Amend the code of Ordinances of the City of Keokuk, Chapter 2.88.150 "Civil Service Rules."

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Tillman, Bryant, Greenwald. NAYS – None. Altheide absent during vote. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Garcia to approve the following

proposed

RESOLUTION NO. 186-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ITC MIDWEST LLC." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: First notification for Angela Gates to the Historic Preservation Commission, fulfilling a 3-year term to expire 9/1/2025.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Garcia updated on Oakland Cemetery Initiative and Bryant reported on Great River Regional Waste Authority.

STAFF REPORTS: O'Donnell reported on visit to SE Iowa Days at the capital and updates in legislature.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Garcia to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Meeting No. 27
February 6, 2023
5:30 p.m.
Thomas J. Smith
Council Chambers
City Hall
400 Washington Street

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL PROCLAMATION:
* Ava Fruehling
Winner of the City of Burlington 7th Grade Essay Contest 2022 - "If I Were Mayor"

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE

CONSENT AGENDA: To the Public:
All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

MOTION: To approve all listed under Item I., Consent Agenda. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER

ADJOURNMENT

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Products in recall listed includes Vienna Sausages

RECALL - Continued from Page 1

ing lot and manufacturing numbers stamped on the impacted products: https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/food_label_pdf/2023-01/recall-labels-003-2023.pdf.

Repeated attempts to reach ConAgra officials locally were unsuccessful and unreturned Friday morning.

However, Dan Hare, Senior Director of Communications for ConAgra Brands, said he couldn't add much to the statement from the FSIS because the two entities work together for clarity of message.

"There's not much to say outside the FSIS announcement. The focus right now is to make sure folks know which cans are affected," he said.

"If people are having challenges figuring that out if their products are affected, they can all our consumer care line as long as they can read the (manufacturing/lot) number on the bottom of it. The consumer care line is 800-289-6014. That's open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST. Or they can reach out via email to Consumer.care@conagra.com."

Hare said he didn't know what number of cans got out because the USDA characterizes these types of recalls in pounds of product. He said it's important for people to realize that the company takes this very seriously.

"It's important that we put into words what this means to us. This is a community where moms and dads and aunts and uncles have been part of ConAgra history. This is a part of their community and we take it very seriously," he said.

"We have very stringent safety standards and we follow them very carefully. Our priority is making sure people are aware of it and taking the right action in their pantries and in stores."

Hare confirmed that the defects were first noticed in the warehouse and staff immediately reported it to FSIS Inspectors.

Buck McKay with USDA's FSIS Congressional Affairs Office in Washington said Friday morning that inspectors are regularly on site in Fort Madison once a day on each shift, but are not on site 24/7.

McKay couldn't comment on whether or not ConAgra had determined what caused the defects in the cans, but said the establishment will conduct that investigation.

"I can't speak on that. ConAgra will do in internal investigation to determine the cause of the spoilage. They had to discard 2.5 million pounds of product, so I'm sure they want to know what happened," he said.

FSIS also has protocols in place to ensure that the amount of spoiled product reported by ConAgra, or any

production company during a recall, is accurate, and all product susceptible to spoilage has been removed as quickly as possible.

He also said information as to how much of the product was in the warehouse and how much had been shipped was unavailable.

"In the event of any recall, we will track down and ensure that for the scope of the recall, what the plant is reporting to us, is the full scope. We put people in stores to monitor that the product is being pulled during any recall," McKay said.

McKay said additional specific information about the recall would have to be obtained via Freedom of Information Act requests.

Consumers with food safety questions can call the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHo-tline (888-674-6854) or live chat via Ask USDA from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Consumers can also browse food safety messages at Ask USDA or send a question via email to MPHotline@usda.gov. For consumers that need to report a problem with a meat, poultry, or egg product, the online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at <https://foodcomplaint.fsis.usda.gov/eCCF/>.

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Sports/Local News

Hounds win 5th straight Southeast Conference crown

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds captured another Southeast Iowa title with a dramatic win over the Burlington Grayhounds Thursday night at the Hound Dome.

Nolan Riddle scored a six-point pinfall over Burlington’s Kohl Lair in :50 at 145 lbs. to shore up a 42-38 win on Senior Night.

Each team took advantage of only one forfeit as 13 of 15 matches took place on the mat.

Fort Madison took the first three matches, two with pins and another by forfeit. Teague Smith (170 lbs.) and Aidan Pennock (152 lbs.) both scored first-period pins to give the Bloodhounds an 18-0 lead at the start.

Salomen Cordero then got Landon Rudd’s shoulders

to the mat at 182. Ike Thatcher continues his stellar junior year with a pin over Moise Cordero halfway through the second period at 195 lbs..

Julian Perez-Hall scored a 5-2 decision at 220 lbs. over Fort Madison’s Daniel Sokolik to make it 24-9. Sokolik was returning to the mat after about six weeks off after tweaking his knee.

Cory Arnett continues to impress in his sophomore season, getting a fall over Caden Huff at 285 for a 30-9 Hounds lead.

Burlington then recorded three straight wins, starting with a forfeit at 106, to get back into the match 30-27.

Lathan Hand got Tatum Schelich quickly to the mat for a pin in 43 seconds at 113 and then Buxton Carlsen pinned the Bloodhounds’ Noah Swigart right before the end of the second period at 120 lbs.

Logan Pennock got Fort Madison back on track with a first-period pin over the Grayhounds’ Blaze Tochter-

man to reset the lead at 36-27 Fort Madison.

Adrian Perez-Hall then scored a 5-point tech fall over Hayden Woolever at 132 lbs. to close the gap to 36-32, before FM’s Calvin Johnson suffered a second period pin to Titus Counterman to give Burlington a 38-36 lead going into the final match at 145 lbs.

The win gives Head Coach Ryan Smith and the Hounds their fifth straight Southeast Conference title.

The Hounds now set up for districts which are next Saturday, Feb. 11 at Bettendorf High School. This year the top three place finishes, as opposed to just two in years past, will qualify for the state tournament.

This year’s tournament at Wells Fargo Arena starts on Feb. 15, which is a Wednesday this year to accommodate the increased number of qualifiers. Class 3A wrestling begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Saturday has consolation finals and championships for all classes beginning at 9 a.m.

Cottrell has sixth fastest time in 100 butterfly

STATE SWIM: FMHS junior swimming for BHS at state meet this week.

BY PCC STAFF

BURLINGTON - Fort Madison’s John Cottrell is the next in a line of Fort Madison swimmers to qualify for the state swim meet.

Cottrell has the sixth fastest preliminary speed in the state in the 100 butterfly. Cottrell will put that time up against the best swimmers in the state next weekend in Iowa City.

Cottrell will also compete in the 100-yard breast stroke, having the 20th best time in the early seedings. Official times and seeding sheets are expected Sunday night.

The Bloodhound also runs track for Fort Madison, and was part of the state qualifying cross-country team earlier this fall.

Cottrell qualified on Saturday at the single-class district qualifier at Davenport Central High School. His time in the 100-yard butterfly was third best at the district meet at 51:25.

The Burlington 200-yard Medley Relay team is also seeded 20th for next week’s meet.

The state meet takes place Friday with preliminaries and finals on Saturday at the University of Iowa’s Campus Recreation and Wellness Center. The top eight swimmers in each event will receive awards on the podium on Saturday.

Iowa DOC to downsize Anamosa to medium security

FORT MADISON: Maximum security offenders to be moved to FM

DES MOINES – Today, the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) announced personnel changes that will occur at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility (FDCF) and the Anamosa State Penitentiary (ASP).

Effective February 17, 2023, current ASP Warden Kris Karberg will be transferring into the warden position at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility. Also effective February 17, 2023, current FDCF Warden Nick Lamb will be transferring into the warden position at the Anamosa State Penitentiary.

Prior to becoming warden at ASP Karberg served the South Dakota Department of Corrections (SD-DOC) for over eight years; where he ultimately served as the Deputy Warden of the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. Prior to joining the SDDOC, Karberg worked for the US State Department as Site Commander of Security at the US Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan. In total, he brings more than 30 years of security operations experience to his new role leading the FDCF team.

Prior to becoming warden at FDCF Lamb served the New Mexico Department of Corrections (NMDOC) as the Deputy Warden of Administration. Prior to joining the NMDOC, Lamb served in many positions throughout his 26-year-career in the Illinois Department of Corrections, where he most recently served as Assistant Warden of Operations at Stateville Correctional Center prior to his retirement from the IL DOC in 2020.

Commenting on the transfer of Warden Karberg and Warden Lamb, Department Director Beth Skinner said the following: “Warden Karberg and Warden Lamb are two incredible leaders within Iowa’s correc-

tional system and we are lucky to have their expertise and dedication to public safety. As two of our newer wardens within our system, transferring them between these two institutions gives them an opportunity to gain additional experience with a new staff and a new facility. I cannot thank either of them enough for their leadership and eagerness to learn and grow as part of our greater corrections team. I have no doubt they each possess the abilities necessary to effectively balance reliable security within our institutions, while also overseeing effective treatment programs for those under our supervision.”

IDOC also announced plans to transition the security designation for ASP from a medium/maximum security facility (SD-5) to a strictly medium security facility (SD-4).

“Now that the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, and in conjunction with Iowa’s prison population declining, IDOC has the bed space and resources needed to safely conduct and implement this transition,” said Skinner. “This decision was made after much consideration and detailed planning, and we feel certain that now is the time to make this transition. By transitioning Anamosa State Penitentiary to a strictly medium security facility, IDOC can focus on providing even further treatment opportunities for the system’s medium custody inmates, building upon two years of reducing Iowa’s recidivism rate.”

The security designation will not change until the transition process is complete. At the end of the transition, ASP’s general inmate population will be composed of inmates classified as medium custody. A majority of inmates designated as maximum security at ASP will be moved to the Iowa State Penitentiary, Iowa’s maximum security prison. Families and inmates have been notified.

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