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Pickleball nears completion



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Victory Park tennis courts have undergone a \$290,000 switch to pickleball courts. The work is almost completed

CLOSE TO FINISH LINE: FM Pickleball Association near completion of \$300K project

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A \$300,000 endeavor to convert some lackluster tennis courts into a state-of-the-art pickleball facility is close to being wrapped up.

Crews from Nebraska are in town now to clean the concrete surfaces that were poured last year and put down a coating that will serve as the surface that will be marked before playing can begin.

Lynn Hoyer, a member of the Fort Madison Pickleball Association, that decided to put the pickleball courts in Victory Park where the former tennis courts were located said crews

are now at the mercy of the weather in getting the project finished.

“They are in town today mostly doing prep work on the foundation that was poured,” Hoyer said.

“They need to clean the cement and do some powerwash, acid washing, and then get it ready to put the Nova-Plate top on.”

“But the temperatures have to be above 50 overnight for three straight nights to paint and I’m not sure how the rain will affect the work.”

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COUNTY NEWS

Donnellson’s Tull gets NWS honor

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON - The National Weather Service in the Quad Cities has selected Donnellson resident Raymond Tull to receive the agency’s Thomas Jefferson Award for superior service in weather observations. The award is named for Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, who made an almost unbroken series of weather observations from 1776 to 1816.

Mr. Tull enters an elite circle of weather observers. Nationally, more than 10,000 cooperative observers provide weather observations each day. However, no more than five Thomas Jefferson Awards are presented annually. Raymond has been a volunteer cooperative observer for the National Weather Service for over 35 years, taking and reporting observations during Iowa’s most hazardous and extreme weather conditions.

Officials from the National Weather Service will present Mr. Tull with the Thomas Jefferson Award on Thursday May 18th 2023 at 1pm, at the Plot Grove Savings Bank Community Room in Donnellson. The Thomas Jefferson Award honors cooperative weather observers for unusual and outstanding achievements in the field of meteorological observations. It is the highest award the National Weather Service presents to volunteer observers.

Weather records are a treasured national asset. Long and continuous records of temperature, precipitation, snow depth, river levels, and soil temperature provide an accurate picture of a locale’s normal weather, and present a basis for predicting future trends. These data are invaluable for scientists studying floods, droughts, heat, and cold waves, and for agricultural planning, engineering, environmental-impact assessment, utilities planning, and litigation. Because of its many decades of relatively stable operation, high station density, and high proportion of rural locations, the National Weather Service Cooperative Network has been recognized as the most definitive source of information on U.S. climate trends for temperature and precipitation.

WEST POINT

Lee County to hold another youth fishing clinic

LEE COUNTY - We have a summer of fishy fun planned for our area youth! Every month starting in May, Lee County Conservation will host a fishing event in one of our parks!

Our second event is a Youth Fishing Clinic at Pollmiller Park sponsored

by Izaak Walton League – Green Bay Chapter and Three Rivers Conservation Foundation on Sunday June 4th from 9-11:30am. Your kiddos will get to learn how to fish from the pros and play fun games! Please bring your own fishing gear and bait. At 11am Izaak

Walton will be providing lunch of hot dogs, chips and a drink as well as handing out prizes. This event is for youth under 16. This event falls on Free Fishing Weekend so Iowa residents, regardless of age, may fish without a license.

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WEATHER

FRI 12 May.....Mostly cloudy, warm, with chance of storms, 81° F/ 63° F ☁️
SAT 13 May.....Partly sunny, warm, chance of storms, 82° F/ 62° F ☁️
SUN 14 May.....Mostly cloudy with afternoon storms, 75° F/ 53° F ☁️

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

WILMA J. WELLMAN

Wilma J. Wellman, 78, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 4:45 a.m. Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Born February 28, 1945, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Philip and Helen (Greiner) Schwartz. On June 25, 1966, at Saint Mary of the Assumption in West Point, Iowa, she married Marvin B. Wellman.



WELLMAN

She is survived by her husband: Marvin; three children: Kerry (husband Kenny) Cooper of Fort Madison, Chris (wife Cory) Wellman of Springfield, Illinois and Kim (husband Mike) Fullenkamp of Donnellson; grandchildren: Kole and Kameron (MaKenzie) Cooper, Caleb, Kendall and Cade Wellman and Gage and Shaylin Fullenkamp; great grandchild: Layne Cooper and sister: Judy (Glenn) Neuweg of Kirksville, Missouri. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister: Mary Ellen Williams and brother: Nick Schwartz.

Wilma was a member of the Ss. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church, Holy Family Parish in Fort Madi-

son, where she taught CCD. She graduated from Saint Mary's High School. Wilma retired as the executive secretary for Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Mount Pleasant. She enjoyed sewing, working in her flower gardens and her cats. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

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

Family will meet with friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2023, at Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 15, 2023, at Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at a later date in Calvary Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory for P.A.W. Animal Shelter or West Point Fire and Rescue.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

Finishing project now at hands of weather

COURTS - Continued from Page 1

Nova-Plate is an edge-retentive high grade epoxy surface application that will provide a durable surface for the courts.

Hoyer said she hopes that people will be playing on the courts before June and a grand opening is being organized when the entire courts are finished, including fencing and final landscaping.

The project cost \$290,000 all-in with several large donations that came in from area groups to put the project over the finish line, she said.

The project will include six pickleball courts with new fencing and landscaping around the courts. The fencing has been installed but has to be lifted to allow for the pouring of the new surface.

Pouring the surface is expected to take about a week and then it will have to be allowed to cure and be painted and the fencing reset.

The cost of the project has been shouldered mostly from private donations with an initial contribution from the city.

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Sports

Lady Hounds fall in double OT

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - Carrie Burken wanted her team to see the bigger picture, but she realized the immediate post-game snapshot wasn't going to look the same.

Fort Madison's girls soccer team ended the regular season with a 1-0 double-overtime loss to Davenport North on Thursday at the Baxter Sports Complex.

It was the third consecutive loss for the Bloodhounds (9-5), who start postseason play next week.

But Burken, Fort Madison's coach, wanted her team to take away from the positives she saw in the defeat.

"Honestly, we had as many chances, if not more chances, than they did," Burken said. "So I think looking forward into the progress of the program, we can look into the postseason and say, 'We can play with these teams.' And I think that's an incredibly encouraging thing. No one feels that right now. But it's encouraging going into next week and getting into (the postseason)."

Kristina DeReus' goal with 37 seconds left in the second overtime was devastating, a blast from 20 feet out that slipped through the fingertips of Fort Madison goalkeeper Taylor Johnson, who had made every big play of the match to that point.

"It was kind of a fluky shot," Burken said. "Nine out of 10 times, Taylor makes that stop. I think it was a tough that it ended that way, with 37 seconds left."

It's been a frustrating week for the Bloodhounds. They had a chance to be in position to get at least a share of the conference title last Thursday, but fell 2-0 at Burlington. Fort Madison then lost 3-2 at Mount Pleasant on Monday.

Burken, though, said she saw improvement, and

that's important with the postseason starting next Friday with a home match against Keokuk in the Class 2A regional tournament.

"We played so, so well," Burken said. "Which is encouraging to me, because I didn't think we played well Monday at Mount Pleasant. We played better in the second half (of Monday's match), but I didn't think we started out well."

"Our determination and our energy tonight was really good. And our hustle was really good. And how we fought was extremely good."

Fort Madison had several scoring chances in the first and second halves.

Teagan Snaadt missed a shot on a breakaway 20 minutes into the match, then Hadley Wolfe missed from the right side with five minutes left in the first half.

Johnson came up with one of the biggest plays of the night with 15 minutes left in the second half when she secured the ball after a North shot hit the post and nearly got over the line.

The Bloodhounds had two more scoring chances late in the second half. Taegan Denning had a shot in front of the net snagged by North goalkeeper Emma Jouran, then Snaadt missed from the right side with 2:40 to play.

Fort Madison has been tested with back-to-back weeks of three matches. The Bloodhounds only had two this week, and now with some extra practice time has a chance to regroup for the postseason.

"There aren't too many things (to work on)," Burken said. "We aren't too far off. It's just deciding when we're going to shoot balls. Our decision-making needs to be a little better. But I can't complain with how we played today."

Hounds, Keokuk to face off in girls' post-season opener

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

LEE COUNTY - Fort Madison's girls soccer team will open Class 2A regional play at home.

The Bloodhounds play host to Keokuk at the Baxter Sports Complex with a 7 p.m. first-round match on May 19. The winner will play Burlington on May 23 in the semifinals.

Fort Madison swept Keokuk this season, winning 4-0 at Keokuk on April 13 and 1-0 at home on May 1.

Oskaloosa will play at Carlisle on May 19 in the other first-round match. The winner of that will play at Pella on May 23 in the semifinals.

The two semifinal winners will play in the regional final on May 25 at a site to be determined.

Central Lee will play at Mid-Prairie in a 7 p.m. Class 1A regional quarterfinal match on May 17. The winner of that match will play either Van Meter, Centerville or Fairfield at Van Meter in the semifinals on May 23.

Van Meter will play the Centerville-Fairfield winner on May 17. The other side of the bracket has Chariton playing at Panorama and Columbus playing at Pella Christian on May 17, with the winners of those two matches playing in a semifinal at Panorama on May 23.

The two semifinal winners will play in the regional final on May 25.

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Wishing you a very happy Mother's Day

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1:00pm-3:00pm

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Wednesday, May 17, 2023
10:00am-11:30am

West Point Public Library
Thursday, May 18, 2023
2:00pm-3:30pm

Lee County Health Department
Monday, May 22, 2023
2:00pm-4:00pm

Fort Madison Food Pantry
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
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Fort Madison School News



2023 Prom Queen & King - Ran Detlefsen and George Hantzeas!

The Southeast Iowa Builders Association SEIBA hosted its first “Build My Future” event for area students last Friday! This was an interactive event giving 7th-grade students the opportunity to spend half the day in the construction industry through hands-on activities, simulations, and so much more! Pictured here is a student practicing using a drill with Carl. A Nelson company.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
KEOKUK CITY
COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 2023
501 Main Street
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on May 4, 2023, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were six council members present, three absent. Carrissa Crenshaw, Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Linda Altheide, John Helenthal, and Steve Andrews were

absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, and Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Reported on upcoming events taking place in Keokuk.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Garcia to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

• Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of April 20,

2023;
• Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of April 20, 2023;

• RESOLUTION NO. 229-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Chintz's, 1310 Main Street, effective May 20, 2023 – Class C Retail Alcohol License;

• RESOLUTION NO. 230-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Santanas Mexican Restaurant, 3753 Main Street, effective June 8, 2023 – Class C Retail Alcohol License;

• Cigarette Permit for Green Leaf, 3360 Main Unit 5, April-June 2023;

• Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5336-5337; Mayor Mahoney

opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. on amendment to the fiscal year 2022-2023 annual budget. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on Thursday, April 25, 2023.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell gave overview of amendment.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 231-2023: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023." (6) AYES, (0)

NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Oltmans to approve second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapters 13.04, 13.08, 13.10, and 13.14 Sewer Regulations of the Keokuk Municipal Code.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Garcia, Oltmans, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 232-2023: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON FY023-2024 BUDGET."

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

Motion made by Bryant, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 233-2023: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING PROPOSAL ON PROPERTY KNOW 417, 419, 423 & 427 TIMEA & 317 S. 5th STREET." (6) AYES, (0) NAYS.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans to approve URA Report. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

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mission, fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 4/1/2028.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans to approve the final notification to reappoint Tom Bryant and Jean Brilon to the City Planning Commission, filling 5-year terms to expire 5/14/2028.

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

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS: Greenwald reported Cultural and

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Entertainment District preparing for Back Alley Band Fest; Bryant reported Great River Regional Waste Authority doing great business.

STAFF REPORTS:

Broomhall informed of city-wide cleanup dates and Community Development items; Baum updated on 2 newly hired officers and grant request; O'Donnell reported on pretreatment progress and legislature updates regarding property tax and budget timeline.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Garcia to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST POINT CITY COUNCIL WEST POINT, IOWA 52656 MAY 8, 2023

Mayor Joseph Loving called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the West Point Library, 309 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on May 8, 2023, at 6:29 p.m. In addition to Mayor Joseph Loving indicated the following Council Members were present: Brian Meierotto, Dan Waters, Phil Kruse, Bruce Wellman and Will Stuekerjuergen.

Mayor reported the following: Municipal Utility Board Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, Library Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.; Next regular City Council Meeting is Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Point Public Library.

Randy Welding presented the City Administrator's report.

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Midwest Radar & Equipment.....	40.00
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Robins Sales & Service LLC	320.00
Sanders, Dara-Summer Program.....	38.40
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West Point & St Paul Fire	

Department.....	4,280.18
West Point Utilities-PD,city hall, library	3,067.08
Wex Bank, fuel	593.35
Windstream, telephone	198.22

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FUND: PREV BAL, RCPTS, DSBSD, CUR BAL: Gen.Govt.:	451103.19; 172206.83; 119898.32; 503213.54
Grants: -17277.92; ---; -17277.92; Cap Equip: 4127.06, ---, ---, 4127.06; Lib County/St: 6874.61; --, 38.99; 6835.62; Lib Mem & Gift: 11008.24; 1127.46; 12717.23; Hoenig Estate: 521577.12; 1525.50; --; 523102.62; Road Use: 30935.70; 10317.16; 3156.90; 37757.49; LOST: ---; 6825.98; 6825.98; --; East Sewer; -26391.44; 41.29; --; 139270.08;	

Walk Path; -1700.00; 50000.00; 4945.87; 43354.13; American Rescue:139228.79; --; --; Sewer: 47454.17; 18537.44; 22007.73; 43838.69; Sewer Sink-ing: 64295.70; 8366.67; --; 72662.37; Landfill: 259.53, ---, ---, 259.53

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Business News/Sports

GBP awards annual small business awards

BURLINGTON – The Greater Burlington Partnership Chamber of Commerce help the Small Business Breakfast today celebrating small businesses. At the event, they announced the winners of the Resiliency Award and the Small Business of the Year.

De Luxe Aesthetics was awarded the Resiliency Award. Having to endure the TIGER Project, a fire, and lengthy construction before they can reopen, most businesses would have just cut their losses, packed up, and called it quits. Not De Luxe. They found alternative locations to provide services, acquired another business, and keep moving toward reopening their amazing space in Downtown Burlington. This award celebrates their never-ending tenacity.

Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group was awarded the 2023 Small Business of the Year.

The 2023 Small business of the year has been broadcasting a mix of the hottest adult contemporary and country music to our cars and homes for years. All while their marketing team has been tirelessly working to help local businesses grow.

Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group is the operator of two local radio stations, 101.7 The Bull KBKB-FM and 107.3 The New Mix KGRS and are a full-scale marketing agency that provides consulting services to area businesses without the ad agency price tag.

Just prior to the beginning of Covid-19, the company added a digital marketing arm to its business and rebranded as Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group. This move came at the request of many of their clients, wishing that Titan's skilled marketing consultants would be able to help them with more facets of their total marketing plan. Now, their account executives can assist local businesses in delivering a one-two punch of on-air and online

marketing strategies.

Recently, Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group has seen tremendous growth. With the addition of the digital arm, their client base has increased significantly, leading to revenue growth of over 13%. Now Titan's footprint is unlimited. Currently, they are serving clients outside of its traditional radio coverage area in regions such as the Quad Cities, Iowa City, Des Moines and even in Wisconsin.

More recently, Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group has a new collaboration with the Burlington Beacon where the Beacon provides the daily newscasts on The Mix and The Bull. This collaboration affords our community access multiple times each day to high quality, relevant local news and information.

Titan Broadcasting & Digital Group also believes in giving back to the community & supporting local efforts. They are a partner and in-kind sponsor to many local events including the Tri-State Rodeo, Old Threshers, Burlington Riverfront Entertainment events, SnowBull, Burlington Bees, Des Moines County Fair, A Very Vintage Market, Greater Burlington Leadership, the Shamrock Shuffle, National Night Out, and many more.

Titan Broadcasting and Digital Group is a staple of the Greater Burlington Community. Thank you for playing our favorite songs so we can crank the volume and sing along on our drive to work. And thank you for helping our area businesses market what makes them unique, spurring growth in Des Moines County.

Congratulations to Titan Broadcasting and Digital Group, the 2023 Small Business of the Year.

Award videos for the above-mentioned awards can be found at the Greater Burlington Partnership Facebook page and YouTube page.

Look for bass in sunny spots as water warms

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report for southeast Iowa's public lakes, ponds and rivers from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Big Hollow Lake

The water temperature is back to the mid- to upper 50s. Black Crappie - Fair: Not seeing any spawners yet; shouldn't be long now. Most are caught in 6-8 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass are moving into shallow water in the afternoons, and back to deeper water in the early morning and evenings. Work soft plastics slowly along the bottom in 3-4 feet of water during the afternoon.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperatures was 54 degrees on May 2. Water clarity at about 8 feet. The curly leaf pondweed is just starting to come up. Black Crappie - Fair: A few anglers are finding the schools in deeper water out from the north ramp and have done fairly well there. Needs to warm the water up a little bit more. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Be on the water early, finish fishing up by 10 am, and be quiet - they can see along ways in this clear water; any noise you make, they can very easily see your boat.

Lake Darling

The water temperature was 56 degrees on May 3. Water clarity is 6-7 feet. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing has slowly been picking up. A few more degrees of water temperature, and they should be in spawning. Bluegill - Good: Bluegill bite continues to be decent. Look for them around the rock piles and tree falls in 5-7 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Fair: The past few days of wind has kept most anglers away. Bass should be working their way into shallow water for pre-spawn.

Lake Geode

Water temperature is 57-58 degrees. Water clarity is 6 feet. Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are starting to pick up some crappies. Try jigs tipped with minnows; they are out over the habitat in 7-8 feet of water. Bluegill - Fair: Bluegills are getting close to a keeper-size. Try fishing the sunny bays that are a little warmer; you should be able to catch enough to keep it interesting. Largemouth Bass - Fair: While still below the 15-inch size limit, these fish are more than eager to hit your bait on warmer days.

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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.
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