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# Hounds start with win

The Hounds' interior defense of Aiden Benda (63), Teague Smith (2), and CJ Arnett (73) try to get a deflection on Gabe Robinson's pass Friday night in Fort Madison's 15-12 win over the Grayhounds.

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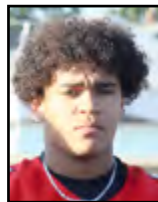
## COMEBACK: For third year, game comes down to late fourth-quarter rally

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty said the Grayhounds and Bloodhounds traded “uglies” Friday night at Miller Field in Burlington.

But the Burlington ugly was just a little more beneficial for the Bloodhounds as Fort Madison earned a 15-12 comeback win to open the 2023 high school football season.

Fort Madison's ugly came on the first play of the fourth quarter when the Grayhounds' Gabe Robinson spun out of



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a tackle just three yards past the line of scrimmage and scampered to the left 56 yards for a touchdown and a 12-7 lead.

Burlington's ugly came about eight minutes later when Fort Madison held BHS at 4th and 12, forcing a punt from the BHS 34-yard line. The snap went high over Cam Horn's head and Bloodhound senior Teague Smith outwrestled Horn for the ball at the 7-yard line. Two plays later, Hounds

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## BUSINESS NEWS

# River City Motors Plus undergoes transitions

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A familiarity in the Fort Madison business community is undergoing some changes, including ownership.

Chris Greenwald, owner of Fort Madison's River City Motors Plus, announced last week that he has entered into an agreement to sell the business over the next five years to two current partners.



GREENWALD

In five years, River City Motors will be 35, as this year is Greenwald's 30th anniversary operating in the city.

Greenwald said staying in business that long is destiny. “I think it's a God thing,”

he said. “Because I'm not that smart.”

Setting up the deal that way allows the business to continue, which makes Green-

wald happy.

“That's the way we structured the deal. It works better for everybody. This way I don't have to watch this thing dismantled when I'm done. It lives on. So, if you like me, I'm gonna be around a little while, and if you don't like me, I'm only gonna be around a little while,” he joked.

Aris Cox and Mark Cox are the two

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## EDITORIAL



# County tax hike calibrates past shortages

The forest through the trees.

It's an old idiom that says we're not seeing what's right in front of our face because... well, it's right in front of our face. It's hidden by its very essence. Really kind of beautiful if you let it sink in.

The reason I bring it up is that I received nothing less than 20 phone calls and messages this week to look into the county tax rate hike that everyone got on their tax statement this week.

The statements were mailed out by a contracted provider who, for some reason, thought it would be a good idea to list everyone's tax bill in the mailer window. Now, in theory, only everyone who handled that piece of mail could see how much my Aunt Phyllis was paying in taxes and determine the value of her home.

I reference my Aunt Phyllis because I think more people know her than me. Her last name is Anderson and her late husband Leonard was a long-time member and former president of Fort Madison Kiwanis. We lost him a few years back.

Those who know Phyllis would say she's as lovable as you'll find, fiercely devoted to her family, and we adore her.

But she doesn't swear. When she got her bill... she swore. It came across as a little charming to me and I smiled when I read her post on Facebook with little symbols to hide the profanity, but typing it anyway.

I just thought she was another person upset by her tax bill but that wasn't it. She was mad that the amount of her bill was displayed for all the U.S. postal service to see. A quick message to Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise revealed that the county used a service provider to save money and resources compared to doing the printing and envelope stuffing in house. But they didn't

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### INA "MARY" YOUNG

Ina "Mary" Young, 84, of Keokuk, passed away on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

Mary was born on April 16, 1939, in Macon County, Missouri, the daughter of Olen Francis and Nellie (Zeigler) Baskett. In 1957, she graduated from high school in Ottumwa, Iowa, and on December 26, 1961, she was united in marriage to Jesse Earl Young, Jr., in Ottumwa. He survives.



YOUNG

Mary was employed in her younger years at Larry Daggs Insurance as a secretary, but her top priority was always her family. She loved spending her free time solving crossword puzzles, sewing, crocheting, and painting. She had a quick wit and loved children. When her children and grandchildren were involved in band and sports, she never missed a performance or game. She enjoyed attending car shows throughout the area with her husband.

Mary is survived by her husband Jesse Earl Young, Jr., of Keokuk; two daughters: Rena (Bruce) Mackie of Keokuk and Tandra (Lester) Flaherty of Dixon; two grandchildren: Brett and Sarah Mackie, both of Keokuk; her sister Irene Weber of Kirksville, Missouri; and three brothers: Isaac Baskett of Ottumwa, Iowa, Ira Baskett of Tempe, Arizona, and Imon Baskett of Ottumwa, Iowa. Mary is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Ival Snyder and Iris Koch; and three brothers: Ivan, Gene and Dale Baskett.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, Iowa, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 28, from 4 to 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or River Hills Village for Memory Lane.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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

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### CECILIA R. POOLE

Cecilia Rae Poole, 64, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 3:00 a.m. Friday, August 18, 2023, at Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa.

She was born on September 8, 1958, in Keosauqua, Iowa, the daughter of Gerald LaVerne and Jessie Louise (Pittman) Boyd. On September 14, 1974, she married Donald Poole in Farmington, Iowa. He preceded her in death on October 3, 2021.



POOLE

Survivors include her children: Tanya (Daniel) Harness of Revere, Missouri, Tammie Poole of Farmington, Iowa, Thomas (Amee) Poole of Farmington, Iowa, Trisha Poole of Farmington, Iowa, Terri (Jimmy) Vancil of Farmington, Iowa; grandchildren: Taylor and Christopher Pilcher, Ethan and Owen Harness, Trevor, Quinton, Mason and Gavin Poole, Katerina Wyatt, Sera and Gabriel Poole; great grandson: Jett Dameron; brothers: Floyd Boyd, Edward Allen Boyd; sisters: Brenda Louise (Randy) Cook, Connie (Jeff Oaks) Boyd, Julie (Stephen) Krauter; in-laws: Ronnie (Trisha) Poole of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Bobby Poole of Burlington, Iowa, Virginia (Bill) Glaha of Chariton, Iowa, Brad Smith of Mount Sterling, Iowa, Charlie (Kelly) Smith of Mount Sterling, Iowa, John Smith of Mount Sterling, Iowa; step siblings: Bill Smith of Oklahoma, Roger (Tina) Smith of Farmington, Iowa, Linda (Larry) Miller of Edgewood, Maryland. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Donnie; sister: Marvina Lee Sullivan; brothers: Marlin Dean Boyd and Blair Boyd; brothers-in-law: Chad Smith and Larry Poole.

Cecilia worked as a CNA at Good Samaritan and managed Pappy's Place. She was a member of the Southeast Iowa Women's Pool League and the Women's Miscue Pool League. She was an avid pool player having participated in the National Pool Shootout in Las Vegas, where she placed fourth in the women's division and her women's pool team participated in the Iowa State Women's League where they won first place. Cecilia also enjoyed reading, music, barbecuing and get togethers with her family. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her grandkids.

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

A visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A memorial service was held at 3:00 p.m. at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Michael Browning officiating.

Following the memorial service, a Celebration of Life will be held at the Farmington American Legion.

A memorial has been established in her memory

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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### DOROTHY L. SUMMERS

Dorothy L. "Dotty" Summers, 90, of Nauvoo, IL died Monday, August 21, 2023 at River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA.

She was born November 8, 1932 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Clayton and Hazel Cale Jones. Dotty graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1950.



SUMMERS

On June 7, 1953 Dotty was united in marriage to E. Gene Summers at St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on April 11, 2014.

Dotty was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk. She is survived by two sons, Doug (Becky) Summers of Hamilton, IL and Hank (Shelly) Summers of Hamilton, IL, six grandchildren, Zach (Randi) Summers, Ben (Kelsey) Summers, Kendall (Carly) Summers, Emma (Leigh) Powell, Ethan (Alyssa) Summers and Lydia Summers and seven great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, David at birth and one sister, Betty Peterson.

There will be no services at this time. A private interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to PAW Animal Shelter in Ft. Madison, IA.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

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### JOY H. KEMPER

Joy Helen Kemper, 81, of Montrose, IA passed away Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

She was born July 7, 1942 in Gladstone, IL the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Whitaker Bowen.



KEMPER

Joy had been employed by Armour Dial until her retirement. She enjoyed crocheting, crossword puzzles, gardening, watching westerns and football.

Joy is survived by three children, David Hamner (Lori), Deneen Hamner and Maxx Lane (Eugene), four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Jackie Kuda (William).

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, William Bowen and two sisters, Betty Black and Hazel Randell.

A gathering of remembrance will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the Montrose Cemetery in Montrose, IA with Pastor Preston Smith officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the Montrose Church of Nazarene.

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

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### CARL A. SAUNDERS

Carl Alan Saunders, 83, of Fort Madison, died peacefully Thursday, August 17, 2023, with his wife, Debbie, and his children at his side. Carl lost his first kidney in 2000, and his second kidney started failing in 2018. He has fought a losing battle over the past 3 years since starting dialysis. His will to push through and live never wavered regardless of the tremendous medical hurdles that came, one after the other. His grit, humility, and unbending strength throughout this painful journey has filled those that love him with so much pride. Ultimately, his body could not hold him any longer.

Carl was born July 27, 1940, to Jeanne (Donnelly) and Merle Saunders. Carl grew up a Catholic farm boy in Manning, Iowa with his siblings Kay (Houghton), who survives him, Dennis, William ("Bill") and Mildred. He graduated from Manning High School in 1958, started college at Iowa State, however two weeks in, while in a lecture, he had a change of heart. He quit and joined the Navy. After Carl's medical discharge from the Navy, he decided to give his education a second go, this time at the University of Iowa, where he would go on to receive his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1967.

Carl met Susan (Welch) Saunders while studying in Iowa City. They married and moved to Fort Madison for Carl to begin his law practice and start a family. Carl and Sue raised three children, Michael, Stephen and Emily. The family suffered a tragic loss of Stephen's unexpected death in 1989, which would serve to deepen the family's faith.

Carl married the love of his life, Debra (Reynolds)

Saunders on May 2, 1992. Debbie brought two more children into Carl's life, Ross, and Jill. Debbie worked as Carl's legal secretary and together they navigated a career in law spanning more than five decades. Their passion for the law inspired their children to follow suit. Emily first joined her dad's firm in 1999 until she took the bench in 2007; Ross next joined the firm in 2012 until he became the Lee County Attorney in 2017, Jill joined the firm as a paralegal in 2015, and Carl's daughter-in-law, Trina, also was a paralegal for many years in Illinois. Carl was a beloved member of the local bar association. He held himself to the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and compassion.

Carl was a lifelong athlete. As a typical kid growing up in a small town, he played every sport. As an adult, Carl enjoyed softball teams, tennis leagues, racquetball, biking, basketball leagues and running. He was a dad coach of many baseball teams and loved teaching his children to swim and play tennis. He would bike RAGBRAI four times, including once with Michael and twice with Emily, and founded Fort Madison's still-active Team Gnarley. He ran a marathon and helped coach Emily in running hers. Carl taught countless children to swim, first as a job through law school, and then locally by opening up his private pools to neighborhood children to utilize any time he would put the flag out (the signal the pool was open for business).

When Michael joined the Aquinas tennis team in Fort Madison in 1984, Carl created a fundraiser, The Tennis Court Gala, that funded the installation of four tennis courts at Aquinas high school. Carl was a lifelong servant to the Fort Madison Catholic school system, serving as school board president for several years. Although providing the tennis courts to Aquinas was a huge accomplishment for Carl, his most important contribution, at least fiscally, came in establishing the Tri State Rodeo concessions contract for Aquinas in the 1980s, which continues to serve as the school's largest annual fundraiser involving hundreds of students and families. Carl loved the rodeo and served as rodeo chairman for what would be known as the wettest rodeo

in history.

Carl adored being a dad, a husband, and a grandpa. He and Debbie fell in love with Sanibel Island, Florida where they would vacation annually and open their door for all children and grandchildren to join. Carl was a lifelong Cub fan. He and Debbie, along with Michael and Trina and their boys, witnessed a dream come true in 2016 watching the Cubs win the World Series. Because of Carl, every child and grandchild of his are Cub fans for life, each taking in dozens of games at Wrigley with him over the years.


Carl loved coffee with the guys, a convertible ride with his wife, a train ride into Chicago, a margarita on the beach, a martini at night, and a home-cooked meal with family. "Gross Carlos" as his friends called him, had a lightning quick, sarcastic wit that could cut through the toughest of times. He had a faith that never faltered. His love and pride in family sets an example for all who were blessed to know him.

Carl is survived by his wife, Debra; sister, Kay Houghton; son, Michael (Trina) Saunders; daughter, Emily (Brent) Ruther; son, Ross (Sarah) Braden; and daughter, Jill (Adrian) McKay. Surviving grandchildren include: Katie (Jacob) Ludy with great-grandson, Eli; Rachel, Caleb and Joshua Saunders; Alex (Olivia) Dean; Noah Dean; Annaka and Mia Ruther; Mylin and Vayda Braden; and Braden and Julian McKay. Carl is now reunited in Heaven with son, Stevie, along with his parents and siblings, Denny, Bill, and Milly.

The family will hold a private mass in the coming days. Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Per Carl's wishes, an Irish Wake will be held this fall and announcements will be sent out. Memorials have been established for P.A.W. Animal Shelter, 2031 48th Street, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, C/O Thomas Gendron, 2600 Avenue A, Fort Madison, IA 52627. The family asks that they be sent directly to those entities. Online condolences to Carl's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).




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## From the Front

# Supervisor says tax hike is calibration of past years' rates

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know the plastic window would be so big as to reveal personal information.

That's probably not going to happen again, according to county officials.

So let's get to the point of this...the forest through the trees. The 31% hike in the overall county tax levy rate.

I sat with a long-time Fort Madison resident in the sauna of Bracewell Stadium Friday night and we chatted about the rate increase. This guy, whose family has been in Fort Madison for generations, said what used to be a bedroom community has now transitioned into an older generation that hates to pay for development and improvement. He said he was okay paying the increase because it was helping us get to where we should already be.

He's not wrong. How many referendums have we voted down? (I checked 'referendums' for a plural tense. It's correct because the latin plural 'referenda' is now defunct... and a little pretentious it would seem.)

Anyway.

Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb issued a statement in his own opinion, and not reflective of the board as whole, outlining how the county got into a position to set such a marked increase in the county rate.

He did a good job showing mean averages over the past 10 years and that the county had not been moving the rate incrementally. He painted a picture of the obstacles the county has had to navigate over the past two years that have added substantial pressure to department head budgets.

A county-owned ambulance service and its protracted billing process, which has been rectified. A closed hospital; an IT department that was staggeringly behind in security; wages that had not kept pace with economic indicators; a failure to incrementally raise the levy to keep pace with inflationary pressures.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom kind of fell on the sword a bit on several occasions when she said the levy should have been raised several years ago when the ambulance service was purchased to save it from collapsing. But the board, as is the case with any elected body, always leaned toward avoiding substantial levy increases to keep voters happy.

Those boards will say they are being good stewards of taxpayer money. I hear that phrase a lot.

But being a good steward also means making sure your funds are healthy. We can't invest in ourselves if we don't

have money set aside to do that.

We can't be players on the economic development front if we don't have funds to use as incentives, or build needed infrastructure, matching funds for grants, and dealing with emergencies such as flooding, disasters, or a hospital giving 30-days' notice and shutting down operations.

It's harder to replace bridges, grate roads, replace vehicles and law enforcement equipment if we're not good stewards of the money.

I don't think there is a single person who would disagree that costs are going up everywhere. You can't even think about building something without adding about 30% to the FINAL engineer estimate, which would already include an inflationary factor.

So it escapes me that people think the county or city, Fort Madison and Keokuk also had substantial increases this year, should run static. Running without a levy increase typically will result in additional funds anyway because assessments usually increase year over year, generating proportionately more funds. But when the levy rate goes down, which it did about half of the last ten years, as well as decreasing over that 10-year period, you're setting yourself up for disaster.

I don't have an economics degree and math is not my strong suit. Let's just stipulate that right now. But facing increasing costs without balancing the factors of revenue generation only makes sense if assessments go up to the point to eat up balance the inflationary pressure. That didn't happen according to Seyb. We got behind in wages, in technology, in equipment, in improvements, and now it's time to calibrate.

That's what's happening. A realistic look took place over the past 18 months at the condition of the county's general fund. Supervisor Matt Pflug sounded the warning bell on several occasions about the deteriorating state of the general fund. Former Fort Madison City Manager

David Varley was sounding the bell a bit earlier for Fort Madison's general fund, which he said was in peril.

Calibration in the way of cuts and, now, levy increases, took place as a course correction. The county is now going through a course correction, as well. Most of us would agree that we'd rather see incremental increases rather than a 30 to 40% increase all at one time. But either way, I think Seyb is trying to show we should be where we are. This board just has to take the blame for it.

Math lesson over.

Here's how we see it.

A calibration was clearly needed because of our insistence on keeping property taxes low. We understand that's part of economic development, too. Companies won't move where they think they are being crushed by taxes, but they also want quality of life and a solid employee base, good roads, parks, and schools. Look where development is occurring in this state and the cost of living there.

Hate it or not, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes said taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society. It's etched above the entrance to the IRS headquarters in Washington D.C. We are a tax-and-spend society. Should it go unchecked? Absolutely not. The system is set up so we can check it. But it also shouldn't go neglected either. And that, according to Seyb anyway, appears to have been happening.

It's not like the county's budget woes haven't been being reported on. There are several news outlets, including this one, that have been following the budget woes of the county and publishing them for years. Very unfortunately, that may actually be Beside the Point.

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From the Front

# Muffed punt snap leads to winning FM score

**DAWGS** - Continued from Page 1

quarterback Marcus Guzman pitched on a sweep to Hayden Segoviano who slipped past the Grayhound defense into the end zone for a 13-12 lead.

Fort Madison went for the two-pointer and Guzman hooked up with senior Henry Wiseman on a crossing route for the 15-12 final lead.

The Bloodhounds had run the pitch to Segoviano earlier in the night and the play was dropped. Guzman said he was comfortable going back to the play.

“We had an issue with that earlier, but the momentum was on our side and I was sure we would get in with that play,” the junior said.

Doherty said he had encouraged offensive coordinator Justin Menke to go a different route.

“That’s a tribute to them. We were having some luck on the outer edge and I was actually thinking something else, but he made a different call there, I’m glad he did,” Doherty said.

The Grayhounds opened the scoring early with a 69-yard drive, all on the ground, with Robinson scoring on a 1-yard keeper. Caden Schisel had 57 of the yards on six carries setting up Robinson’s plunge on 4th and goal for a 6-0 lead. The extra point would clink off the left upright and fall to the left side.

Fort Madison responded on the next drive with its own 12-play, 69-yard drive. Mixing up the pass and the run, Guzman found three different receivers on the drive and then hooked up with Wiseman on a 4-yard catch-and-run. Leif Boeding’s PAT was good and Fort Madison carried a 7-6 lead through to the 4th quarter.

Guzman said he thought he forced things early.

“When I go out there and just play my game, I do well. I love to run and take some hits,” he said.

Doherty said he met Burlington head coach Jim Krekel before the game and the two shared some kind thoughts. Krekel is in his last year coaching the Grayhounds and has Doherty’s respect. The two teams have battled the last three years with a win coming in the final quarter of each game.

“We met at midfield before the game and had some kind words. I told him straight up, I love that man. I really do,” Doherty said.

“I admire him and he’s an inspiration and he said he hoped I get the longevity that he did. Think about how many lives he’s changed. It’s fantastic. He wants me to have that longevity, but if we keep having games like this, I don’t know if I’m going to.”

Doherty said the game was suffocating in the heat, but both teams handled it well. He said Guzman had a solid first drive.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FM senior Henry Wiseman slides over the goal in the first quarter on a 3-yard TD catch-and-run to give Fort Madison a 7-6 first quarter lead Friday night in Burlington.

“He came off and said things are feeling really good and he was seeing things and then he started to force things, but when Marcus is being Marcus it’s spectacular. He doesn’t have to be anybody else or try to do anything else.”

Wiseman said he knew this game would come down to the wire the same as it has the past three years. He said the offense struggled a bit, but did enough to get the win.

“The offense didn’t show how good we are going to be the rest of the season. It wasn’t pretty, but we got the job done,” he said.

Guzman finished 12 of 19 for 96 yards and a TD. He also ran the ball 12 times for 10 yards. Wiseman caught all seven of his targets for 29 yards and the two scores. Caleb Bolander led the Hounds’ receivers with 34 yards on three catches. Hayden Segoviano had 58 yards on nine carries and the touchdown to lead Fort Madison on the ground. Brody Cashman had eight yards on three carries.

Jamarkus Kline had seven tackles to lead Fort Madison from the linebacker spot. CJ Arnett, Smith, and Wiseman all had 5.5 tackles. Brody Cashman and Tristan Marshall each had a sack for the Hounds.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Denise Fraise, Auditor of Lee County, Iowa, do hereby certify for collection, taxes for assessment year 2022, collectible in September 2023 and March 2024, to Becky Gaylord, Treasurer of Lee County, Iowa, on this 15th day of August, 2023.  
Denise Fraise  
Lee County Auditor

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Fort Madison will hold a public hearing regarding a voluntary annexation of parcels in Washington Township, Lee County, Iowa to the City. The hearing will be held at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison.

The property to be considered for annexation can generally be described as follows: property east of Reve Court and between Highway 61 and Business Highway 61 (Parcel Numbers 021714024760020 and 021714013010090) – Owner: Circle M, Inc.. A complete legal description of the property, including an aerial photo, can be viewed at Fort Madison City Hall during normal business hours.

You may appear at this hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the City Clerk or delivered before the hearing's close on the above date at 811 Avenue E, P.O. Box 240, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Melinda L. Blind  
City Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Nomination Petitions and Candidate Affidavits

are available at the Fort Madison City Clerk's Office, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison.

Offices open for the November 7, 2023 election are:

Mayor.....2 Year term  
1st Ward Councilperson ..  
.....4 Year Term  
2nd Ward Council Member ..  
Remainder of 4 Year Term  
3rd Ward Councilperson..  
.....4 Year Term  
5th Ward Councilperson ..  
.....4 Year Term  
Councilperson At-Large...  
.....4 Year term

Nomination Petitions and Candidate Affidavits must be turned into the City Clerk at Fort Madison City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison.

The earliest date to file a Nomination Petition and Candidate Affidavit will be Monday, August 28, 2023. The last day to file papers will Thursday, September 21, 2023. The City Clerk's office will be open until 5:00 P.M. on September 21st in order to accept petitions.

A candidate must be 18 years of age when his or her Nomination Petition is filed. Candidates must live within the Ward they represent in the City of Fort Madison.

It is recommended that Candidates obtain more than the required number of signatures on their Petitions. This will guard against possible unacceptable signatures causing the Petitions to be invalid.

For more information or forms, contact Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk at 319-372-7700, ext. 206 or [mblind@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:mblind@fortmadison-ia.com).

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-103

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, BUSINESS, CHAPTER 6,

### PAWNBROKERS, SECONDHAND DEALERS OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON

The following is a brief summary of Ordinance Number D-103 which amends Title 4, Business, Chapter 6, entitled "Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers".

Section 1: The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for licensing of Pawnbrokers and Secondhand dealers and establishes the required use of an internet-based property tracking system.

1. Outlines Applicability and Exemptions;
2. Sets definition of words, terms and phrases;
3. Requires a license;
4. Sets license term and requires posting of license;
5. Outlines Application Requirements and issuance;
6. Sets appeal process;
7. Records dealers to use internet-based property tracking system;
8. Sets requirements for retention of items;
9. Allows for inspection of premises;
10. Sets penalties: Any person who violates or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a municipal infraction punishable by a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the initial offense and seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each repeat offense. Any person who violates a provision of this chapter having previously been found guilty of violating the same provision of this chapter at the same location, shall be guilty of a repeat offense. Seeking a civil penalty as authorized in this section does preclude the City from seeking alternative relief, including, but not

limited to, any order for abatement or injunctive relief from the court in the same action or as a separate action.

A complete copy of Ordinance D-103 is available for review at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Monday through Friday (with the exception of scheduled holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance, shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE City Council this 1st day of August, 2023.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,  
Mayor  
City of Fort Madison,  
Iowa  
ATTEST:  
/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-102

### AN ORDINANCE CREATING TITLE 7, POLICE, CHAPTER 13, SPECIAL EVENTS, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON

The following is a brief summary of Ordinance Number D-102 which creates a new Chapter 13, entitled "Special Events":

1. Outlines Applicability and Purpose of Intent of the chapter;
2. Sets definition of words, terms and phrases;
3. Requires an Application and Permit for all events relating to the stated purpose and intent of the chapter;
4. Outlines Application Requirements;
5. Determines Permit Review Process;
6. Sets special event permit fee by resolution;
7. Allows fees for use of City equipment, facilities, or services to be charged;
8. Sets requirement for special events to have

insurance;

9. Requires Council to approve or deny the permit;
10. Sets appeal procedure;
11. Designates who may revoke a special event permit and under what conditions;
12. Lists what would be considered as a violation of the permit;
13. Outlines Exemptions.
14. Penalties for any person who violates or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a municipal infraction punishable by a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the initial offense and seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each repeat offense. Any person who violates a provision of this chapter having previously been found guilty of violating the same provision of this chapter at the same location, shall be guilty of a repeat offense. Seeking a civil penalty as authorized in this section does preclude the City from seeking alternative relief, including, but not limited to, any order for abatement or injunctive relief from the court in the same action or as a separate action.

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LEE COUNTY COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023 AT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE LOCATED AT 701 AVENUE F, FORT MADISON, IA AT 12:00 NOON.

The agenda includes: 2 requests for Veterans financial assistance, August 2023 monthly financial report, minutes, monthly client report, and Outreach Event Planning.

### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2023, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda DATE: Monday, August 28, 2023 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA

#### ---AGENDA---

Board of Supervisors  
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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda
3. Public Input
4. Consider Approval of Resolution Abating Taxes on Keokuk Ambulance Base Property
5. Consider Approval of Urban Renewal Joint Agreement with City

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- of Keokuk
- 6. Consent Agenda
  - Monday, August 21, 2023 Board Minutes
  - Claims for Payment
  - Class B Native Wine Permit for Appleberry Farms
- 7. Commission or Committee Reports
- 8. Department Head Report-Ginger Knisley, Children First Coordinator
- 9. Adjourn

Possible Workshop to Follow  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
June 19, 2023

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a public hearing for comments on vacating an alley in Mooar. Warner Kelso was in attendance as he was the person asking for the vacation. He asked the Board to approve the resolution. There were no other comments. At 10:02 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2023-74. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION# 2023-74**

FINAL RESOLUTION VACATING AND CONVEYING A CERTAIN PLATTED ALLEY WITHIN THE TOWN OF MOOAR, LEE COUNTY, IOWA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to its authority under Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, hereby vacates the following described por-

tion of the alley located on Lee County Auditor's Plat No. 1 Block No. 1 Town of Mooar (SW 9-65-5), Jackson Township, Lee County, Iowa and specifically legally described as follows:

1. The North Fifty (50) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Ten (10) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa, and;

2. The South Fifty (50) Feet of the North One Hundred (100) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Eleven (11) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to its authority under section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, the Board now conveys the property so vacated to the surrounding landowners as follows:

1. The North Fifty (50) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Ten (10) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa, and;

2. The South Fifty (50) Feet of the North One Hundred (100) Feet of the Platted Alley Splitting Lot Eleven (11) Block One (1), Auditor's Plat No. 1, Town of Mooar, Lee County, Iowa

To Warner J Kelso : 04-15-21-09-303-0060, and; Warren J Kelso aka Warner J Kelso: 04-15-21-09-303-0070

Subject to all utilities and easements of record.

Upon approval, pursuant to Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, this Resolution will serve as the lawful conveyance of the said vacated property.

Dated this the 19th day of June, 2023.

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve an update to the EMS Captain job description. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve an update to the EMS handbook supplement. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-77. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**Resolution #2023-77**

WHEREAS, at a special election held March 7, 2023, Lee County voters approved designating EMS as an essential service;

WHEREAS, a special levy of seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation was approved;

WHEREAS, property taxes for this special levy will not be collected until September 2023 making it impossible for EMS to pay their bills without a loan;

AND WHEREAS, it is desired to loan monies from the General Basic Fund to the Lee County EMS Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing be held on the 3rd day of July, 2023, at 10:01 a.m. at the Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison to receive comments about the interfund loan.

Following the public hearing the Board will determine whether to approve the interfund loan. Notice of public hearing should be published in accordance with section 331.305.

Dated this the 19th day of June, 2023.

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

At 10:10 a.m. Seyb opened a public hearing for comments on vacating an alley in Croton. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments received during the hearing.

At 10:12 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-75. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2023-75**

FINAL RESOLUTION VACATING AND CONVEYING A CERTAIN PLATTED ALLEY WITHIN THE TOWN OF CROTON, LEE COUNTY, IOWA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to its authority under Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, hereby vacates the following described portion of the alley located in Block No. 12 Town of Croton (SW 20-67-7), Lee County, Iowa and specifi-

cally legally described as follows:

1. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 4; Thence Northwesterly 50 Feet along the North Line of Lot 4; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 50 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the West Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

2. The South 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Lot 3; Thence Northwesterly 150 Feet along the North Line of Lots 1, 2, and 3; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 150 Feet along the Center of the Alley to a Point 10 Feet Northeasterly of the Point of the Beginning; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa;

3. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 8; Thence Southeasterly 64 Feet along the South Line of Lot 8 and the West 14 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southeasterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Northwesterly 64 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Seymore St; Thence Northeasterly

10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa, and;

4. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Lot 5; Thence Northwesterly 136 Feet along the South Line of Lots 5, 6, and the South 36 Feet of Lot 7; Thence Southwesterly 10 Feet to the Center of the Alley; Thence Southeasterly 136 Feet along the Center of the Alley to the East Right of Way Line of Locust St; Thence Northeasterly 10 Feet to the Point of Beginning, in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa

All in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa.

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To William Batten and June I Batten Husband and Wife as joint ten-

ants with Full Rights of Survivorship and not as tenants in common – 03-27-12-20-332-0040

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To Martin J Munford and Grettel M Munford Husband and Wife as joint tenants with Full Rights of Survivorship and not as tenants in common – 03-27-12-20-332-0030

3. The North 10 Feet of the Platted Alley in Block 12 Described as Commencing at the Southwest

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To Mary E Small – 03-27-12-20-332-0020

All in the Town of Croton, Lee County, Iowa.

Upon approval, pursuant to Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2022, this Resolution will serve as the lawful conveyance of the said vacated property.

Dated this the 19th day of June, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairmen; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/

Chuck Holmes, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Haul Road Agreement with NuStar Pipeline for construction of an ammonia pipeline. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Haul Road Agreement with ITC Midwest for construction of an electrical transmission line. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve an MOU with the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa Region for cost obligation of the region. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to appoint Mark Klesner as the ADA Administrator. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to ap-

prove Resolution #2023-76. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

### Resolution #2023-76

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of a building on leased land from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 445.16(3) provides in its material part:

If the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount due through tax sale and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a

written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16(3), the Board of Supervisors hereby by this Resolution abates \$67.00 and directs the Treasurer to strike the building from the county system.

Owner: Leroy Avery  
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Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 19th day of June, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairmen; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/

Chuck Holmes, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Fedler staying on as representative on the 8th Judicial Committee in an advisory role. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion on the Human Resources position. It was determined that the position will remain as is.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the June 12, 2023 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of May 2023, and Manure Management Annual Updates for Squeal Inn in Harrison Township and Holtkamp Ag in Franklin Township.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a

Regional Mental Health meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Board meeting, a RUSS Board meeting, a Crime Commission meeting and a Juvenile Detention Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Childcare Board meeting, a Keokuk Economic Development Board meeting and a meeting with Iowa Fertilizer concerning 180th Street. A discussion then was held concerning the Traffic Camera Ordinance.

At 11:15 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

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## From the Front

# Cox family joins River City Motors

**30 YEARS** - Continued from Page 1

partners with whom Greenwald has made the ownership agreement.

The new ownership is also installing a body shop on the west side of the business. A Haitian family that Greenwald met is building the new structure. He said the project should be completed by the end of September.

Greenwald said he got a paint booth from Carl Sandburg College's auto tech program and moved it into Fort Madison. The new prep and body repair/painting will be attached to the west side of the building.

He said his son Aris is more into the body work and has been integral in getting the new services set up.

"Six years ago a young man and his mother came in to buy a vehicle. The young man was something special and you could see that right away," Greenwald said. "So I asked him what he was going to do with his life and he said he was taking auto mechanics at SCC."

Greenwald offered the student, Cox, an internship at the dealership garage. In a month's time he went from being a secondary mechanic who did brake jobs to more advanced work.

He then progressed to auto body courses and, throughout the time working for Greenwald, he began to think about becoming involved in the ownership, a move that was exciting to Greenwald.

Mark said he has enjoyed working on cars with his son Aris. And the opportunity for a partnership and eventual ownership was something they both have a passion for.

"It was definitely something that I would've looked for in the future. I had before but once I started here, I didn't think about it so much because it was less than a job and more something I just enjoyed doing every day."

Greenwald, who has won some battles with cancer, said he was beginning to lose traction with the business and that the Cox family came along at the right time.

"I run all my decisions by them now. I consider them to be the boss and he'll ask me what I think, but I'll say you do what you need to do because, in five years, this will be you, not me."

Mark said when he and Aris celebrate their 30 years, they're gonna wheel Greenwald out to the celebration.

The recent developments have given Greenwald time to reflect on his life and what has led him to this place in life.

The former Fort Madison city councilman said he's happy with how the business has grown and that he's been able to be a part of the city business community.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

From left to right: Mark Cox, Aris Cox, and Chris Greenwald have entered into a five-year partnership at River City Motors Plus. After five years, the Cox family will take ownership of the business. In the meantime, they are adding a body shop service to the dealership.

# BACK PAIN?

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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...

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**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"?) waded 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:

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- 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"!

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

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## Sports

# Lady Hounds return seven seniors

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Kelly Knustrom is in her third season as Fort Madison High School's volleyball coach, and she's seeing a foundation develop within the program.

She has 35 players out this season, but what she is appreciating is how what the Bloodhounds are doing is trickling down through the system.

Knustrom took 16 players to a team camp at Nebraska this summer to learn at one of the top college volleyball programs in the nation.

"They brought a lot back to the gym," Knustrom said. "But I can see what they learned in some of the girls who didn't get to go. You can see that they're teaching them things."

The Nebraska trip, Knustrom said, was a learning experience.

"I thought we really bonded there," she said. "That was huge for them. It was tough, but they responded really well. It was fun for sure. But it was tough."

Now the Bloodhounds try to build off a season in which they won four matches, although three of those wins came in Southeast Conference play.

Knustrom has seven seniors on the varsity roster.

"I foresee all of them helping this team," she said. "They all bring good energy. They are open to doing some new things. We've got different kids in different positions, we're looking at different hitting options. I just think it's going to make the game more fun for them, and for people to

watch."

Senior Taylor Johnson, who led the Bloodhounds with 149 kills and 45 blocks last season, is back at middle hitter, with sophomore Sydney McEntee (10 kills) backing her up. Seniors Ajia Jenkins (93 kills) and Lauryn Helmick (89 kills) are joined on the outside by sophomore Dayonna Davis (40 kills). Elle Ruble (82 kills, 192 digs) and libero Amy Yasenchok (290 digs) are also returning seniors, along with Mazie Hotop and Alexis Beebe.

Sophomore Mara Smith will be the Bloodhounds' setter.

Junior Brylie Lorence has emerged as a versatile hitter who can play the outside and the middle.

"She's worked well at all of the hitting positions," Knustrom said.

Knustrom likes the chemistry of her team.

"I'm excited to watch them play," she said. "It's a good core group."

The Bloodhounds will be tested at the Skip Anderson Tournament in Bondurant this weekend. They're in the same pool group with Holy Trinity, Ames, and Bondurant-Farrar.

"What I like about this tournament is we're guaranteed six matches," Knustrom said. "We're going to see some really good competition there, and we're going to learn a lot about ourselves."

Knustrom knows what she has seen so far.

"I see some new things," she said, "and it's really fun for me to watch. And I think the fans are going to enjoy watching them, too."

## HAWKS FOOTBALL

# Central Lee opens with win

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

KEOSAUQUA — Central Lee's season-opening 35-8 win over Van Buren was all about the Hawks' resilience.

They weren't daunted by turnovers on their opening two possessions inside their opponent's territory. They saw two key players leave the game with serious injuries.

And when the Warriors scored early in the second half, Central Lee sealed the victory with a quick touchdown drive of its own.

"Ultimately, I think our guys played together as a team," said first-year Central Lee coach Doug Dodds. "And that's something we've been talking about and stressing — to be successful, you have to play that way."

The Hawks had 378 yards of total offense, hitting big first-half runs that staggered Van Buren.

Central Lee had lost its last three games to the Warriors, and the way this game started didn't bode well.

Central Lee's Landon Rudd recovered a Van Buren fumble on the second offensive play of the game, but the Hawks gave it right back on a bad pitch three plays later.

Then, after stopping the Warriors and getting the ball at the Van Buren 38-yard line, the Hawks gave the ball away on another fumble.

But Cory Jones' interception on the next play got the ball back for Central Lee. Jones returned the interception to the 10-yard line, and Kayden Calfee got the remaining yards on two runs to put the Hawks up 7-0.

Central Lee got a three-and-out on the next possession, then needed one play to increase its lead. Grant Myhre's 70-yard touchdown run put the Hawks up 14-0.

Jones had an 8-yard touchdown run for a 21-0 lead, then Calfee's 11-yard run right before halftime gave Central Lee a 28-0 lead.

Van Buren scored its lone points on its second possession of the second half when Bryce Newcomb scored on a 1-yard run, and then Lucas Fett ran in the two-point conversion.

But the Hawks, with Dodds yelling, "Finish" from the sidelines as they began their next possession, drove 65 yards on seven plays, the drive capped by Landan Lowenberg's 22-yard touchdown run.

All of the Hawks' yards came on the ground.

"We understand that there's going to be certain things teams are going to say, 'We're probably not gonna let you do,'" Dodds said. "We were able to execute the other phases or offense tonight. Which, that's awesome to see."

The Hawks lost two key players during the game. Jones went down with a first-half injury to his left knee. Hunter Gregory suffered a serious arm injury in the second half.

Calfee finished with 143 yards on 10 carries. Chase Johnson rushed for 87 yards.

Dodds liked the way his defense controlled the Warriors.

"We played with great leverage on the line," he said. "We flew around on defense. We did a great job in the secondary. I mean, we played great team defense and we're proud of that."

The Hawks take momentum into their home opener next Friday against Cardinal.

"We just go to practice on Monday, get ready for the next game," Dodds said. "Get back to work."

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