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Schools reach deals

SHARED AGREEMENTS: Fort Madison board to vote on tentative deals Tuesday night

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community School District has reached a new tentative agreement with Holy Trinity Catholic schools regarding shared athletic programs, according to a release from Fort Madison school board President Josh Wykert today.

Wykert said the agreement will need to be approved at a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday night.

Also on the agenda will be agreements with Central Lee schools regarding the shared wrestling program, and possibly agreements for non-hosted shared programs including the swimming agreement with Burlington High School.

"FMCS and HTC have tentatively reached a new agreement to take part in shared athletic programs for the 2023-2024 school year," the statement indicated.

"The agreement, if approved by both school boards, would

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FLOODING

City, county prepare for potential of flooding

City, County gearing up for flood stage for close to 20 feet on Monday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - City and county officials are gearing up for potentially heavy flooding over the next several days.

Fort Madison City Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said he's planning for the worst because hoping for the best could put city property in jeopardy.

"We have to secure our wastewater treatment plant and the pavilion now, and we're filling sandbags for the CB&Q (depot)," Boussetot said.

"I'm seeing 20 to 21 feet on some projections but that's a best guess at this point. The projected crest is 19'-9" on Monday.

On Monday, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster declaration for Iowa counties along the Mississippi River, including Lee.

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of flooding in Allamakee, Clayton, Clinton, Des Moines, Dubuque, Jackson, Lee, Louisa, Muscatine, and Scott counties.

Also today, Reynolds instructed the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) to activate the State Emergency Operations Center in Johnston in order to coordinate the state's response activities. HSEMD is working with county emergency management, state, and federal partners to monitor conditions and provide resources to those areas impacted by flooding.

Boussetot said the city has already

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Sam Vidal, a volunteer with the Fort Madison Paint-A-Thon and State Farm employee, works on painting a home in the 1200 block of Avenue E. Work on several homes in the community started this week as part of the annual project organized by the Fort Madison Beautification Foundation.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

FMHA board could suspend director Wednesday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - In a surprise announcement Monday afternoon, the Fort Madison Housing Authority will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday to vote on suspending newly hired executive director Michael Dear and an additional employee.

FMHA Board president Rebecca



BOWKER



DEAR

Bowker sent out an email announcing the special meeting, and the agenda

includes separate votes to suspend Dear pending an administrative investigation

and other possible action.

Bowker said she couldn't comment further on the action because it's a personnel matter.

She also said she couldn't comment on who will run the housing authority in the interim, if the suspension is approved.

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WEATHER

TUE 25 Apr.....Mostly cloudy, cool, chance of showers, 60° F/ 37° F
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

BETTY L. HETZER

Betty L. Hetzer, 97, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:25 a.m. on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at The Kensington. She was born on August 6, 1925 in Fort Madison, IA to Jess & Rena White Cossens. She married Alvin "Jack" Hetzer, Jr. on June 27, 1948 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on March 20, 2016. She worked at Sheller-Globe and for the Fort Madison Community School District for 20 years. She was a member of Santa Fe United Methodist Church and later Fort Madison United Methodist Church. She enjoyed cooking, quilting and sewing doll clothes.

Betty is survived by: 1-daughter: Susan Buehler of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: David (Chris Pepler) Hetzer of Mead, CO & Robert Hetzer of Fort Madison, IA; 5-grandchildren & 11-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-daughter in law: Jeannie Hetzer, 1-brother: Richard & 1-sister: Lois.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Online condolences to the Hetzer family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



HETZER

OBITUARIES

LLOYD H. WOLF

On April 22, 2023 at the age of 85, Lloyd Hughes Wolf went home to spend eternity with Jesus. He was born on August 3, 1937 in Keosauqua, Iowa to Donald Erskine and Emma Louise (Hughes) Wolf. He claimed until the day he died that his mother gave birth to him while on the couch watching TV.

Lloyd spent his formative years in Keosauqua and Moravia, IA. The stories to be told here are overwhelmingly numerous and possibly a bit embellished. Lloyd graduated from Ft Madison High School in 1955 and went to school at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt Pleasant, IA. He finished his teaching degree at Missouri Teacher's College in Kirksville, MO.

On January 15, 1960, Lloyd was united in marriage to Diana DeLuca in Ft. Madison, IA. He served in the Army Reserves and spent the next 8 years teaching Government at Knoxville High School (IL) and Bettendorf High School (IA). It was during this time that he and Diana became parents to their three children Laura, Don, and Lee. Lloyd returned to school and received his Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Iowa. He joined his lifelong friend, Bill Napier, in Ft Madison practicing law for the next 44 years, retiring in 2014 at age 76.

Lloyd had many interests. Among them was the Great Iowa State Fair. He was a lifelong attendee and loved to spend his days with a sweet roll purchased under the Sky Glider (he often referred to them as "Sky Buns"), hanging out in the 4H building or Pioneer Hall, and having a Chop on a Stick. Many great memories were made there.

Lloyd was a lover of music. His vast appreciation ranged from Jazz to Country to Classical and made him a true connoisseur. He passed this love of music on to his kids and others who were around him. He was a brass player and sang bass. He loved singing in choir. Lloyd also loved going to Drum and Bugle Corps events. His son Don marched with his favorite corps, The Colts - Iowa's Ambassadors of Music.

Lloyd loved spending time with his family and especially his granddaughters. Trips to Chicago, Colorado, and Hawaii with the grandkids stood as some of his fondest memories. Lloyd and Diana were also world travelers, visiting amazing places like Hawaii, Israel, Rome, London, and about 40 State Capitols. They also loved to make stops in towns like Pella, Dubuque, Sioux City, and Spillville in their beloved state of Iowa!

Of all the things that shaped Lloyd's life, nothing was more important than his relationship with Jesus Christ. He spent extensive time studying God's word and becoming an ardent apologist for Christianity. He taught Sunday School for years and affected many lives for Christ at Harmony Bible Church, Burlington Evangelical Free Church, and the First Baptist Church of Ft Madison. He also spent many special Sunday nights at Joy Baptist Church in Ft Madison. If he had one last message for all it would be that you consider who Jesus Christ is and the free gift of eternal life He offers to all.

It is certain that Lloyd is sitting at a table on the back porch of his mansion having some philosophical discussions with CS Lewis and Francis Schaeffer, singing in the Heavenly Choir, Playing trumpet in God's Brass Band, and worshipping at the feet of his savior. We can't wait to see him again.

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Diana Wolf of Ft. Madison; daughter, Laura (Troy) Chambers of Burlington; son, Don Wolf of Ft Madison; son Lee (Cindy) Wolf of Mediapolis; granddaughter Kylie Wolf of Overland Park, KS; granddaughters Rachel Wolf and Emily Wolf of Denver CO; niece, Anne Wolf of West Des Moines; and nephew, Nate Wolf of Johnston. Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Wayne Wolf, and two nephews, Marcus and Matt Wolf.

Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm Thursday, April 27, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Private graveside services and burial will be at the Purdom Cemetery, Keosauqua, Iowa. A memorial has been established for the First Baptist Church, Mission Fund, contributions may be left at Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Wolf family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.



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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA I. MEIEROTTO

Patricia I. Meierotto, 90, of Clinton, WI and formerly of Fort Madison, IA, passed away peacefully at 8:27 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023 in Clinton, WI. She was born on September 17, 1932 in Fairfield, IA to Hiram & Francis Stallman Welch. She graduated from the Council Bluffs School for the Deaf in 1951. She married Clifford J. Meierotto on September 10, 1960 in Ottumwa, IA. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1996. She was a nurse's aide at the Ottumwa Hospital for many years. She loved children and babysat for 22 years for many Fort Madison children.



Patricia is survived by: 2-nieces: Cheryl (Eric) Rolland of Fort Atkinson, WI & Linda Haugan of Beloit, WI; 1-great niece: Renee Rolland of Fort Atkinson, WI and 1-great nephew Michael Rolland. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband & 1-brother, Charles E. Welch and 1-nephew in law, Michael Haugan.

A special thank you to Treasa Abel for being Pat's angel without wings. Your love and kindness will live forever in our hearts.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Kayla Carney officiating. Burial will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield, IA. A memorial has been established and contributions may be left at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

04/21/22 - 4:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

04/22/23 - 2:02 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dakota John McKeown, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of Avenue L, on charges of interference with official acts and public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/22/23 - 11:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run at the intersection of 8th Street and Avenue G.

04/22/23 - 2:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue E.

04/22/23 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bradford Evan Smith, 53, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue A, on charges of disorderly conduct - loud noise and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/22/23 - 9:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded

to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue L.

04/23/23 - 1:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 48th Street.

04/23/23 - 3:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue E.

04/23/23 - 5:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

Lee County Sheriff Report

04/21/23 - 11:24 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jenny Lynne Leis Rook, 36, of Keokuk, on a judgment hold warrant, at the sheriff's office. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released after weekend service.

04/21/23 - 4:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sarah Danielle Rose, 27, of Kahoka, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of

probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/21/23 - 5:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of 320th Street and 260th Avenue.

According to the report, a 16-year-old male juvenile from Montrose, was traveling south on 260th Avenue and slid through the stop sign location at the intersection of 260th Avenue and 320th Street, striking a utility pole. No injuries were reported. The driver was cited for failure to maintain control. The vehicle sustained minor damages and was driven from the scene.

04/22/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

04/23/23 - 3:55 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Raul Puentes Garcia, 73, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment hold warrant. 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

LONNIE D. BRYANT

Lonnie Dean Bryant, 80, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at his home in Keokuk.



BRYANT

Lonnie was born on December 28, 1942, in Keokuk, the son of Wayne and Ellen (Mortimer) Bryant. On August 30, 1964, he was united in marriage to Sierra "Sue" Bryant in Kahoka, Missouri. She preceded him in death on July 13, 2016.

Lonnie was employed at Foote Mineral, JH Wilkins and Sill Motors, before finishing his working career at Alliance Patterns. He also owned Bryant Mobile Home Park for twenty-one years. Lonnie proudly served his country in the United States Army, from which he was honorably discharged. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church, serving anywhere he could. Lonnie was also a member of the South Side Boat Club, the Keokuk Yacht Club, the American Legion Post #41, and the Lee County Honor Guard. He was an advocate for people with special needs and volunteered at Bridgeway. Above all, Lonnie's life was centered around his grandchildren, and he would do anything for them.



Lonnie is survived by his daughter Dianna (Christopher) Vass of Keokuk; son Steven Edward "Eddy" (Raelynn) Bryant of Keokuk; girlfriend Linda Altheide of Keokuk; three siblings: Larry (Connie) Bryant of Farmers Branch, Texas, Wanda Daubenberger of Springdale, Arkansas, and Janice (Bill) Hayden of Alexandria, Missouri; eight grandchildren, Mersades Snively, Shadee Tajeddin, Chase Bryant, Sira (Joe) Curfman, Alexis (Casey) Romo, Brittany Bryant, Rayden Winkler-Bryant and Xailynn Bryant; twelve great-grandchildren: Aaliyah, Layonna, Kiera, Remira, Kazzarian, Meriah, JoJo, Jayce, Hannah, Davian, Alonna and Aubree; Dimitre and Trevor Galbreath, who he saw as grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lonnie is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Sue; his daughter Connie Bryant; his son Lonnie Dean Bryant, II; and four siblings: Kenny Bryant, Marilyn Jean Spence, Melvin Bryant and Ernest Wayne Bryant.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 PM on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Calvary Baptist Church in Keokuk, with Pastor John Heath officiating. Burial will follow at Buena Vista (Big Mound) Cemetery in Keokuk, with military honors rendered by the American Legion Post #41. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to Calvary Baptist Church in Keokuk.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

FMHA director, employee under fire

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"We don't have that information yet," Bowker said.

Wednesday's action also includes a motion to suspend with pay one maintenance employee pending a possible administrative investigation and other action.

Dear was hired by the board December 5th. He is the third director for the program in less than three years.

FMHA consists of two HUD programs. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, formerly known as Section 8, and has 70 vouchers allocated. The Public Housing program consists of housing at Hillview Village that has 80 units for elderly and disabled, and Ivanhoe

which consists of 54 units for families in need.

The Housing Authority recently decided to end its contract with Lee County to manage public housing properties in Fort Madison.

On Monday, the Lee County Board of Supervisors moved to explore options to liquidate those assets.



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Opinion/Iowa News

“Air” could be one of the best movies of the summer

The Banshees of Inisherin,” directed by Martin McDonagh, held me spell bound. I have never seen or read anything like it. The symbolism is stark, dark and confusing. I must admit, I have no idea what the symbolism represents. I’ve read some analyses of the movie and believe the “experts” are as confused as I am. I must see this movie a second time, and turn up my hearing aids—the characters’ thick Irish brogue is hard to understand. Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleason are feuding frenemies (how do you like that word? It means “a person with whom one is friendly despite a fundamental dislike or rivalry”) who go to shocking lengths to destroy or strengthen their male bonds.

“Air” is fun. It’s about the making of the famous “Air Jordan” basketball shoe, and selling it to the Jordans. It stars Ben Affleck, (chubby) Matt Damon, Viola Davis and Jason Bateman, so you know the movie’s good. For the life of me, I don’t know why director, Ben Affleck, didn’t want to show the face of the actor who played Michael Jordan, Damian Delano Young. It’s a teaser. Sure, Jordan is an icon. But so is Abraham Lincoln. In the myriad of movies made about Abe, the actor’s face is usually shown, albeit heavily made-up.

Speaking of makeup: “The Whale,” oh, boy, where do I start? It stars Brendan Fraser as The Whale and Hong Chau as his nurse/caretaker. Fraser received the Acad-

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



emy Award for Best Actor, and the movie scored another Academy Award for

best makeup—deservedly so. Brendan Fraser looked like he actually did weigh 600 pounds.

“Personality Crisis: One Night Only” a documentary on Showtime, co-directed by Martin Scorsese and David Tedeschi, is about the life of David Johansen, also known as Buster Poindexter. Johansen was the lead singer in the 70’s for the iconic band, the New York Dolls. Johansen then and Johansen now makes for intriguing viewing.

“Guy Ritchie’s The Covenant” (actual title) is about rescuing an interpreter from Afghanistan and finding safety for him and his family in the U.S. Starring Jake Gyllenhall and Dar Salim as the interpreter, the movie is an action packed war story with all the frills and kills. I agree with a review I read before seeing the movie.

The first half of the movie is pretty well done. The second half is so predictable that it puts tarnish on what is a unique perspective of modern warfare. It’s still worth seeing.

The three books I’m recommending is Jane Smiley’s trilogy, “The Last Hundred Years.” The three books are “Early Warning,” “Some Luck” and “Golden Age.” Jane Smiley, as you may remember, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1992 for her Iowa farm story, “A Thousand Acres.” Although not from Iowa, Smiley has a PhD from the University of Iowa, taught creative writing at Iowa State University and loves to write about Iowa, particularly about farming and farm folk. She references the L-Way Cafe in Ames and the Hamburg Inn in Iowa City. “The Greenlanders” is one of the best books I ever read. And her book “Moo” is a tongue-in-cheek spoof about Iowa State University (Moo U), something Iowa State didn’t appreciate.

Her trilogy, “The Last Hundred Years” is all about an Iowa farm family, its growth and dispersion over, obviously, the last 100 years. “All wealth comes from the soil,” might be a theme of her trilogy. The story is complicated and confusing, with way too many characters who are hard to keep track of, a privilege I would never allow my creative writing students. But if you’re Jane Smiley, you can get away with it. She has a good ear, and is a master at creating vivid characters through dialogue. Her prose is stunning at times. I consider Smiley one of the best writers of modern fiction. With 60 some books under her belt, she may be a future Nobel Laureate.

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Stiffler to lead Civil Rights Commission

DES MOINES – Gov. Reynolds announced the appointment of Kristen Stiffler of Clive to serve as Executive Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. Stiffler begins her new role on April 24, 2023.

“Generations of Iowans have dedicated their lives to advancing civil rights and the work of protecting those civil rights is a job I know Kristen will excel at,” said Governor Kim Reynolds. “Her compassionate nature, experience in state government, and study of law make Kristen the right leader for the commission.”

“I am truly honored to be appointed as the Executive Director of the Civil Rights Commission,” said Kristen Stiffler. “As Iowans, we expect the protection of our civil rights, and it is a privilege to lead the commission to ensure fair and equal treatment for all who seek redress.”

Stiffler has served as the Hearing Officer for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and numerous years in the Nebraska Legislature as Legal Counsel to the Health and Human

Services Committee. Stiffler has a juris doctorate from Creighton University School of Law and a bachelor’s degree in politics from Regis University.

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission is a neutral, fact-finding law enforcement agency. The mission of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission is to end discrimination within the state of Iowa. To achieve this goal, the ICRC must effectively enforce the Iowa Civil Rights Act. The Commission’s primary duty is to enforce state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, education and credit by investigating and litigating civil rights complaints.

The Commission also provides conflict resolution services including mediation and conciliation for civil rights matters.

In addition to its role as a law enforcement agency, the Commission works to prevent discrimination by providing training and education to the public.

Stiffler’s appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

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Sports

Snaadt gets double hat-trick in win over Fairfield

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison's girls soccer team needed some fun.

The Bloodhounds got it in Monday's 10-0 win over Fairfield at the Baxter Sports Complex, and seeing her players enjoy the match was something coach Carrie Burken appreciated.

"That's more commentary on the field than I've ever heard before," Burken said, smiling. "It was definitely entertaining."

"Oh yeah, it was fun," said sophomore Teagan Snaadt, who scored six goals and added an assist. "The most fun this season, by far. You just have fun when you're beating a team, and you can switch things up and people can play different positions, try new things. It just makes it fun."

The Bloodhounds (5-2 overall, 5-1 Southeast Conference) had already beaten the Trojans (0-8, 0-6) 8-0 this season, and that, Burken said, helped give her team confidence.

"I think just not having so much pressure on, knowing we can beat them, having already beaten them 8-0 last time out, there's just that comfortable feeling," Burken said. "It made us looser."

"It's fun to score goals. It's fun to see your teammates try to score goals when it's something they don't normally do. I just love how they support each other and want each other to do better. So yeah, it was fun."

Snaadt scored five consecutive goals in the first half, helping the Bloodhounds to a 7-0 halftime lead.

"I think she takes direction really well," Burken said. "She knows when we make

adjustments, she knows where to go. But I think she's a little bit of a hound, knowing that when there's an opportunity (to score), she's going to take it.

"I think there were a couple of balls that hit the crossbar, and Teagan was right there for the rebound. Because she knows, like, 'I have the opportunity to score, I'm going to be in position to get that goal.'"

"It feels good, but I definitely couldn't do it without my teammates," Snaadt said. "This was a crazy game. To mercy-rule a team, it feels good."

The Bloodhounds scored early and often. Hadley Wolfe had the first two goals of the match, scoring with 2:48 gone in the first half and with 30:21 to play.

Snaadt then took over. She had two goals within the span of 42 seconds, then added three more in the half to give the Bloodhounds a commanding margin.

Snaadt scored 4 1/2 minutes into the second half for her final goal. Halle Menke scored with 15:17 to play, then Wolfe finished the match with a goal with 3:46 to play.

Menke had three assists. Camille Kruse had two. Wolfe, Paetyn Wiegand, and Jenna Hellman each had one assist.

It was the first of a stretch of three matches in four days for the Bloodhounds. Fort Madison plays host to Central Lee on Tuesday, then plays at Washington on Thursday.

"It's a busy week," Burken said. "That's why it was nice to get this one."

"We're playing good," Snaadt said. "We've just got to keep it rolling."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison sophomore Teagan Snaadt brings the ball up on the first half and looks for a seam to the Fairfield goal. Snaadt would score on the play, one of her six goals on the night.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MOUNT PLEASANT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, MARCH 22, 2023

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers- Present: Crull, Engberg,

White, Griffith, Batty
Absent: McWilliams
It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote:
the minutes of the March 8, 2023, City Council meeting;
the payment of bills totaling \$172,104.93.
the Report of officers;
the renewal of a Special Class B Retail for Mt. Pleasant Redemption Center located at 1001 North Broadway Street.
the renewal of a Special Class F Retail for Mt. Pleasant Veterans Club of

Henry County located at 300 W. Monroe Street.
Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.
Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.
5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on the City of Mount Pleasant 2023/2024 proposed property tax levy. 5:31 Crull motioned and White seconded that the hearing close. Roll call vote, 5-0. No oral or written arguments were heard.
Councilmember Engberg motioned and Councilmember Griffith

seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-25:
RESOLUTION APPROVING FY23/24 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS FOR THE AFFECTED LEVY TOTAL AS REQUIRED BY IOWA CODE SECTION 384.15A (SENATE FILE 364)
Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.
It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Enberg that the Council approve the second reading of the following proposed ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, BY REZONING AND CHANGING THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1600 & 1800 W WASHINGTON ST FROM "M-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT" TO "M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT"

Roll call vote 5-0. It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council approve the amended Engineering Service Agreement with Warner Engineering for the Sewer System Evaluation Survey Rehab Area #4. The amendment is for \$87,000 to finish the analysis of all findings and give recommendations to the Council. Motion approved, 5-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember White that the Council approve the Public Works proposal to repair the main drain in the Public Works Department Building. Motion approved, 5-0. Barton Construction hired at a cost of \$16,500.

Councilmember Griffith motioned and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-26:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TONY R. SKOW TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-27:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT OF WILLIAM E. BENS-MILLER TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Crull seconded that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-28:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT OF NICHOLAS A. ETTINGER TO CAPTAIN WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

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lowing entitled Resolution No. 2023-28:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT OF NICHOLAS A. ETTINGER TO CAPTAIN WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 5-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council set the date for the public hearing on the proposed FY2024 Budget.

Roll call vote 5-0. The hearing set for Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmember White moved and Councilmem-

ber Batty seconded that the Council approve Change Order #1 to the NE Lagoon Conversion-Schedule 1 Work-Lift Station.

Motion approved, 5-0. This change order is an increase of \$12,162.70.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:43 p.m. to meet in a regular session on Wednesday, April 12th, 2023.

Steven K Brimhall, Mayor

ATTEST: Lori Davis, City Clerk

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Agreements include a \$20K annual payment

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include a \$20,000 flat fee paid annually by HTC to FMCSO to cover expenses like coaching, uniforms, transportation, field rentals, officials, dues, worker fees, and staffing.

“The FMCSO Board of Directors will vote on the proposed agreement at its April 25th meeting. The HTC School Board will vote on the agreement during a meeting at a later date.”

Wykert said the \$20,000 annual fee, which is an increase from the \$10,000 originally proposed by the HTC board, is not the only change to the agreement, but wouldn't comment on what additional changes have been agreed

upon.

“It's not the only change. The actual agreement will have more items change, which I won't comment on specifically, but they will be a change from prior agreements,” he wrote in an response to a Pen City Current email.

“Central Lee will be on the agenda as well.”

On April 11, FMCSO decided to end the shared programs following the 2022-23 athletic calendars, but has since changed directions. The two schools reopened conversations following a formal vote April 17 to allow the agreements to expire.

City starts bagging sand to protect pavillion, plant

FLOODING - Continued from Page 1

procured extra sand and bags and is encountering some heavy spending to prepare. Iowa State Penitentiary offenders were on hand Monday afternoon filling sandbags in the parking lot of the CB&Q depot.

“At some point, we could lose access to River-view Park and to protect those assets, we have to decide when we're going to do what,” Boussetot

said.

“There's more rain coming up north and still more snow to melt. I just can't wait for 21 feet.”

Boussetot, who's handling his first flood in Fort Madison after coming from Keokuk, said his concerns are the depot parking lot, and potentially on Avenue I from 10th to 14th Streets to Avenue M near the Ideal Concrete facility.

“My understanding is those areas can back up,” he said.

The streets in those areas can begin to flood before yards and houses because the storm drains will get backfilled with floodwaters from the river and not allow water from the streets to escape.

The current projected crests don't get close to the historical flooding of 24 and 25 feet experienced in 2008 and 1993. In 2019, flood waters crested at 24'-5”.

Lee County Emergency Management Agency coordinator Jason Dinwiddie said he's monitoring the flooding closely and was happy to see the Governor's declaration.

Dinwiddie said the county would need to spend close to \$150,000 on flood mitigation for Federal Emergency Management Assistance to kick in. That threshold is also contingent upon the state experiencing \$5.4 million in costs to hold back flooding.

Whitetails helps fund land purchase

BURLINGTON - Whitetails Unlimited has granted more than \$10,000 to the Des Moines County Conservation on behalf of the Tri County and Mt. Pleasant Iowa chapters. The funds were used to purchase a 19 acre parcel of land near West Burlington Iowa that will be converted to public hunting. The 19 acre parcel is located adjacent to the Hickory Bend Conservation Area which is a 250 acre parcel that has already been established for public hunting and recreation.

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