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## FMHS, HTC talking again

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After Monday’s 4-3 vote to allow all current shared athletic agreements to expire with Holy Trinity Catholic and Central Lee school systems, fresh conversations between the schools have apparently begun.

According to a statement issued by Fort Madison Community School District Board president Josh Wykert and Holy Trinity Catholic Board President Ryan Kruse, the two systems have initiated talks to reach a new agreement.

Here is the statement issued Thursday night in its entirety:

“Following Monday night’s FMCS’s Board vote to allow

shared athletic agreements to expire, FMCS’s board leadership reached out to HTC board leadership to start a conversation to discuss a new joint sharing agreement. Discussions are ongoing and both schools are working together to reach a mutually beneficial agreement.”

Wykert also said talks are under way with Central Lee regarding the shared wrestling program.

The future of the shared swimming program with Burlington is still in question after a statement issued April 11th said the Fort Madison board had decided to let all shared athletic programs expire at the end of the athletic calendar for this year.

All shared agreements have to be submitted to the state by April 30 according to FMCS’s officials.

## Man charged with hitting ref faces additional assault charges

**LEE COUNTY JAIL:** Morris allegedly assaulted another inmate in March while still in custody

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – An area man charged with punching an official at a youth basketball tournament last year is facing additional charges.

Urban J. Morris, 40, of Burlington, was charged with assault causing serious injury or mental illness after attacking another offender at the Lee County Jail on March 29.

Lee County Jail Administrator John Canida said Morris allegedly punched an inmate who was sitting at a visitation kiosk multiple times and then kned him in the head



MORRIS

before being restrained by jail staff.

Deputies originally charged Morris with a felony assault after the incident, but the charge has been reduced to a simple misdemeanor.

An arraignment on the charges, which are considered a serious misdemeanor, has been set for April 25 with a \$5,000 cash bond in place.

Just over a year ago in April of 2022, Morris turned himself into Lee County authorities after punching referee Patrick Weber during a break at a youth basketball tournament in Keokuk.

Morris was jailed and posted a \$5,000 bond.

Morris was accused in April of assaulting Patrick Weber, a certified official with the Iowa High School Athletic Association, after Weber ejected him for sustained verbal abuse

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

## Beached barge?

A wayward barge got caught up on the shoreline of the Mississippi River in Riverview Park Thursday afternoon. The barge apparently was pushed to the northern shoreline under stiff winds following afternoon thunderstorms.

## Volunteers picking up pace at Old Fort

**WORK DAYS:** More work days set for Friday and Saturday to prep relic for season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Work to get the Old Fort reopened by Memorial Day is ongoing, but Old Fort Director Dr. Eugene Watkins said more work, and more volunteers are needed.

Watkins gave the Fort Madison City Council an update on the status of improvements and work being done at Tuesday’s meeting. He said more work dates are being planned.

“The big thing going on is preparation for the season. We



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SUN 23 Apr.....Sunny and cool, 52° F/ 32° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

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## FM PUBLIC LIBRARY

# May is mental health month at the library, too

BY SARAH CLENDINENG  
FM PUBLIC LIBRARY

FORT MADISON - Mental Health Month is observed every May in the United States to raise awareness about mental health issues, reduce stigma, and encourage people to take care of their mental health. This month-long campaign aims to promote mental wellness and provide education and resources to those who may be struggling with mental health problems.

The history of Mental Health Month dates back to 1949 when Mental Health America (MHA) launched an awareness campaign called Mental Health Week. The goal was to educate the public about mental health and to reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness. Later, Mental Health Week was expanded to Mental Health Month, and it has been observed annually ever since.

One important goal of Mental Health Month is to provide resources and support for individuals who may be struggling with mental health issues. There are a large number of resources in our community, state and across the nation to support people living with mental illness and their friends and family.

The 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline offers support through a phone call, text or chat. Contacting 988 will connect you to trained counselors who will listen, understand how your problems are affecting you and connect you to resources, if necessary. Calls are confidential and the service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in both English and Spanish. The Lifeline is a resource anytime you feel like you are in crisis, however you may define that.

The Central Iowa Crisis Line, also known as the Iowa Warm Line is a peer run, telephone-based, non-crisis, confidential listening line for anyone struggling with



mental health or substance abuse issues. You can call 1-844-775-WARM (9276) 24/7 to speak with someone who will listen to what you're going through without judgement and may be able to provide referrals to specialty resources or suggestions for pursuing further health and well-being.

Mental Health Month also provides an opportunity for individuals to take care of their own mental health. This includes practicing self-care, seeking support when needed, and taking steps to maintain mental wellness. Self-care activities such as exercise, meditation, and spending time with loved ones can help individuals reduce stress and improve their mental health. Seeking support from a mental health professional can also be an important step in maintaining mental wellness.

It is also important to recognize the impact that mental health issues can have on individuals and their loved ones. Mental illness can be a challenging and isolating experience. Show empathy and support to those who may be struggling. This can include reaching out to friends or family members who may be struggling with mental health issues, or participating in community events and programs that support mental health. 988 and the Iowa Warm Line also provide support to friends and family of people struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues.

Mental health is a vital component of overall health and wellness, and taking care of our mental health is just as important as taking care of our physical health. By prioritizing mental health, we can create a more healthy, supportive, and resilient society.

### Community Calendar

We have begun adding community events to the online library calendar at <https://FortMadisonEvents.org>. Events are added to the calendar as they are submitted by community organizations using the form found here <https://tinyurl.com/547jam3h>. Does your group have an upcoming community event? Let us know

by submitting it through the form. Most community events open to the public are eligible for inclusion in the community calendar.

Books to Help You on Your Journey to Mental Resiliency

Real Self-Care: A Transformative Program for Redefining Wellness by Pooja Lakshmin

Helping Others with Depression: Words to Say, things to Do by Susan J. Noona (616.8 NO)

How Not to Kill Yourself: A Portrait of the Suicidal Mind by Clancy W. Martin (362.28 MAR)

Traumatized: Identify, Understand, and Cope with PTSD and Emotional Stress by Kati Morton (616.85 MOR)

Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior: Navigating the Transition from Combat to Home – Including Combat Stress, PTSD and mTBI (616.85 HOG)

The Intrusive Thoughts Toolkit: Quick Relief for Obsessive, Unwanted or Disturbing Thoughts by Jon Hershfield (616.8522 HER)

You Will Get Through This Night by Daniel Howell (158 HOW)

Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult times by Katherine May (155.93 MAY)

Are u ok: A Guide to Caring for Your Mental Health by Kati Morton (362.2 MOR)

A Common Struggle: A Personal Journey Through the Past and Future of Mental Illness and Addiction by Patrick J. Kennedy (616.89 KEN)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library. The library will be closed on May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour –Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Hang Teen – Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 for ages 12-19, except for May 23.

Minecraft –3:30-5:00, all ages on Mondays.

Once Upon a Wednesday –Join us from 1:30-2:30 for a variety of adventures. May 3 will be a movie day. May 10 and 17 will be craft days. May 24 will be a food craft, make your own snack.

Thursday Crafternoon –Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14-adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, May 4, we will be discussing "The Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson. June's book will be "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

Cook the Book –May 9, at 6:00 pm, we will be sharing recipes selected from "Savory Baking" by Erin Jeanne McDowell. June's cookbook will be "Watermelon and Red Birds" by Nicole A. Taylor.

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## Sports

# Snaadt, Wolfe score twice as Hounds roll in sunshine

**FAIR WEATHER WIN:** Hounds come alive in second half as clouds part to knock off Mt. Pleasant in SEC match

**BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP**  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison girls soccer coach Carrie Burken called the difference in halves “night and day” in Thursday’s 5-2 win over Mount Pleasant.

“Cloudy and sunny” might have been a better description.

The Bloodhounds (4-2 overall, 4-1 Southeast



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Lady Hounds Halle Menke brings the ball through the midfield in the first half of Thursday night’s 5-2 win over Mt. Pleasant at Baxter Sports Complex.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison sophomore Teagan Snaadt fires in a shot after chasing down her first shot that caromed off the east goal post in the first half Thursday night in the Hounds’ win.

Conference) trailed at halftime before a second-half eruption of four goals helped them shake off Monday’s 1-0 overtime loss to Burlington.

Burken smiled as she jokingly credited the change in weather — there was sun in the second half and a reduction in the wind — as the difference in the match.

“The sun came out and we found our energy,” Burken said. “And we started playing so much better. I don’t know if it was just seeing the sun and that woke them up.

“Whatever happened, it worked.”

Monday’s loss was a setback for the Bloodhounds in the conference race, and one more loss within the league could be devastating to the chances of repeating last year’s run to a share of the title. That thought, Burken said, probably spurred on her team.

“I think everyone was just kind of out of it in the first half,” Burken said. “And I think in the second half we realized this is a must-win game if we want to win the conference.”

Fort Madison trailed 2-1 at halftime, getting very little offense while letting the Panthers (4-3, 2-3) control the pace of the match.

The Bloodhounds, though, took control in the

second half. Teagan Snaadt, who had Fort Madison’s lone first-half goal, scored to tie the match. Hadley Wolfe then added back-to-back goals to put the Bloodhounds in command, then Paetyn Wiegand scored late for the final margin.

“I think we were giving more clear directions out there — play the ball in the middle on offense, and just keep doing that — and we started communicating better,” Burken said. “Communication, to me, starts everything, and I think we started doing that.

“Like I said, night and day.”

Burken was happy with how her team responded after Monday’s defeat.

“It was a rough loss,” she said. “So it was really important for us to get the win today, to show us that we are a quality team. I thought our first half tonight was probably as bad as we played the entire season. So it would have been really disappointing to lose, because we didn’t play up to our potential. So I think coming back and winning against Mount Pleasant, a good team, was important.”

The Bloodhounds have back-to-back home matches next week, facing Fairfield on Monday and Central Lee on Tuesday.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler,

seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to table approval of Setback Agreements and an amendment to a Joint Development Agreement with Alliant Energy for a Solar Energy Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-44. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2023-44**

Resolution of the Lee

County Board of Supervisors Establishing a Right-To-Use Lease Asset Policy as required by GASB 87

WHEREAS, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") has adopted Statement 87 ("GASB 87"), requiring a lessee to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and

WHEREAS, The Lee County Board of Supervisors is required to implement GASB 87 requirements, and to apply such requirements to leases in existence on June 30, 2021; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the

Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the following policy:

For counties reporting on the accrual basis of accounting, the cumulative effect, if any, may require a restatement of beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position (as applicable). This means leases in existence on June 30, 2021 will need to be reported as the beginning balance (July 1, 2021) for leases of FY2022.

A right-to-use lease asset is an intangible capital asset. The asset represents the right to use an underlying asset identified in a lease contract, as specified

for a period of time. The County will recognize the intangible right-to-use lease asset when:

(a) The contract conveys control of the right to use another entity's nonfinancial asset (the underlying asset) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. (GASB 87, paragraph 4)

(b) The minimum non-cancelable contract term is greater than twelve months.

(c) The contract does not transfer ownership of the underlying asset.

(d) The underlying asset is used to conduct county business. (This

will not apply to custodial funds.)

The following leases are not GASB 87 leases and are excluded from this policy:

(GASB 87, paragraph 8)

(a) Leases of intangible assets, including rights to explore for or to exploit natural resources such as oil, gas, and minerals and similar non regenerative resources; licensing contracts for items such as motion picture films, video recordings, plays, manuscripts, patents and copyrights; and licensing contracts for computer software.

(b) Leases of biological assets, including timber,

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(c) Leases of inventory.

(d) Contracts that meet the definition of a service concession arrangements (as specified in GASB 60, paragraph 4).

(e) Leases of assets financed with outstanding conduit debt, unless both the underlying asset and the conduit debt are reported by the lessor.

(f) Supply contracts, such as power purchase agreements.

Threshold for Capitalization of Right-To-Use Lease Assets

The establishment of a right-to-use lease asset capitalization threshold policy has been recommended. The policy should be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The threshold is to be consistently applied by all departments and offices of the County for financial reporting purposes and should overall capture most right-to-use lease contracts. All right-to-use lease assets at or above \$5,000 must be reported.

As a general rule, the threshold should be applied to individual lease contracts.

Right-to-use lease asset classifications:

The lessee is required to disclose the amount of lease assets (and the related amortization) by major classes of underlying assets, separately from other capital assets. (GASB 87, paragraph 37)

At a minimum, the following major classes of underlying lease assets will be disclosed by the County.

- Right-to-use leased land.
- Right-to-use leased buildings.
- Right-to-use leased equipment.
- Right-to-use leased improvements other than buildings.

Measurement and amortization:

Measurement: A lessee should initially measure the lease asset as the

sum of the following: (GASB 87, paragraph 30)

(a) The amount of the initial measurement of the lease right-to-use asset.

(A lessee should measure the lease liability and right-to-use asset at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. (GASB 87, paragraph 21) (For the year of implementation, the lease liability and right-to-use asset should be measured as of July 1, 2021.)

(b) Lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives received from the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term

(c) Initial direct costs that are ancillary charges necessary to place the lease asset into service.

Amortization: A lease asset should be amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset (except if the lessee is reasonably certain a purchase option will be exercised). The amortization of the lease asset should be reported as amortization expense. (GASB 87, paragraph 31).

At a minimum, amortization should be calculated on a monthly basis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lee County will follow the requirements of GASB 87.

The above Resolution is adopted this 27st day of February, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Letter of Support for a RAISE Grant for the City of Fort Madison for

its Business 61 Reconstruction Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to allow the posting of an Administrative Assistant/Billing Specialist to be split between the Health Department and EMS. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Izaak Walton, for the period March 1, 2023 through March 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-45. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye.

### Resolution #2023-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOWING SUPPORT FOR SENATE FILES 100 THROUGH 104

WHEREAS, presently there are three companies planning to build CO2 capture pipelines in the State of Iowa;

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors have heard concerns from constituents regarding these pipelines;

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will give protection to landowners and will address the constitutional problem of granting eminent domain for private companies for private profit;

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation will require the companies to gain permission of landowners for 90% of the route to enable eminent domain for the remainder;

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would remove the companies' ability to conduct land surveys without landowner permission;

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would also require the com-

panies to provide a list of investors and their projected contributions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

the Lee County Board of Supervisors support the proposed changes to the Iowa Code that are found in Senate Files 100 through 104.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to appoint Brent Koller, Scott Edwards, Kirk Nafziger, Mark Klesner, Roslyn Garcia, Tom Schulz, Cindy Renstrom and Denise Fraise to a Study Committee to study the cost of the County's buildings. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Board Minutes.

Moved by Pflug,

seconded by Schulz, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on the Assessor/Emergency Management Budget Hearing. Holmes reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting.

Schulz reported on the Fort Madison City Council meeting. Seyb reported on a meeting with Farm Bureau.

At 10:40 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman  
Attest: Denise Fraise,  
Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid  
February 27, 2023**

AAT Holdings, rent .....210.00

Access Enrgy, svcs .....497.28  
Access Systms, svcs .....53.50  
Agriland FS, Fuels .....419.23  
Airgas USA, splys...69.99  
AirMedCare, ins.....60.00  
Alliant Energy, svcs .....2488.22  
AssuredPartners, costs .....3564.00  
AutoZone, splys.....84.97  
Axon Enterprise, equip .....1455.00  
Blessing Health, svcs .....692.00  
Bound Tree, svcs..1472.78  
Cntrl IA Juv Dtnn, svcs .....2363.43  
CenturyLink, svcs .....90.95  
Commerce Bank 1PASSWORD, svcs .....19.95  
4IMPRINT, splys...475.81  
Access Syst, svcs...111.83  
Adobe, sftwr.....815.27  
Aldi's, food .....17.70  
Amazon, splys...6,357.92  
American Heart Shop, mtrls.....310.89  
APCO, mbrshp .....100.00  
Availty, billing .....35.00

BP, fuel .....42.50  
Burlington Trailways, trnspt.....70.50  
Casey's, fuel .....218.45  
Centurylink, svcs .....2,561.63  
[Chewy.com](http://Chewy.com), splus...90.91  
Claim MD, sftwr ....200.00  
Cleanitsupply, splys .....100.14  
Court Ave Brewing, meal .....108.45  
DCUyour check, mtrls .....204.07  
DM Stamp, splys ....31.22  
Dollar General, splys .....156.35  
Dropbox, svcs.....128.27  
Dunkin Garage, svcs .....234.45  
ES&S, svcs.....406.18  
Experts Exchange, svcs .....9.99  
Forestry Supplies, splys .....842.63  
Galls, unif.....1,285.27  
Goodyear, tires .....333.24  
Govconnectia, tax .....136.30  
Hancock Journal, publ .....1,424.88  
Hartrick's, splys .....9.99  
Heartland custom, svcs

.....435.91  
Hilton, Idging.....988.50  
Hulu, svcs.....16.04  
Horse & Hound, splys .....869.85  
Huffman Welding, svcs .....43.99  
Huffman's, splys .....1,350.64  
HyVee, splys.....128.84  
IA Dept of Ag, cert...30.00  
IA Sec of State, notary .....60.00  
Kohlmorgan, svcs...595.15  
Int Svs Fee, fee .....2.81  
IA Enviro Hlth, mbrshp .....240.00  
IOWWA, mbrshp...730.00  
ISSDA, ISSDA .....50.00  
Kempker's, equip ..558.49  
KE Farm & Home, splys .....89.94  
McFarland's, splys .....695.75  
Mediacom, svcs...4,300.00  
Medpro Waste, svcs .....174.30  
Menard's, parts.....331.58  
Netflix, svcs .....21.39  
Ninjaone, svcs .....418.00  
ODP Bus Sol, splys .....109.49  
OFF/PROF RGLTN, svcs .....540.00  
O'Reillu Auto, parts .....63.07  
Parking Ramps, fees .....21.00  
Phillips 66, fuel .....17.01  
Shell Oil, fuel .....43.20  
Sherwin Williams, splys .....12.32  
Shottenkirk, svcs ....991.12  
Sillworks, equip .....260.90  
Donnellson Lumber, splys .....52.99  
SE IA Garage, parts .....394.25  
Cardboard Box, pstg .....19.19  
Survey Monkey, survey .....396.00

Target, splys .....80.00  
Teleflex, equip ....1,345.50  
Tmobile, svcs .....298.03  
USPS, pstg .....459.48  
Verizon, svcs .....540.81  
Vet Info, publ.....65.00  
Wal Mart, splys ..1,359.59  
Winsupply, splys...787.72  
Windstream Pmt, svcs .....373.94  
Xpert Auto, repair....20.00  
Dodd Prtg, splys .....30.38  
Donnellson Tire, svcs .....110.95  
Farm/Home Sply, splys .....14.97  
FM Housing Auth, svcs .....1639.07  
FM Water, svcs.....4685.01  
D Fraise, exps .....40.00  
FrnchRnkrAssc, svcs .....6440.00  
GarrattCallahan, svcs .....750.00  
L Gatton, rent.....300.00  
GRRWA, svcs.....5.00  
Hellige Lawn, svcs..135.00  
Historic Htl IA, rent .....300.00  
HyVee, splys.....3298.00  
ICS Jail Splys, splys .....730.40  
ISAC, reg .....210.00  
C Johnson, exps...249.00  
Keo Med Equip, splys .....3815.78  
Keo Water, svcs .....680.57  
King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs .....2400.00  
Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs .....250.00  
L Krehbiel, svcs .....465.00  
Lee Co Hlth, svcs .....13687.21  
Lee Co Treas, costs .....32473.75  
Liberty Util, gas.....70.03  
Lincare Inc, splys..140.00  
Mail Svs, svcs.....1201.82  
L Merschman, rent .....300.00  
MidAm Enrgy, gas

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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Workers needed Friday and Saturday down at Fort

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started our volunteer stuff on the 14th and 15th and we had 11 volunteers overall for the two days so not a bad turnout," Watkins said.

He said it was productive and a lot of the winter leaves and debris were removed. Some worn fencing has also been removed.

He said work like chicken coop repair and stone removal has been accomplished and benches have been scraped to be painted. There will be another workday Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. and a workday on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

He said security setups for the gift shop are in place and phone lines are next to be moved.

Contract work is planned for reroofing Block House 3 and then the gift shop will be moved into that structure.

"I'm hoping to have some volunteers this time around to hopefully work on removing some of the cement chinking and so we hope to get that out of the building and get it replaced with some synthetic stuff," Watkins said.

Thinking is the course elastic material between the logs in the building walls.

He said more painting and moving the blacksmith shop is also on the schedule, but he said he wanted to wait for some of the other bigger demolition to be done. Then he said some heavy cleaning and display setting needs done before the season opening in May.

Watkins said there are 28 American Cruise Line dockings scheduled this year and 12 Viking Cruises visits from Burlington.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker asked what volunteers should bring and expect at the work sessions.

"I would bring gloves. We have a lot of the hand tools now. We have some hammer drills, but we haven't tried that yet (on the chinking), but tools like that," he said.

"We do have water and the pavilion is open for restrooms."

Councilwoman Donna Amandus said the city will put some portapotties down on the site for volunteers.

"I'm going to ask my ward to step up and if anyone wants to donate cookies or snacks to the volunteers - if you can't volunteer - that's great," she said.

"If you can't do any work, you can always help sign people in and get waivers signed. We need volunteers. This is coming up."

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said the Potowonok Circle is going to contribute \$1,000 for the Fort repair, which

would cover 50% of the hard cost of shingles on the first building after Building Materials offered a discount.

"That would be a nice challenge out there for someone that was looking for a very specific thing to put in another donation for the other half of that hard cost," he said.

City Building director Doug Krogmeier said he'd been working on the construction side of the things.

"Looking at roofing contractors, the toughest part is really scheduling. Everyone is booked out several months. I'm looking at putting together a list of guys I trust to kind of get this done in house," Krogmeier said.

He said he was hoping to get the roofing started on April 29 which would take a day or day-and-a-half.

He said the city will start moving the gift shop first, but they will need some chainsaw expertise for cutting new poles. He is also looking for some help running equipment and experience to make that work easier.

The river levels are also a concern, he said.

"We're up to almost 17 (feet) now. I don't know how well we're going to be able to get equipment in there and then drive around soil that is saturated. It's quite a bit of progress and we'll see how it goes."

## State jobless rate drops again

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 2.8 percent in March from 2.9 percent in February. In comparison, the U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 3.5 percent in March from 3.6 percent in February.

The state's labor force added 2,700 new workers. The labor force participation rate increased to 68.2 percent last month.

The total number of working Iowans rose to 1,675,500 in March. This figure is 4,400 higher than February and 2,000 higher than one year ago.

"March's strong numbers across the board again demonstrate that Iowa's economy continues to trend in the right direction," said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "Many Iowa industries still feel economic pressure from ongoing inflation. Regardless of national headwinds, Iowa's employers continue to hire – especially in health care, education, and manufacturing. Whether you're looking for that first job or your next great job, the time remains right to take advantage of these tremendous opportunities."

## Charges mount against man who punched ref

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during the game.

According to Fort Madison Police reports, Morris then returned between games and asked Weber how long the ejection would last and Weber told him he would talk with him after he set up the brackets for the next game. Weber told police that

was the last thing he remembered until waking up and seeing firefighters standing over him.

Weber was then taken by ambulance to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center's Fort Madison campus for treatment and released.

The event was a fundraiser for the Fort Madison High School girls basketball team and had close to 30 teams participating.

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