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The office of Family Dentistry on the city's west side lost a tree during a strong round of thunderstorms that hit the area on Friday afternoon. Tornadoes did extensive damage in the Mediapolis area so Fort Madison was spared heavy damage. The National Weather Service out of the Quad Cities is predicting another high risk for severe weather for Tuesday.

Strong thunderstorms miss area Tuesday

DISASTER AID: Governor issues disaster declaration for Des Moines County

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY – Another strong round of thunderstorms was projected to hit the area Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service out of the Quad Cities.

Forecasters had southeast iowa in a Class 4 Moderate Risk for late Tuesday afternoon including strong winds, tornadoes and possible hail, but little of the projection was realized.

The Class 4 risk factor extended from just east of Des Moines to Dubuque to Keokuk in Iowa. It also covered the southwest portion of Illinois and northeast Missouri.

Eastern Iowa suffered at least nine confirmed tornadoes on Friday as a fast-moving storm hit the area. Fort Madison suffered uprooted trees and blown debris but avoided most of the damaging part of the storm.

On Friday, Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for 12 counties in response to the March 31 severe weather. The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this severe weather in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Grundy, Johnson, Keokuk, Linn, Mahaska, Wapello, and Washington counties.

In addition, the proclamation activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Chamber looking for small business honor nominations

FORT MADISON - Each May during National Small Business Week the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce honors the greater Fort Madison small business community for their efforts and achievements during the previous calendar year. The Small

Business of the Year and the Micro Business of the Year awards are presented, and ALL nominees are acknowledged during the Annual Small Business Breakfast.

Eligible businesses will be based on the following criteria:

Is organized for profit

Has a place of business in Fort Madison

Is independently owned and operated

See CHAMBER, page 8



Shared athletic programs need consideration

In November, Fort Madison Community School District officials notified Holy Trinity Catholic's system that they would be dropping them from the football program.

The move is disappointing to many because it will inevitably make some student athletes and families take a hard look at options when it comes to playing in the fall.

On the surface, the move was geared toward helping the Bloodhounds drop a class to 3A. That was a must. Not necessarily for the program to show greater success, which it will, but for another reason.

I watched Fort Madison go up to Waverly-Shell Rock and I saw firsthand what playing a 4A school does. I quietly said at halftime to some people I was talking to through the fence, that we needed the running clock.

"Someone is going to get hurt." Credit to Derek Doherty's Bloodhounds for getting up play after play after taking hits from Division 1 caliber linebackers. And you can't make the comparison without paying compliment to the Bloodhounds for hanging around with the Go-Hawks for much of the first half.

But this was a dangerous game. Fort Madison has seen tough games in 3A, too. And Doherty will tell you the program needs to see high level competition like that to get better. He's right. But not to the point where student athletes are in jeopardy. This move, despite putting HTC student-athletes in a position of having to choose schools based on where they can play the sports they love, is better for Fort Madison.

But on the heels of the move now

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JAMES M. PRANGER

James M. Pranger, 89, of Burlington, IA and formerly of Fort Madison, IA, passed on to be with our Heavenly Father at 11:15 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. Born December 30, 1933, in Fort



Madison, IA, he was the son of Edward W. & Emma. Tollman Pranger, Sr. Jim graduated from Saint Joseph High School in Fort Madison in 1951 and joined the U.S. Navy in 1952. He served on a LST 1101 ship until 1954 during the Korean War. He worked at many jobs in the Early, Schaller, Sac City & Storm Lane, IA areas. He married Helen Hausman, only to divorce

later. He married Ruth Moore in 1966

and passed away in 2006.

He is survived by: 1-daughter: Colleen Hanson of Northwest, IA; 1-sister: Rose (George) Samples of Burlington, IA; 4-grandchildren; 10-great grandchildren;

several nieces, nephews, cousins and a close friend: Patricia Vanderheiden of Sac City, IA. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-brother, 4-sisters and his wife Ruth of 40+ years.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison, IA with military honors. Online condolences to the Pranger family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

GERALD SAWYER

Gerald Sawyer, 85, of Kahoka died Saturday, April 1, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.



Faye Weller Sawyer.

He was born July 2, 1937 in Kahoka the son of Leslie Roy and Stella

On May 10, 1958 he was united in marriage to Judith Ann Roller. For over sixty-five years they shared a love which saw them through the joys and sorrow of life.

He was a brick layer for BAC Local 15. He enjoyed being outside working, fishing or mowing the yard. If he wasn't busy working you would find him at Steve's Family Dining drinking coffee.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ann Sawyer of Kahoka, two grandchildren, Dylan Mikel Wright (Ayla) of Kahoka and Jade Ann Tate (Jordan) of Kahoka, and three great granddaughters, Aarilynn, Dayla and Whitley with a great grandson on the way. He is also survived by two sisters, Darlean Mohr of Canton and LaNora Davis of Bartlett, TN, sisters-in-law: Betty Sawyer, Nancy Edlen, Gloria Kiger, Jacquilyn Boatman, Kelly Varnold and Tina Roller, two brothers in law: Timothy (Gerry) Roller and Thomas (Sally) Roller and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father-in-law, Noble and Vivian Roller, a daughter, Kari Wright, a son, Kim Sawyer, four sisters: Judy Sawyer Monych, Delores Shannon, Vera (John) McGirl and Virginia Johnson, a brother, Gerry "Dean"

> Sawyer, two half-brothers: Delbert Weller and Bobby Sawyer, two nephews, Joe Kephart and Kevin Redding, a niece Barbara "Bobbi" Edlen Blackburn, brothers and sisters-in-law: David and Jackie Kephart, Tony Roller, Susan and Keith Redding, Glenn Mohr, Jim Boatman, Richard Roller, Kenneth Roller, Rex and Joann Roller, Larry Kiger, Darrell Varnold and Jack Edlen.

Gerald was the true patriarch of his family. He was a wonderful, devoted husband, dad and grandpa who leaves his family a lifetime of wonderful memories.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at the Bible Baptist Church in Kahoka with Pastor Tim Roller officiating. Burial will be in the Kahoka Cemetery.

Visitation will be held before the funeral from 10 – 11 a.m. at the church with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Bible Baptist Church or to his great grandchildren's education fund.

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



Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?

How 5 Lies About Low BACK PAIN May Keep You Hurting, Frustrated & Exhausted...Forever!

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Hi, I'm Dr. Jason James, and if you've got any kind of back, hip or leg pain, your worries may be over in just a few minutes. Why? Because I'm the owner of James Healthcare & Assoc, clinic, and I've discovered what may be the best healing secrets for "bad backs"— EVER!



I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a **100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE** at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:

getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different. reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

it. It's also why we've had such

outrageous success with even the

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

That's why it's important to examine the spine

AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control

worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and ogether they deliver ing way to help "bad backs". This ties in to Myth #5

MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER: Turn over in bed without pain waking you up?

Get up in the morning without being as stiff as a

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Lean forward over the sink without that "stabbing" in your back or leg?

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- ☐ Bent—crooked off to one side and can't stand up straight if your life depended on it
- ☐ Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- igspace Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- ☐ Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to
- ☐ Vice-like...constantly locked down tight! ☐ Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- ☐ Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all
- the time, but it's hard to say where ☐ One-sided...right at that "bone" on one side
- lacksquare Jack hammer...pounding off and on like a heartbeat or
- Aching from 1-5 years
- ☐ Chronic pain for over 5 years

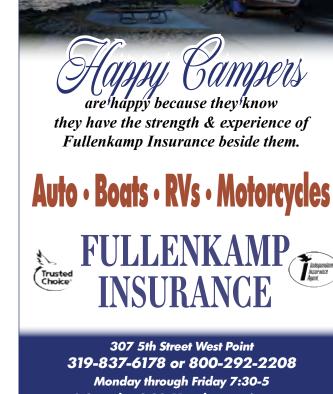
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Obituaries/For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report 03/30/23 - 7:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2300 block of Avenue A.

03/30/23 - 7:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1800 block of 33rd Street.

03/30/23 - 9:34 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Daniel Ronald James, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue G, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/30/23 - 10:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Eric Roger George DeMuynck, 58, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue G, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 3rd.

03/30/23 - 5:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 4100 block of Avenue L.

03/30/23 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jeremiah Johnson Turner, 25, of Fort Madison, in the Fort Madison area, on a charge of driving while barred.

03/31/23 - 12:25 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Darla Jane VanGinkel, 54, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/31/23 - 6:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of

03/31/23 - 10:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kenneth Kyle Pierce, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of Avenue C, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant for pretrial release violation possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/31/23 - 12:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Shannon Paul Bleything, 53, of Argyle, in the 2700 block of Avenue O, on charges of driving while barred and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd.

03/31/23 - 9:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bogdan M. Bielak, 48, of Chicago, in the 800 block of 10th Street, on charges of public intoxication, interference with official acts, and being a fugitive from justice; and a warrant for probation violation - aggravated DUI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/01/23 - 5:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue H.

04/01/23 - 10:36 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Heather Rae Butler, 42, of Butler, in the 3300 block of Avenue N, on a charge of driving barred.

04/01/23 - 4:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue D.

04/02/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Margery Dawn Hawkins, 57, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 61, on charges of driving while barred, possession of drug paraphernalia, and 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/02/23 - 6:06 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5800 block of Avenue O.

04/02/23 - 11:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Natasha Amber Young, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue A, on a charge of child endangerment.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/30/23 - 5:35 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Urban Jettalle Morris, 40, of Burlington, at the sheriff's department, on a charge of willful injury - bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/31/23 - 10:15 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Levi Joseph Edward Value, 39,

of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/31/23 - 10:39 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kenneth Kyle Pierce, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of Avenue C, Fort Madison, on a warrant for pretrial release violation and charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/31/23 - 3:59 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jody Everett Zohfeld, 45, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

04/02/23 - 3:25 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Angel Jaime Garcia, 41, of West Point, in the 3400 block of Hwy. 16. Wever, on charge of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, driving under suspension, and 1st offense trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

04/02/23 - 6:01 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brittany Nichole Saltzman, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/02/23 - 1:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Nuemonei Travon Laster, 26, of Davenport, at the sheriff's office, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/03/23 - 2:14 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Matthew Kristian Smith, 26, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on warrants for failure to appear and violation of a domestic no-contact order. 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.

OBITUARIES

MELVIN LAND

Melvin Land, 95, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, April 2, 2023 at River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA.

He was born August 10, 1927 the son of Thomas and Veda Fickel Land. Melvin graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of

> He was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served from 1946-1948.

Melvin was first united in marriage to Mary Kay. The later divorced. He later was united in marriage to Mary Queisner on

ceded him in death on January 31, 2018. Melvin was a member of the Keokuk Elks Lodge.

March 8, 1989 in Montrose, IA. She pre-

He loved spending time outdoors. He enjoyed golfing, boating and riding his motorcycle. Melvin also enjoyed to travel and was always ready to take off on

an adventure. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and St. Louis Cardinal fan.

He is survived by two sons, Bill Land of Lafayette, LA and Steve Land (Denise) of Keokuk, two step-sons, David Heiser (Connie) of Pulaski, IA and Fred Heiser of Urbandale, IA and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Debbie Land and Janice Van Ginkle, one son, Chuck Land and five siblings, Thomas Land, Charles Land, Edward Land, Robert Land and Dean-

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 6 – 8 p.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Elks Lodge.

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



Lunch Specials April 3 - 7 11am - 1pm

Monday, April 3 Tenderloin, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans

Tuesday, April 4 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

Wednesday, April 5 Sloppy Joes, Cheese Potatoes, Mandarin Fluff

Thursday, April 6 FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, April 7 Tuna & Noodles, Blueberry Fluff



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Sports/Local News

Lady Hounds take 2nd at Bullette Invitational

MEDIAPOLIS - Fort Madison's girls runners finished second in the Bullette Invite Thursday in Mediapolis.

The Hounds were 21 points behind Pekin with 108. The Panthers racked up 139 to take the title.

Central Lee girls finished 8th with 37 points.

Avery Rump led the Lady Hounds with three top-two finishes in the distance events. She took the 1600 and 800 runs. Rump took first in the 1600 with 5:17.75. She also took 1st in the 3000-meter run at 11:09.46. Her 2:36.94 was good enough for second in the 800-meter run.

Aija Jenkins took first in the high jump at 5'-0" and the shuttle hurdle relay team also took first place.

Central Lee's Kamryn Cox took second in the 400-hurdles in 1:19.01. Fort Madison's 4x100, 4x200 or 4x400 and distance medley relay teams all took 2nd place. Central Lee's shuttle hurdle team

took 2nd.

Chloe Sokolik took third in the 100-hurdles with a 18.77 for the Lady Hounds and Karlie Pohren took 3rd in the 200-meters for the Lady Hawks at 28.73.

Complete results (top 5 positions in parenthesis)

100-meter dash

FM: Emily Steffensmeier 14.73, Maleena Bentley 15.75, Laci Gathers 18.51.

Central Lee: Kylie Fortune 15.20, Sydnie Larson 15.84.

200-meter dash

FM: Rylee Steffensmeier 30.67, Jordyn Burch 30.71, Gathers 40.10

Central Lee: Karlie Pohren 28.73 (3rd), MaKayla Howard 29.71.

400-meter dash

FM: Emma Berry 1:19.47

Central Lee: Saphire Cummings 1:28.07, Lillyan Azbill 1:30.90.

800-meter run

FM: Avery Rump 2:36.94 (2nd), Addison Rump 2:44.32 (4th), Ellie Huebner 2:53.60.

Central Lee: no entries

1600-meter run

FM: Avery Rump 5:17.75 (1st), Paetyn Wiegand 6:03.42, Emma Berry 6:59.29.

Central Lee: Audrey Hand 7:01.96.

3000-meter run

FM: Avery Rump 11:09.46 (1st) Central Lee: Hand 14:52.75

100-hurdles

FM: Chloe Sokolik 18.77 (3rd), Caralena Crooks 20.89, Maleena Bentley

Central Lee: Allison Kerr 19.83, Abby Simmons 21.41.

400 hurdles

FM: Alexa Walz 1:22.12.

Central Lee: Kamryn Cox 1:19.01

4x100 relay

FM: 55:33 Central Lee: 59.99

4x200 relay

FM - 1:57.78 (2nd)

Central Lee: 2:37.65

4x400 relay

FM: 4:31.11 (2nd), 4:47.71

Central Lee 4:43.48 (4th)

4x800 relay

FM: 11:02.56 (2nd)

Central Lee: no entry

800 Sprint Medley

FM: 2:00.70

Central Lee: 2:15.50

Distance Medley

FM: 4:46.41 (2nd)

Central Lee: 4:59.76 (3rd)

Shuttle Hurdle relay

FM: 1:17.94 (1st)

Central Lee 1:22.04 (2nd)

High Jump

FM: Aija Jenkins: 5'-0" (1st)

Central Lee: no entry

Long Jump

FM: no entry

Central Lee: Kodi Moeller 13'10.5"

Shot Put

FM: Brylie Lorence 30'-5.75".

Central Lee: Aubrey Weber 22'-10.5"

Discus Theater

FM: Lorence 69'-3"

Central Lee: Larson 77'-4", Kayleigh

Larkin 51'-1"

FM boys move to 2-0 with win over Nikes

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison's offense had plenty of scoring opportunities in Monday's 5-1 win over Notre Dame-West Burlington at the Baxter Sports

Complex. It just took the Bloodhounds until the second half to finish those chances.

Fort Madison (2-0) erupted for four goals in the second half, using a wind advantage to become more comfortable on offense.

The Bloodhounds opened the season last week with a 2-1 win over Williamsburg, playing two overtimes before needing penalty kicks to secure the victory.

This, coach Kevin Wellman thought, was a better

"We played a similar game to last week," Wellman said. "But the finishing was better. I thought in the middle third of the field, we were about the same. We were a little better in the attacking third of the field this game. A lot of one-touch passes that set up some goals."

Xander Wellman scored three goals, while Leif Boeding had two.

"We do have a couple of guys who are goal scorers," Kevin Wellman said. "But, and I know this is a cliche, this was a team effort. We have really strong, consistent players at every position. As a soccer coach, I thought it looked good everywhere. We have to build on that."

The Nikes (0-2) won the coin toss and chose the

defend the north goal in the first half.

"At that point, there was a cross wind, and I didn't think it helped either team," Wellman said. "The second half, the wind shifted and it was at our back."

It took until the 34th minute for the Bloodhounds to score, when Xander Wellman's shot hit the left post and caromed into the goal.

Fort Madison then was consistently attacking in the second half. Wellman scored with 32:56 to play for a 2-0 lead, then Boeding scored off a header seven minutes later. Wellman delivered his third goal with 18:27 play, then Boeding added his second goal off a breakaway with 13:17 to go.

"I've always said it's easier to score with the wind in your face, because when you send the ball through, it comes back to the forward's feet," Kevin Wellman said. "If you have the wind at your back, the ball sometimes gets away from you. But it's also a heck of a lot easier to defend, so you can relax a little bit. And I think that's when we started having some better combinations at midfield, because we were relaxed, not worried about things as much."

The Nikes got their lone goal with 4:39 to play, when Alexander AbouAssaly scored on a penalty kick.

Conner Gehling and Oliver Santiago shared keeping duties. Santiago had two saves and Gehling had one.

The junior varsity downed the Nikes 2-1.

The Bloodhounds open defense of their Southeast Conference title with Thursday's home match against Fairfield.

FMPD to join in national texting enforcement

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FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Police Department is teaming up with the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the national U Drive. U Text. U Pay. High-visibility enforcement effort. From April 3-10, 2023, law enforcement officers will work together to enforce texting and distracted-driving laws.

Distracted driving is the leading cause of vehicle crashes on our nation's roads, and most of this distraction is attributed to texting while driving. Beginning April 3, drivers will see increased law enforcement efforts, as officers will be stopping and ticketing anyone who is caught texting and driving.

The Fort Madison Police Department and the NHTSA urge drivers to put their phones away when behind the wheel. IF you need to text, pull over and do not drive while doing so. If you are the driver, follow these steps for a safe driving experience:

*If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.

*Ask your passenger to be your 'designated texter'. Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.

*Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.

*Cell phone use is habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Activate your phone's 'Do Not Disturb' feature, or put your phone in the trunk, glove box or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY. APRIL 5. 2023 - 6:00 PM **WEST BURLINGTON CITY HALL 122 BROADWAY STREET**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLE-**GIANCE ROLL CALL** PERFECTING & AP-PROVAL OF AGENDA **CONSENT AGENDA** All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

- 1. Approve minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on March 15, 2023
- 2. Approve minutes from the Special City Council meeting on March
- 3. Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project - Phase II
- 4. Payment to J&M Display for 4th of July Fireworks - \$9,400
- 5. Payment to Jetco for repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant -\$6,993.75
- 6. Payment to Collision Center for repairs to 2019 Dodge Charger - \$5,837.71 (note: insurance covering \$3,837.74)
- 7. Payment to Winger for running fiber to the Water Tower to connect
- control panel \$5,820 8. Approve Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for Feb 2023
- 9. Approve payment of Claims as listed on April 5, 2023, Expense Approval Report - \$175,182.13
- **COUNCIL & STAFF** REPORTS
 - ADMINISTRATOR:
 - PUBLIC WORKS:
- POLICE DEPART-MENT:
- FIRE/BUILDING DE-PARTMENT:

- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
- OTHER STAFF RE-PORTS:
 - COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY RE-PORTS:

CITIZEN INQUIRIES **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider the City's Proposed **Budget for Fiscal Year**

NEW BUSINESS

2023-2024

- 1. Approve a Resolution adopting the City's **Budget for Fiscal Year** 2023-2024
- 2. Consider a Resolution setting a Public Hearing on the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Setting Public Hearing
- 3. Consider a Resolution authorizing a transfer of \$410,200 from ARPA Fund to the Water Fund for Water Storage Eleva-
- 4. Consider a Resolution authorizing the purchase of real property and accepting a donation of real property along S. Gear Ave.
- 5. Consider entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Impact 7G to perform Wastewater & Sediment Sampling & Analysis
- 6. Consider a request from Taylor Bowling to keep up to 10 chickens at 410 Ramsey Street
- 7. Consider a quote from Denco Highway Construction Corp to

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crack filling services on various streets

- 8. Consider a Resolution approving event funding for the 4th of July Celebration
- 9. Consider a Resolution adopting an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management

Plan **OLD BUSINESS** CITIZEN INQUIRIES **ADJOURN**

PUBLIC NOTICE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DONNELLSON CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, **MARCH 13TH, 2023** 7:30PM **CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Marshall, Newton, Estrada & Weber present.

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cityofwestpointiowa@gmail.com No phone calls, please



Motion by Weber, second by Marshall to approve the agenda: all ayes.

Citizen comments Best You Coalition passed out recent news and activities in the area. Tony Keefe asked council to consider putting a stop sign at Orchard and University, due to motorist driving carelessly while children are out playing.

Motion by Moeller, second by Newton to approve the minutes of the February '23 meetings: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Marshall to approve the February '23 financial reports: all aves. Motion by Newton,



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second by Estrada to approve the February '23 disbursements and March '23 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Weber to approve Building Permit @ 814 Fruit St for deck, all ayes.

City clerk was advised to reach out to bond council regarding the option of TIF for funding of improvements in town.

Property owner from 202 Lynn St & 203 N Oak addressed the council regarding their sewer line that had broke. They asked that the city pay half of the bill to Randy's Plumbing & Wiley's and entire bill for the dump truck. Motion by Moeller, second by Marshall stating the City of Donnellson would not be paying any part of those bills as the broken line was the responsibility of the homeowner: all ayes.

Motion by Estrada, second by Newton opening public hearing on proposed drawings, specifications, form of contract and estimated cost for Westview Park Trail – Phase 1: all ayes. No written or oral comments. Motion by Marshall, second by Weber to close public hearing: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Weber to allow Cole Constructions bid to be considered due to missing the resident bidder preference form: all ayes. Bids for Westview Park Trail were opened and read aloud, bids were as follows:

Blue Top Construction - \$111,700.32

Meller Excavating &
Asphalt, Inc \$125,768.32
Cole Construction Company, Inc \$125,843.82
DeLong Construction
\$137,818.50

Leffler Dirtworks LLC \$143,407.50

Motion by Estrada, second by Newton to accept bid from Blue Top Construction in the amount of \$111,700.32 for Westview Park Trail: all ayes.

Public Hearing to approve FY24 Budget – no written or oral comments.

Motion by Moeller, second by Marshall to approve Resolution 2023-06 A Resolution approving FY2024 Budget: RCV all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Moeller to approve Resolution No 2023- A Resolution approving the transfer of funds for FY2024: RCV all ayes.

Public Hearing to amend current budget FY23 – no written or oral comments.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve Resolution No 2023- A Resolution amending current budget FY 2023: RCV all ayes.

Opened bids for sealcoating of streets, one bid was received from LL Pelling Single Sealcoat 2.70 sy, Base Repair 3.25 sy, Hourly Rate 165.00.

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall awarding contract for sealcoating of streets to LL Pelling, all ayes.

Set public hearing to amend Ordinance

106.08 Collection Fees to increase garbage rate by \$2 for April 10th 2023 7:30pm at Donnellson City Office Building.

Motion by Marshall, second by Moeller to increase deductibles on city insurance policies and insure property at 90%: all ayes.

City has scheduled flushing of mains for April 17th thru the 28th 2023.

Spring cleanup for residential customers only has been set for May 3rd 2023, list of acceptable items can be found on our website donnellsoniowa.
org or at City Hall.

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve closing of Main Street on July 4th from 7:00am thru 10:00am for the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk: all ayes.

Police Report – There were 53 calls for service, 33 traffic stops & 6 citation. 37 building checks were done during the day & night time hours.

There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Newton, second by Weber, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General \$66.294.77 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$10,119.15 Employee Benefit \$327.54 Local Option Sales Tax \$10,635.59 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$21,476.19 Water Sinking USDA \$0 Sewer \$27,221.32 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$32,328.17 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$2,829.66 Employee Benefit \$1,460.29 Local Option Sales Tax \$100 Debit Service \$0 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$14,441.99 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$8,768.48 Sewer Sinking

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KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2023
501 MAIN STREET
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the

City of Keokuk met in regular session on March 2, 2023 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were six council members present, three absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Shelley Oltmans, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia, Linda Altheide, and John Helenthal were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, and Bridge, Park, Cemetery, Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, and Keokuk Public Library Director Monica Winkler.

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MAYOR'S CORRE-SPONDENCE: Updated on events in and around Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST:
Debra Letcher, Chair
of Juneteenth, updated
on events planned for
Juneteenth celebration
in Keokuk and requested
proclamation. Mark Long,
Director of EMS in Lee
County spoke regarding
upcoming election and
how it could impact services. Bill Smith updated
on Road of Honor project.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to amend the regular agenda by removing Item #9. Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the amended agenda including the consent agenda. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting
 Council Workshop of
 February 16, 2023;
- Minutes of the Civil Service Commission meeting of February 6, 2023;
- Certified list for the Police Department promotional examination conducted on February 6, 2023 of detective;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of February 23, 2023;
- RESOLUTION NO. 195-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Hampton Inn Keokuk, 3201 Main

Street, effective March 3, 2023 – Class B Retail Alcohol License;

- RESOLUTION NO. 196-2023: Approving a Liquor License for L. Treyns, 1108 Main Street, effective March 15, 2023 – Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service;
- RESOLUTION NO. 197-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Site Food Mart, 1301 Main Street, effective March 21, 2023 – Class E Retail Alcohol License;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5326-5327;

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

proposed RESOLUTION NO. 198-2023: "A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH BOLAND RECREATON OF MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA TO REMOVE EXISTING TURF AND INSTALL NEW PIP TOPCOAT AT RAND PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT AREA." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried

Motion made by
Greenwald, second by
Crenshaw to approve the
following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 199-2023:
"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT
WITH LCL FARMS, INC.
FOR LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS
FROM WASTEWATER

TREATMENT PLANT." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Bryant to approve Juneteenth parade for KARE on Friday, June 23, 2023 starting at 3rd and Main Street to 11th and Main Street. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMIS-SIONS: Final notification for Angela Gates to the Historic Preservation Commission fulfilling a 3-year term to expire 9/1/2025. Resignation of LeeAnn Schaffer Smith from the Civil Service Commission. Motion to approve by Greenwald, second by Tillman. (6)

AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried

COUNCIL LIAISON RE-PORTS: Bryant updated on Great River Regional Waste Authority and Safety meeting.

STAFF REPORTS: Wills informed pretreatment drafts sent to industries; Broomhall updated on Community Development; Carroll reported on Public Works departments; O'Donnell gave update on legislature and budget items.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Andrews to adjourn meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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From the Front

Storm disaster relief available Much is riding on decisions

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with the Disaster Case Management Program, for those counties. The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services website at https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Management Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referral to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Management Program, contact your local community action association or visit www.iowacommunityaction.org.

Chamber breakfast set for May 11th at pavilion

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The Small Business Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 11th at The Riverview Park Pavilion; doors open at 7:00am to browse the expo displays and a buffet breakfast will be available starting at 7:30am (\$15 per person for Fort Madison Area Chamber member employees, \$20 per person for non-members). Please contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471 by May 5th to reserve your tickets to the event.

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Much is riding on decisions around shared programs

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comes speculation that the future of the shared sports programs between HTC and Fort Madison are under heavy consideration with a decision on the future expected in April.

The state requires all shared program agreements be submitted by April 30. There are close to 10 sports programs that are shared right now including boys and girls tennis, boys and girls track, girls cross country, boys and girls wrestling, baseball, and a few others.

As a community we want to see the best programs put on courts, fields, pitches, floors, and what have you.

We want to see success and we want all of our student-athletes in the community - HTC, Fort Madison, and Central Lee, to have an opportunity to excel. We want to see a counter to the talent laden areas like the growing metro areas of the I-80 corridor.

Fort Madison and Holy Trinity have a history of sharing athletic programs and it should be noted, academic programs as well. The energy behind the shared programs was to allow as many students as possible to compete in as many sports as possible.

Now we're at a point where Fort Madison is starting to think about the equity of the programs. The Fort Madison Community School District board of directors has always approved the shared agreements as presented by the FMSCD Activities Director.

Recently, the approvals have been met with concerns about the overall benefits of the shared programs and whether the value of sharing the programs has equity.

Equity's tough to extrapolate in this circumstance and those with this decision in their hands should weigh factors carefully.

We're talking about equity and fairness against playing time and program success. Those in charge of making the decision should weigh everything very carefully. Very carefully. These are students in the

mix here. And almost all of these students live within the Fort Madison district, so really, they are all our kids.

Holy Trinity's board of directors approved a \$10,000 annual payment to Fort Madison schools to help offset some of what had to be considered inequities in the activity department.

But what does the \$10,000 represent and how did HTC arrive at that total?

Was it discussed with Fort Madison officials to see if \$10,000 would make the agreements more equitable in the eyes of the board of directors at FMCSD?

The move certainly shows that Holy Trinity is serious about doing what it can to keep the programs intact.

The thing to remember is that there are kids involved in many, many athletic programs. Pulling the agreements could lead to many families pulling their students from HTC and putting them in Fort Madison so they can participate in their programs.

The emotion on this one is raw and we all need to react with measured, thoughtful response. There are points to be made on both sides. Fort Madison does deserve enhanced equity in the program. But HTC students deserve the chance to get on the field.

Let's make sure we're looking at all sides of this agreement because so much is riding on it.

Speaking of riding, this weekend was our annual trek to the Lake of the Ozarks for about 5 rounds of golf with some friends.

They were all joking all weekend that their names would end up the paper. That would be the case if they had offered something substantial to my golf game. But they didn't. They did offer \$5 each after my partner and I beat them all in 2-man best ball Saturday evening, but that's Beside the Point.

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