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Marina work speeds up



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Foundation work has begun on the Fort Madison Marina's new hospitality center. Officials are hoping to have construction started on the building in September.

HOLDUPS: FEMA certificate for new construction took more than a year to get

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The red tape of the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been sliced through and the Fort Madison Marina project is full speed ahead.

A permit was held up after FEMA officials told the city the wrong permit had been applied for and another \$6,000 fee would be required before they would start the clock on a 90-day window for a certificate to allow flood insurance for the hospitality center.

That certificate was received by the city about three weeks ago, and now work has begun on the foundation of the center that will house a restaurant, convenience store, restrooms and showers.

"The major setback for the project was FEMA," said Michael Mohrfeld, president of Mohrfeld Electric, the general contractor on the project.

"They are so big and disjointed. To get flood insurance you have to get a certificate to indicate the building is above the floodplain. We filed paperwork in June of 2022 and it's supposed to be a 90-day process. When we got to the 90th day they said we filled out

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SHRINERS' CLASSIC

Doherty full of superlatives about All-Star football game

FM head coach to be on sidelines for Saturday's game at UNI

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

CEDAR FALLS – Fort Madison High School football coach Derek Doherty is known for his superlatives, but this week's Shrine Game has almost left him speechless.

Almost.

Doherty is on the The Iowa Shrine Bowl All-Star Classic South team coaching staff and said his first experience with the event has been.... amazing.

The event is a yearly all-star game featuring many of the best football players in the state of Iowa, and this year includes two Fort Madison Bloodhounds Tanner Settles and Mateo Lozano.

Doherty showed up on the University of Northern Iowa campus Saturday to meet with coaches, while players arrived on Sunday.

The team is coached by Zach Sweeney, head coach at Winterset. Doherty said Sweeney has been incredible working up a game plan with a new team all in about four days, and creating a kinship among the coaches and players.

"It's been an absolutely awesome experience for me. We moved in Saturday and right away I'm working with such a fantastic coaching staff. We get along extremely well. They are so bright and I'm just picking brains and learning all the time," Doherty said.

"But the greatest thing, and I'm a

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OPINION

Congresswoman fighting for farmers

Farmers across Iowa and the United States are the backbone of this country and our economy. In Iowa, farming is more than a job, it is a way of life that is often passed down through generations of hardworking families.

Iowa's farmers play a vital role in our state's economy and food production. They embody the values of hard work, faith, perseverance, and dedication to feeding our nation and the world. Iowa's rolling plains have some of the richest farmland in the nation and significant renewable energy resources. According to Feeding the Economy, in Iowa's 1st district, nearly 170,000 jobs are generated by the agricultural industry, providing \$8.9 billion in wages and \$40.6 billion in output.

Iowa has led the nation in corn production for nearly 30 years and is also the top pork and egg producer in the country. Iowa is also a leader in oat, milk, beef, and soy production. Iowa's fertile fields play a dual role in not only feeding the world but also powering the nation through energy production. Iowa is the top ethanol producing state in the nation and provides about a quarter of the nation's ethanol production capacity. Our cornfields produce over 4 billion gallons of ethanol production in 42 plants around the state. Iowa also leads

the nation contributing nearly one fifth of all biodiesel production and is the second largest wind producer in the country.

With the farm bill approaching, it's incredibly important to understand the issues that our farmers, ranchers, and producers are facing across the state and nation. These issues include new regulatory burdens and energy restrictions, as well as fluctuating commodity prices, changing weather patterns, and evolving global markets. Congress has a responsibility to support our farmers which will create job opportunities and stimulate economic growth in rural communities across the nation.

Iowa's farmers are an integral part of our state's heritage and economy. Their continued success is crucial for ensuring food and energy security, economic growth, and rural development. To ensure the prosperity and sustainability of Iowa's agricultural sector, it is crucial for Congress to provide the necessary support and empower our farmers. Congress can make a significant impact by providing support, implementing favorable policies, and investing in initiatives that empower our farmers.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks currently represents Iowa's First District in the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRESS

Miller-Meeks, Grassley work on kids care access

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) partnered with Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) on legislation to improve access to life-saving care for children with complex medical conditions. The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act simplifies out-of-state Medicaid screening and enrollment processes for pediatric care providers, while retaining key safeguards to preserve the integrity of the program.

"Families seeking life-saving care for their children should be able to access it quickly and wherever it's available. Families shouldn't have to trip over red tape to reach the most effective specialist, treatment or procedure, whether around the corner or across state lines," Grassley said. "Our bill makes it easier for kids to get the medical attention they need without imposing extra costs on families."

"The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act is crucial for children battling rare and complex diseases," Miller-Meeks said. "This legislation gives children with rare and complex diseases access to health care institutions and research facilities that are in many cases out of state. It also lessens the bureaucracy and significant wait times that bottleneck patient care and risk worsening a child's health condition."

"For children with complex medical conditions and their families, bureaucratic red tape should not be another obstacle to access care. This bipartisan legislation will make it easier for low-income families to navigate our health care system and relieve some of the stress that caregivers face. I'll keep working with my colleagues to pass this bill and help kids get the health care they need," Bennet said.

"Children deserve access to the care they need regardless of the zip code they live in. That's especially true for the unbelievably resilient kids and families battling childhood cancer and other rare diseases," Trahan said. "The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act will finally ease the burden on these families so kids get the care they deserve without delay."

Children with complex medical conditions cannot always secure specialized care in their home states. When this happens, parents must work with their in-state providers and Medicaid officials to identify out-of-state providers who do offer that care. The process is riddled with regulatory hurdles that often delay, or even prohibit, children from receiving critical medical treatments. The Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act would alleviate these burdens for families, as well as providers.

The bill is backed by over 200 children's hospitals, patients and research organizations nationwide.

BACK PAIN?

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

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

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

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



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

MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

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

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

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

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

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

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That's why it's important to examine the spine AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control it. It's also why we've had such outrageous success with even the worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and together they deliver an outstanding way to help "bad backs". This ties in to Myth #5 and the diagram:



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

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

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- Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
- One-sided...right at that "bone" on one side
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From the Front

Settles, Lozano to suit up for Saturday's Classic

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football nerd, is at the end of the day we get to use this game we love to help children."

The Iowa Shrine Bowl All-Star Classic game is an annual football game played each July featuring 92 of the best football players in Iowa. To date, the Iowa Shrine Bowl has raised nearly \$3 million for Shriners' children.

Doherty is the running backs and wide receivers coach for the South team. He's working along side Mack Jorth of Pleasantville and Todd Black of Harlan. Doherty said anyone who knows anything about high school football in Iowa, knows about Harlan's success.

Doherty said the invitation to coach in the Classic is no glamour detail. He's had a full week of meetings, practices, presentations and collaboration.

The game will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday in the UNI-Dome and can be watched on the Shriners Facebook Page or on Mediacom Channel 22. A downtown Cedar Falls parade precedes the game.

Doherty said one of the most incredible things is how well the kids come together from all over the state to form a couple teams in less than a week.

"Sweeney does a great job of bringing these kids together. We sat down as a staff and he said we've got to be a team in days, not months," Doherty said.

"The way he leads that and has brought us together as a staff and players is phenomenal."

Settles is playing outside linebacker for the South and Lozano is a center on the South offensive line. Doherty said he's had a chance to work with Lozano and Burlington's Julian Perez-Hall, who both will see time at center. The chances for the two seniors at the Shriner's game has been beneficial for Doherty's program in Fort Madison.

"It's been cool to use that as an assessment. I asked how (Tanner) was doing and they moved him to another outside linebacker spot because of his skill set. They've got nothing but praise for him. So proud of our guys for doing this and how they're committing."

The preparation for the game on such a short notice is eye-opening for Doherty. He said terminology is different for play schemes and the play-book is unique.

"There has been a lot of learning for me here. But they also ask for my opinion on things and I give it based on what we do. But it's really kinda cool that people don't think you're an idiot all the time."

Being invited to participate in the game says a lot about what coaches think of Doherty's program over the past three years considering the Hounds qualified outright for the 4A playoffs last year and qualified in the previous year's COVID season. Fort Madison won the first-round game that year to get into the regular playoff set.

Doherty has not had a losing season since taking over the program.

He said it's an honor to work with the best kids in the state.

"These guys are the best in the state without a doubt. A lot of drills I'm

putting them through are drills I know. But these kids are so attentive to detail. There's no doubt about why they are the best."

And he said many of the kids bring in leadership qualities and many of them are headed for big-time college football programs.

"Some of these kids have natural leadership. One day our quarterback took over the huddle and did a great job talking about love for each other. These guys are from all over the state and he talked about how much he loved each of them," Doherty said.

"That's top down from Sweeney setting the tone. It's great when you see that happen, when you have kids that could be selfish. It's just a crazy experience."



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Iowa News

GTSB teams up with local law enforcement July 26

DES MOINES, IA – Iowa’s 2023 daily traffic fatality count is over 20% higher than the 5-year average: an alarming trend. The Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau is teaming up with law enforcement to keep drivers and passengers safe by raising awareness about the dangers of speeding and urging drivers to obey speed limits.

On July 26, Iowa will join Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas for a Speed Awareness Campaign. Law enforcement in your community will be on heightened alert for speeding vehicles and motorcycles.

Much like impaired driving, speeding is a selfish choice with deadly consequences for drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Speeding reduces a driver’s ability to steer safely around another vehicle, a hazardous object, or an unexpected curve. Even the safest cars with the newest technol-

ogies are limited in how much they can help reduce the odds of a crash.

Tragically, Iowa experienced a dramatic 25% increase in speeding-related fatalities from 2020-2021. In 2021, speeding-related crashes killed 84 people on our roads, accounting for almost one-quarter of all crash fatalities.

“We are asking drivers to please slow down,” said GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes. “Our goal is to save lives, and we’re putting all drivers on alert — the posted speed limit is the law. No excuses. On July 26 drivers will notice extra law enforcement on Iowa’s roads. If drivers choose to exceed the posted limit, they can expect a citation.”

The Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau works with city, county, state, and local organizations to develop and implement strategies to reduce deaths and injuries on Iowa’s roadways using federally funded grants.



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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL Meeting No. 36 June 19, 2023

The Burlington City Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Washington Street, with Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray, Maupin and Wilson present. Mayor Billups was absent.

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None

CONSENT AGENDA:
 To the Public:

All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately.

Introduced By: Maupin
 Seconded By: Critser
MOTION: To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro-Tem Graham-Murray reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. Council Member Maupin announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions and boards. All present had

opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

HEARINGS:

1. Statement: Consideration of Sale of Property Locally Known as 1428 Cleveland Avenue, Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

COMMENTS: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that the City has acquired the property at 1428 Cleveland Avenue through the abandoned building program. He stated that it is a one story brick home built in 1888 with 1,753 square feet of total living area with three bedrooms, one bath and a full basement. He reviewed the conditions of the sale of property with the City Council and the

viewing audience. Mayor Pro-Tem Graham-Murray led an auction for the Sale of Property Locally Known as 1428 Cleveland Avenue, Burlington, Iowa with Conditions. Robert Brewer of 1001 South 6th Street, Burlington was the high bidder at \$3,500.00. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Maupin

Seconded By: Critser

Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Maupin

Seconded By: Critser

Motion to Amend Exhibit "C" of the Resolution Approving Sale of Property Locally Known as 1428 Cleveland Avenue, Burlington, Iowa with Conditions that the Property be Sold to Robert Brewer in the amount of \$3,500.00

Introduced By: Maupin

Seconded By: Critser
 Resolution Approving Sale of Property Locally Known as 1428 Cleveland Avenue, Burlington, Iowa with Conditions

DISCUSSION: None.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

2. Statement: Consideration of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located Adjacent to Tama Road and East of Highway 99 from R-1, Single-Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District

COMMENTS: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that the property owner has submitted a petition to request the rezoning from R-1 to M-1. He stated that the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 2, 2023 regarding the rezoning of the property. He stated

that the commission voted (7-0) to recommend approval of the requested rezoning based on the location near an existing industrial zoning district to the south, adjacent industrial-type uses to the west, and minimal impact on neighboring properties based on the location. He stated that the current use of the property is a non-conforming use and it is recommended to amend the Future Land Use Map designation of the Comprehensive Plan to Industrial. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Maupin

Seconded By: Critser

Motion to Close

CARRIED

Introduced By: Maupin

Seconded By: Wilson

Motion for Preliminary

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Adoption of the First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Located Adjacent to Tama Road and East of Highway 99 from R-1, Single-Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED
ORDINANCES:

Introduced By: Wilson
Seconded By: Maupin

1. Motion to Amend the Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 2900 Division Street from R-2 Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that there were no changes to the Ordinance Rezoning the Property

Locally Known as 2900 Division Street from R-2 Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District from the first reading. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

Introduced By: Wilson
Seconded By: Maupin

2. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 2900 Division Street from R-2 Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: NONE
(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

Introduced By: Wilson
Seconded By: Critser

3. Motion to Amend the Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 504 South Adams Street from R-2 Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: Eric Tysland, Development

and Parks Director, stated that there were no changes to the Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 504 South Adams Street from R-2 Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District from the first reading. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

Introduced By: Wilson
Seconded By: Critser

4. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 504 South Adams Street from R-2 Single-Family Residential (Transitional) to C-1 Limited Commercial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

Introduced By: Wilson
Seconded By: Maupin

5. Motion to Amend the Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Section 5.

Land Use / Design Requirements of Ordinance No. 3360, Burlington Crossing PUD

DISCUSSION: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that there were no changes to the Ordinance Amending Section 5. Land Use / Design Requirements of Ordinance No. 3360, Burlington Crossing PUD from the first reading. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

Introduced By: Wilson
Seconded By: Maupin

6. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Section 5. Land Use / Design Requirements of Ordinance No. 3360, Burlington Crossing PUD

DISCUSSION: None.
(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS:

Introduced By: Critser
Seconded By: Wilson

1. Resolution Approving \$50,000 of Financial Support for the Burlington STEM Foundation's Children's Museum Building

DISCUSSION: Chad Bird, City Manager, stated that there was no additional information for the Resolution Approving \$50,000 of Financial Support for the Burlington STEM Foundation's Children's Museum Building. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

Introduced By: Critser
Seconded By: Maupin

2. Resolution Approving \$97,500 of Financial Support for the Burlington High School Renovation Project

DISCUSSION: Chad Bird, City Manager, stated that there was no additional information for the Resolution Approving \$97,500 of Financial Support for the Burlington High School Renovation

Project. Council Member Critser asked where the source of the funds are for the project. Bird stated that the funds come from the Economic Development Fund, which is primarily funded by LOST. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

(VOTE: 4 - "AYES")

ADOPTED

Adjournment: 6:03 p.m.

Approved: July 5, 2023

Katie Music, CMC, City Clerk
Lynda Graham-Murray, Mayor Pro-Tem

(See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

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BURLINGTON, IOWA CITY COUNCIL INFORMAL WORK SESSION June 26, 2023

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray, Maupin and Wilson present.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 5:13 p.m.

Approved: July 5, 2023

Chad Bird, City Manager
Jon D. Billups, Mayor

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4. Certified Laboratory Assistant preferred
5. Ability to perform complex laboratory analyses

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the wrong paperwork and wanted \$6,000 more for the right application.

“Three weeks ago we got that certificate. It’s one of the most frustrating things I’ve been a part of. We even got (U.S. Rep) Mariannette Miller-Meeks’ office involved.”

But Mohrfeld said the extra time allowed the marina committee to retool and redesign some things due to increased costs. The construction costs have increased steadily, but the group is still trying to build the project within the initial budget of about \$15 million.

“We used that time to make some modifications. So we were able to take advantage of the added time before we could break ground on the building,” Mohrfeld said.

He said vertical construction of the building could begin in the fall.

Crews broke ground this week putting in concrete footings and starting with some of the bases for the concrete walls. He said concrete work will continue through the end of August.

“Our construction goal for completion is February and or March and then open directly after that,” Mohrfeld said.

“Honestly the goal was to start foundations last fall, which would have put us into opening in the peak season and that might have been a little painful, but this allows the project to grow a bit beforehand.”

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said laying down asphalt on the east side around from the ramp is next on the schedule and striping the roadway. But the asphalt work will stop there until the concrete work is done so no heavy trucks damage the asphalt.

“That’ll be a game changer,” the mayor said about the asphalt work. “We’ve done the final layout for the rest of the parking, but that building has to be built first. We won’t bring heavy equipment across that asphalt.”

The mayor said the next wave of work will include grating the former park and reseeding that, while getting preparations underway for replacing the shelterhouse and the playground. Mohrfeld said even the playground is being designed to be a part of the destination theme.

“It’s our goal to build that nice enough to be a destination playground. But that’s not been finalized. We haven’t broken step with the quality model and everything there is geared toward a destination location,” Mohrfeld said.

Final walk throughs have been done on the covered docks, and gangways are being set up to the walkways from the docks. Jet ski docks were being installed on the east end of the marina Thursday and the mayor said the courtesy dock near the hospitality center is also in the works.

Michael Mohrfeld said the restaurant will be owned by a group of investors and will be a private enterprise. He said he’s hoping to have some announcements about operations in the next month or two.

He said the big news is that the building is starting and that’s what the community is looking at.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, workers help set the jet ski docs on the east end of the Fort Madison Marina Thursday afternoon. Below, a crane takes flight from the north side of the jetty wall Thursday afternoon along the Mississippi River in Fort Madison. Construction of the city’s new marina is in full swing after receipt of a FEMA flood certificate in June.





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