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## County budget tops \$41M

**OBJECTION:** Residents push back on supervisors over increased levy

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County residents came out to voice their opposition to the increase in the property tax levy county officials have proposed after budget discussions the past quarter.

The county is looking at a total tax levy rate of \$13.52/\$1,000 of taxable valuation compared to \$10.32 in fiscal year 2023, an increase of about 31% in the total levy.

The county's general fund levy increased 67%, but as a total tax ask, Supervisors approved Monday at the

regular board meeting an increase of \$3.20/\$1,000 of taxable valuation.

The state's rollback this year will be about 55%, so a \$100,000 home is assessed for taxes at roughly \$55,000. The increase in the county's portion of residents' tax bills will go from \$568 to \$744, a difference of \$176 annually. A \$500,000 home would be assessed at \$275,000 with the state's rollback and that property owner would see an increase in the county's portion of their tax bill of \$865 on the residential property.

Brent Koller with Lee County Farm Bureau said he

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### HAWK'S PLACE

## Central Lee lands \$1M to extend program

### Hawk's Place gets 5-year grant to help keep after-school programming

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Central Lee is in line to get up to \$1.1 million in funding for an after-school program that was started two years ago.

Officials at the school were notified this week that they will receive funding over the next three years to continue the program called Hawk's Place, which is the district's after-school program for students in kindergarten through 5th grade.

The program supports 245 students, or just over 32% of the elementary population.

Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said the funding will allow the program, which would in all likelihood have been cut had grant funding not been found, to continue for at least three more years.

"We'll get about \$240,000 per year for the first three years and then they come and do a comprehensive review of the program," Crozier said.

"If we pass that review, they give us about 75% of that funding for the next two years which amounts to just over a million dollars.

We told everyone when we did this program that it would be for two years and if we didn't secure a grant it would have to be cut."

The grant is through the Nita M. Lowney 21st Century Community Learning Center, which gets funding from Title IV B of the Social Security Act. The funding is geared toward child welfare programming.

As part of the program, each school's community partnerships will provide initial support, with partnerships gradually sustaining these programs as the grant funding ends.

Up to now, the program has been funded through a portion of the district's ESSER/COVID relief funding.

"We are incredibly honored to receive the 21CLC Grant Award," said Dr. Andy Crozier,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Crews are continuing to pour the wellness path along the north side of the Mississippi River near the BNSF Swingspan bridge. The trail is part of the new Fort Madison Marina project. Railings have been placed along the marina driveway near the new boat docks and ramps.

### ART CENTER

## Reception for Metals and Gems set for Friday in Fort Madison

FORT MADISON - Erika Wolfe and Ron Deen have very different backgrounds yet are drawn to artistic creation, feeling a need to work through ideas from their imagination using metal and gems. They interpret these materials in their own creative designs, producing wearable art in Erika's art practice to a range of sculptures using a variety of materials in Ron's. The Open-

ing Reception for Metals and Gems is Friday, May 5 from 5pm to 7pm at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Ave G in Fort Madison. This exhibition will be on display thru May 30th.

Erika Wolfe has a Masters degree in Metalsmithing and has been a successful silversmith since 1995 after retiring from teaching art and jewelry fabrication at Canyon High School

in Anaheim Hills, California. She has spent the intervening years in Keokuk, dedicating herself to Main Street and Keokuk Art Center activities while producing truly beautiful and award-winning designs through her Silverwear Studio. Erika indicates that her jewelry designs are rooted in Russian Constructivism, the Bauhaus movement and industrial design.

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### WEATHER

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### SAMUEL L. PHILP

Samuel Lloyd "Sam" Philp, 50, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 2:51 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



PHILP

Born on July 19, 1972, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Neil L. Philp Sr. and Jan (Lamborn) Loges. On October 23, 2009, in Keosauqua, Iowa, he married Karen Horter.

He is survived by his wife Karen; two sons: Hunter and Logan; mother: Jan (Todd) Loges of Farmington, three siblings: Neil (Michelle) Philp, Jr. of Farmington, Rena (Malvika) Philp of Farmington, Cassie (Tanner) Billingsley of Mount Sterling; father and mother in-law: Charles and LuJean Horter of Kahoka, Missouri; sister in-law: Sara (Chris) Hartsock of Kahoka, Missouri; nieces and nephews: Kalyn, Cooper, Harper, Lane, Allison and Emily.

Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Neil; grandparents: Sam and Esther Lamborn, Lloyd and Margaret Philp.

Sam was 1990 graduate of Harmony High School and attended Indian Hills Community College. He was a member of Farmington United Methodist Church. Sam worked for Ceco Building Systems for 17 years until it closed and other various jobs until his health failed. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, woodworking, cooking, gardening and collecting guns and knives. Most of all Sam loved his family, his sons were his world.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 noon Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa, where the family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2023, at Farmington United Methodist Church in Farmington, Iowa, with Pastor Scott Butler officiating.

Burial will be held in Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

A memorial has been established in his memory for his family.

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

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### LARRY L. DOUGLAS

Larry Lee Douglas, 77, of rural Dallas City, Illinois, passed away Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.



DOUGLAS

Larry was born September 11, 1945 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the son of Lloyd A. and Mary M. (Rice) Douglas. On September 25, 1966 he married Lois May at the Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church, near Niota, Illinois.

Mr. Douglas was a 1963 graduate of Dallas City High School. Following high school he served in the United States Army Reserves and began farming on the family farm. He was the fourth generation of his family to farm in the Durham, Illinois, area.



Larry enjoyed fishing and attending and participating in tractor pulls. He was a Charter Member of the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and a longtime member of the Illinois and National Tractor Pulling Associations. He was also a member of the Durham Cemetery Board and the Durham United Methodist Church. He was a regular attendee of the Durham Coffee Club. He loved following his grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

Survivors include his wife: Lois; one son: Richard (Melanie) Douglas of rural Dallas City; one daughter: Beth (Rodney) Pence of rural Dallas City; four grandchildren: Abbey (Drew) Miller, Jacob Douglas, Leah (Heath) Knowles and Lara Pence; two great-grandsons: Myles Knowles and Baker Miller and one sister: Peggy (Ray) Derrick of Congress, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, with Rev. Lee Unger officiating. Burial will follow in the Durham Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for the Durham United Methodist Church, Nauvoo Fire Protection District or the LaHarpe Ambulance Service. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Larry's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

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## Grant will fund program for five years

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Superintendent. "Having a fully funded after-school program will allow us to increase the number of students we serve, regardless of need. We look forward to working with our community partners to expand our after-school programming in the years to come."

The grant will sustain the program and Crozier said he's always looking for new ideas for the program and to add to the students that can take advantage of the system.

"This grant was written for 245 students but that doesn't mean more kids can't participate in the future," he said.

"We'll always try to find ways to get more kids involved, but right now we don't have any specific plans to expand the program. Right now it's 30-35% of our elementary enrollment and that's a pretty big number."

Schools are selected for the 21CLC grant based on a variety of factors, including student need, proposed pro-

gram details, research supporting the program, and a plan to leverage community partnerships.

"This is a critical achievement for our school district," said Angie Fransk, Curriculum Director. "We know offering an after-school program helps Central Lee provide safe, high-quality programming for all students regardless of their socioeconomic status. This gives our families another reason to choose Central Lee for their academic needs."

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## From the Front

# Fedler looks back at pay as partial cause of debt

### BUDGET - Continued from Page 1

realized there were a lot of important decisions to be made in a difficult time.

“One thing we do want to stress is that we look at all options and we’re being fiscally responsible with everything,” Koller said.

He said the county needed to look at expenses and inventories and not just raise taxes to fix things.

“Let’s make sure we’re looking at all parts of that.”

Rick Kuntz of Wever, said the county is generating four million in new revenues and asked if it that need was created due to the ambulance service.

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said the ambulance was part of the issue, but not all of it.

“Some of the things that have gone into that is the ambulance service was an added county department and we’ve also added an IT department,” Seyb said.

He said the county has also added a Pioneer Cemetery Commission and those are the three main departments added.

But he said the cost of inflation over the past three or four years has been out of proportion. Seyb said Lee County’s levy over the past 10 years was 32 cents under the average of counties over that time frame.

He said that dynamic has resulted in the county eating up its carry over budget, which helps pay bills from June 30th to September when tax revenues start coming in.

“Over the past three to five years, it’s been eaten up because we haven’t kept pace with inflation and expenses,” he said.

“We’ve kept the taxes low, the levies low, for multiple years in the past and by keeping them low and not increasing them incrementally, what we saw was the perfect storm this year.”

Seyb said the county is still short for the current fiscal year which ends on June 30th.

“This levy is an attempt to remedy that for next year, because next year we won’t have the ability to fix the budget,” he said referring to the remainder of the America Rescue Plan Act funds that are in the county’s possession.

The county’s carryover budget is still short about \$3 million. He said the carry over budget is not a reserve budget, but an operational budget that gets the county by in lean months.

“Because we’ve kept taxes 32 cents less than the average for the past 10 years, it’s been eating into that. And then when we added the ambulance and the IT department, it put that on steroids,” he said.

“We have to be able to remedy that.”

Ron Fedler said the wage increases of last year haven’t been given enough value in the problems the county is paying.

Fedler, who said he voted against the budget last year that included those wages, said they cost the county an extra \$500,000.

“I argued that we needed to raise the levy to pay for this and the counter argument by some people was that this was the year we need to give these raises because we can do it without raising the levy,” Fedler said.

He said that was cutting things short and then the emergencies happened, and things “snow-balled”.

“I hear nothing printed about how much more it cost us to pay these wage increases and not raise

our revenue,” he said.

“I would challenge the news media to report this.”

Supervisor Chuck Holmes countered Fedler saying the county had deficit spending of \$910,000 in 2017 and \$954,000 in 2018. The next four years 2019-2022 combined were around \$400,000.

County resident Leah Steffensmeier said she understood the budgeting process, but she said lean times sometimes require not increasing the costs to the customer.

“In business, it’s a lot different because your customers have a choice. Sitting out here as a resident, it doesn’t feel like we have much of a choice. There have to be areas where the belt can be cinched in,” she said.

“Do we have programs that are actually working that we are spending money on? What are we getting out of those programs because, if they aren’t serving our communities, maybe we don’t need them? Changes like this are scary. This is the time when it’s time to be creative,” Steffensmeier said.

Steffensmeier, who’s a physician, said four ambulances in the county is a lot, in a nod to the cost of the county’s ambulance service.

Seyb said the county receives more than 6,000 9-1-1 calls annually.

The budget approved Monday generates a General Basic balance, which is the county’s general operating fund, of \$1.3 million at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2024, from a beginning balance of \$304,000.

The total expenditures for the county for the upcoming fiscal year are \$41.8 million with revenues projected at \$40.1 million for \$1.2 million in deficit spending.

# IT'S TIME



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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
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COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING  
04/17/2023 - 06:00 PM  
CENTRAL OFFICE,  
BOARD ROOM  
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Attendees

Voting Members  
Dianne Hope, Director  
Josh Wykert, Board  
President  
Lois DiPrima, Director  
Brad Menke, Director  
Carol Ross, Director  
Mio Santiago, Vice  
President  
Paul Wilkerson, Director  
Non-Voting Members  
Dr. Erin Slater, Superin-  
tendent  
Kim Harmon, Dir. of

Curriculum, Sp. Ed &  
Student Services  
Sandy Elmore, Director  
of Business Services  
I. Call meeting to order  
and determination of a  
quorum  
The meeting was called  
to order by President  
Wykert at 6:01 p.m.  
II. Recognition of guests  
President Wykert wel-  
comed members of the  
audience in attendance

and explained the proce-  
dures for the meeting.  
III. Reading of Founda-  
tion documents  
The Board read and  
reviewed the Foundation  
documents consisting of  
the Vision, Mission and  
Belief statements and the  
Goals for the Fort Mad-  
ison Community School  
District.  
IV. Monthly communi-  
cations

A. Student Represen-  
tative Report - Ethan  
Huffman  
The Board received a  
report of the ongoing ac-  
tivities at the high school.  
B. PK-7; 7-12 Reno-  
vation and Construction  
Update  
Representatives from  
Carl A. Nelson Co. gave  
an update on the prog-  
ress of the Middle School  
PK-6 and High School  
7-12 Renovation and  
Construction project.  
C. Superintendent Goal  
Report  
Superintendent Slater  
gave an update on the  
ongoing Professional  
Learning Communities  
activities and meetings.  
D. District Presentation:  
Thank you to our law  
enforcement  
Local law enforcement  
agencies and personnel  
were recognized and  
thanked for their service  
to the Fort Madison Com-  
munity School District.  
V. Approve the agenda  
Motion made by: Lois  
DiPrima  
Motion seconded by:  
Brad Menke  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
VI. Action Item - Board  
Secretary  
A. Consider collective  
action on extra-curricular  
sharing agreements.  
Motion made by: Brad  
Menke  
Motion seconded by:  
Lois DiPrima  
Voting:  
Dianne Hope - No  
Josh Wykert - No  
Lois DiPrima - Yes  
Brad Menke - No  
Carol Ross - Yes  
Mio Santiago - Yes  
Paul Wilkerson - No  
VII. Consent Agenda  
Motion made by: Brad  
Menke  
Motion seconded by:  
Lois DiPrima  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
A. Minutes  
1. Regular Board Meet-  
ing - March 20, 2023  
2. Special Meeting -  
March 29, 2023  
3. Work Session/Spe-  
cial Meeting - April 03,  
2023  
B. Financial Reports  
1. March Balance Sheet  
2. Revenue Summary  
Report  
3. Expenditure Report  
4. Student Activity  
Report  
C. Accounts payable  
1. March General  
Account Board Bills for  
Approval  
2. April General Account  
Board Bills for Approval  
3. Student Activity

Account Board Bills for  
Approval  
4. Nutrition Account  
Board Bills for Approval  
5. American Express  
Board Bills for Approval  
D. Consider personnel  
resignations  
1. Shelby Scott - Asso-  
ciate, MS  
2. Jeff Estrada - Trans-  
portation, CO  
3. Tracy King - Princi-  
pal, MS  
4. Stewart Smith -  
Transportation, CO  
5. Michelle Gaugler -  
Transportation, CO  
6. Cory Byrne - Vocal  
Music, MS  
7. Izzabella Miller -  
Food Service, MS  
8. Juliene Spiker - Be-  
havior Interventionist, RE  
9. Flannery Beals -  
Teacher, LE  
10. Logan Doty, -  
Teacher, MS  
11. Michael Hardy - Be-  
havior Interventionist, RE  
12. Amy Lass-  
well-Diewold - Teacher,  
MS  
13. Julie Larson -  
Teacher, RE  
14. Jeff Cram - Food  
Service, MS  
15. John Devine - Prin-  
cipal, RE  
16. LeAnn Cashman -  
Teacher, LE  
E. Consider employ-  
ment of personnel  
1. Kelsea Tolk - 7/8  
English  
2. Tracy King - 7/8 Math  
Driver, CO  
3. Grant Marshall - Bus  
4. Logan Doty - Dean,  
MS [Effective 2023-2024]  
5. Michael Hardy -  
Restorative Connections  
Interventionist, MS  
6. Amy Lasswell-  
Diewold - Media Special-  
ist, HS  
7. Moriah Rooney -  
Secretary, CO  
8. Todd Dirth - Principal,  
RE  
9. Wendy Bailey - Com-  
puter Science Integration  
Coach  
10. LeAnn Cashman -  
PK-3 Interventionist  
11. Lane Levine -  
Teacher, HS  
F. Consider contract  
modifications  
G. Consider leave of  
absence  
H. Consider open en-  
rollment requests  
I. Other reports  
1. 22-23 Donations  
2. 22-23 Fundraisers  
3. MS/HS Renovations  
and Additions Project  
Summary  
VIII. Action Items  
A. Director of Curricu-  
lum and Student Services  
B. Superintendent  
1. Quarterly Policies  
1. 701.05: Fiscal Man-

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Account Board Bills for Approval  
4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval  
5. American Express Board Bills for Approval  
D. Consider personnel resignations  
1. Shelby Scott - Associate, MS  
2. Jeff Estrada - Transportation, CO  
3. Tracy King - Principal, MS  
4. Stewart Smith - Transportation, CO  
5. Michelle Gaugler - Transportation, CO  
6. Cory Byrne - Vocal Music, MS  
7. Izzabella Miller - Food Service, MS  
8. Juliene Spiker - Behavior Interventionist, RE  
9. Flannery Beals - Teacher, LE  
10. Logan Doty, - Teacher, MS  
11. Michael Hardy - Behavior Interventionist, RE  
12. Amy Lasswell-Diewold - Teacher, MS  
13. Julie Larson - Teacher, RE  
14. Jeff Cram - Food Service, MS  
15. John Devine - Principal, RE  
16. LeAnn Cashman - Teacher, LE  
E. Consider employment of personnel  
1. Kelsea Tolk - 7/8 English  
2. Tracy King - 7/8 Math Driver, CO  
3. Grant Marshall - Bus  
4. Logan Doty - Dean, MS [Effective 2023-2024]  
5. Michael Hardy - Restorative Connections Interventionist, MS  
6. Amy Lasswell-Diewold - Media Specialist, HS  
7. Moriah Rooney - Secretary, CO  
8. Todd Dirth - Principal, RE  
9. Wendy Bailey - Computer Science Integration Coach  
10. LeAnn Cashman - PK-3 Interventionist  
11. Lane Levine - Teacher, HS  
F. Consider contract modifications  
G. Consider leave of absence  
H. Consider open enrollment requests  
I. Other reports  
1. 22-23 Donations  
2. 22-23 Fundraisers  
3. MS/HS Renovations and Additions Project Summary  
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B. Superintendent  
1. Quarterly Policies  
1. 701.05: Fiscal Man-

# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

agement - New Policy  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 2. Chronological Policies for Review  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Lois DiPrima  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 1. 507.02: Adminis-

### HELP WANTED ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY

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tration of Medication to Students  
 2. 507.02-E(1): Administration of Medication to Students - Authorization - Epinephrine, Asthma, Airway Constricting or Respiratory Distress Medication Self-Administration Consent Form  
 3. 507.02-E(2): Administration of Medication to Students - Parental Authorization and Release Form the Administration of Prescription Medication to Students  
 4. 507.02-E(3): Administration of Medication to Students - Parental Order Form for Over-the-Counter Medications  
 5. 507.02-E(4): Administration of Medication to Students - Athletic Training Concussion Protocol  
 C. Board Secretary/Director of Finance  
 1. Consider Approval of IASB Membership and Dues for 2023-2024  
 Motion made by: Lois DiPrima  
 Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope  
 Voting:  
 Dianne Hope - Yes  
 Josh Wykert - Yes  
 Lois DiPrima - Yes  
 Brad Menke - Yes  
 Carol Ross - No  
 Mio Santiago - Yes  
 Paul Wilkerson - Yes  
 2. Consider approval of the Certified Budget for FY2023-2024  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Paul Wilkerson  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 3. Consider approval of 1:1 Refresh Cycle Purchase Recommendation  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 4. Consider approval of construction contract and costs for the Window Treatment contract as illustrated on the Quote Tabulation and Budget

Summary documents for the Fort Madison CSD Window Treatment project.  
 Motion made by: Dianne Hope  
 Motion seconded by: Brad Menke  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 5. Consider approval of construction contract and costs for the Interior Signage contract as illustrated on the Quote Tabulation and Budget  
 Summary documents for the Fort Madison CSD Interior Signage project.  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Mio Santiago  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 IX. Discussion Items  
 A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services  
 B. Superintendent  
 C. Board Secretary/Business Manager  
 D. Board Member Attendance  
 E. Staff Attendance  
 X. Comments from the audience  
 There were none.  
 XI. Legislative update  
 There was none.  
 XII. Announcements  
 A. Board Work Session: May 01, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room  
 B. Regular Board Meeting: May 15, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room  
 XIII. Adjourn  
 The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved

**PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING 04/17/23 - 6:00 P.M.**  
 Attendees  
 Voting Members

Dianne Hope, Director  
 Josh Wykert, Board President  
 Lois DiPrima, Director  
 Brad Menke, Director  
 Carol Ross, Director  
 Mio Santiago, Vice President  
 Paul Wilkerson, Director  
 Non-Voting Members  
 Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent  
 Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services  
 Sandy Elmore, Director of Business Services  
 I. Call Public Hearing to

Order and Determination of a quorum  
 The Public Hearing was called to order by President Wykert.  
 II. Approve the agenda  
 Motion made by: Brad Menke  
 Motion seconded by: Dianne Hope  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved  
 III. 2023-2024 Certified Budget  
 The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive oral and written comments on the Cer-

tified Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.  
 IV. Receive oral comments  
 There were none.  
 V. Receive written comments  
 There were none.  
 VI. Adjourn  
 The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.  
 Motion made by: Paul Wilkerson  
 Motion seconded by: Brad Menke  
 Voting:  
 Unanimously Approved

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# Sports

## Lady Hounds defense shines in win over Keokuk



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Fort Madison's Hadley Wolfe battles with a Keokuk defender in the second half of the Lady Hounds' 1-0 win over the Chiefs. Goalie Taylor Johnson worked her fourth consecutive shutout.

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - It's another busy week, and a crucial week, for Fort Madison's girls soccer team.

The Bloodhounds kicked it off with a 1-0 win over Keokuk on Monday at the Baxter Sports Complex.

It wasn't one of Fort Madison's best performances, coach Carrie Burken said.

"But we got the win," she said, "and ultimately that's what matters."

The Bloodhounds (8-2 overall, 7-1 Southeast Conference) extended their winning streak to five and kept themselves in a key position in the conference standings heading into Thursday's road game against conference leader Burlington.

Fort Madison is just one game behind the Grayhounds, and a win Thursday is crucial heading into the final week of the season next week.

"It's absolutely a must-win game," Burken said. "At this point in the season, every conference game is a must-win. Against Burlington, it's critical, because if we want to win the conference, we have to win that match. And we definitely can."

It was the fourth consecutive shutout for the Bloodhounds, and they needed the defense.

Macey McLees' goal with 31:56 left in the first half was all Fort Madison could get on offense. But the Bloodhounds' defense, with captains Mary Kate Bend-

lage and Camille Kruse on the back end and Taylor Johnson in goal, didn't let the Chiefs (2-9, 1-7) mount any sort of attack for most of the match.

"I think when we have games like today, when offensively we can't get it going, it makes me feel better and the team feel better that our defense has got us," Burken said.

Fort Madison was coming off a week in which it played three matches, and this is another three-match week. The Bloodhounds play at Mediapolis on Tuesday before playing at Burlington.

"We played three games last week, a few of the girls had prom this weekend, and it's a Monday," Burken said, smiling. "All of those things just kind of added up, and we just didn't play our best."

It also didn't help that a heavy cross wind played some havoc as well.

"It's harder to connect on passes, and you could see that," Burken said. "And when you're running into that wind, it can get tiring."

The match against Mediapolis will give the Bloodhounds a chance to play on artificial turf, something they'll see against Burlington.

"I think tomorrow is important to be able to get used to playing on the turf," Burken said. "So tomorrow is important to build off today. OK, today wasn't our best. We have the ability to bounce back. I'm not worried about this team. I know we trust each other, and I know that tomorrow we're going to play better than we did today."

## Pella keeps pressure on Bloodhounds

PCC Staff

PELLA - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds dropped their first soccer match of the year at the Pella Invitational tournament Saturday in Pella.

The Dutch have had the Hounds' number the last few years, keeping them

from the state tournament the past two years with back-to-back losses at sub-state, both played in Pella.

On Saturday, Fort Madison downed Class 1A No. 9 Hudson 1-0, but then fell to Pella 3-0.

Xander Wellman scored the lone goal of the day on an assist from Leif Boed-

ing in the first half of the Hudson game. Santiago had a save in the shutout win. He had six saves in the Pella loss.

The Hounds fall to 12-1 overall and 7-0 in the Southeast Conference and travel to Keokuk on Monday for another SEC matchup.

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Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

by Jefferson Connection

### SATURDAY

Breakfast at Fire Station by Fire auxillary 7:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.  
Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.  
Flag Raising by Boy Scouts 9 a.m.  
Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.  
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.  
Pedal Tractor Pulls 3 p.m.  
Live Auction 4 p.m.  
Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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### SUNDAY

Breakfast at Church 7:30 a.m.  
Church in the Park 10 a.m.  
Ham Ball Dinner at Church 11 a.m.  
Live Music in shelter house by Brenden Tapp 11 a.m.  
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