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## Tri-State Rodeo may go to standing-room only

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FORT MADISON: Tri State Rodeo officials are announcing a Special Ticket Alert. Wednesday Night and Friday Night ticket availability is extremely limited.

Both nights are likely to sell out prior to the event and potentially within the next few days or sooner. Attend-

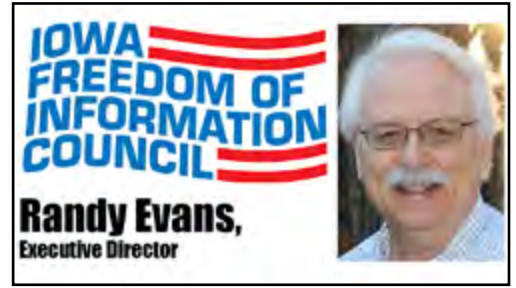
ees are highly encouraged to pre-purchase tickets as soon as possible.

In the case of a sellout, we will offer a limited amount of "General Admission - Standing Room Only" tickets. These tickets will not come with seating in the arena but will allow for access inside the grounds. Ticket holders will be able to enjoy the vendors as well as the big-screen TVs

that will show the rodeo inside the Bud Light Stockyard. Once the rodeo is over, the gates to the arena will be open and all ticket holders will be allowed onto the dirt to get in front of the stage for the concerts.

The 75th Tri-State Rodeo kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 2 with four days of pre-rodeo activities that lead to four

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## DeSantis needs diplomacy in his plans for Mexico cartels

Campaigning for public office is no picnic. Day after day there are speeches, Q&A's, interviews and the constant need to think before you speak.

Candidates eat enough chicken to have Colonel Sanders clucking approval. But for those who speak before engaging their brains, their other item on the menu often is crow.

The miscues are not the sole province of one party's candidates to the exclusion of the other's. Ask Hillary Clinton about that basket of deplorables. Ask Abby Finkenauer if she now wishes she had chosen a different way to express displeasure with a judge's ruling on a challenge to her nomination papers.

In recent days, Ron DeSantis pledged that if elected president, he will send United States military forces into Mexico to deal with the drug cartels "on day one."

"The president of the United States has got to use all available powers as commander in chief to protect our country and to protect the people," he said during last week's Republican debate. A few days later in Iowa, he reiterated that promise.

Just as Clinton and Finkenauer neglected to put their brains in gear and carefully think through what they wanted to say before opening their mouths, DeSantis may be guilty of relying too much on his mouth's automatic transmission.

Do not think for a moment that I am minimizing the seriousness of illegal drugs or drug addiction in the United States. We have been fighting "the war

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## HTC girls take Wapello title



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Taylor Jones (18) tries to push an attack past HTC's Natalie Randolph (11) in the second set of the Crusaders' 21-10, 21-18 win over the Hawks in Wapello.

### **RANDOLPH:** Senior gets back on floor to exact revenge on Nikes

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WAPELLO - Senior Natalie Randolph hadn't played Burlington Notre Dame since the Nikes knocked off HTC at the state tournament her sophomore year.

She sat on the sidelines her junior year after suffering an injury in the preseason in 2022, but she never rotated out of the lineup in the three matches Tuesday at the Wapello Tournament.

And she helped the Crusaders to the title including a 25-23, 25-15 win over the Nikes in the championship match.

"That was definitely big, I haven't played Notre Dame since

they beat us in the state tournament so it was something I was looking forward too, Randolph said.

"It's definitely a great feeling to be back on the floor with my friends. I think we're moving well and really connecting, and I'm excited about the season."

Randolph is playing in a full leg brace but said it wasn't restricting her movement too much.

The Crusaders went 4-0 including wins over Columbus, Central Lee and Wilton in Pool B setting up the title match with the Nikes.

The Nikes advanced to the title match going 3-0 through

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## From the Front

# Central Lee struggles at Wapello Invitational

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pool play, but gave up a 17-21 loss to host Wapello before rolling to a 15-6 tiebreaker win to advance to the championship.

HTC Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the Nikes are never to be taken lightly and the first set showed that.

“You’re gonna get their best game every time. They play great defense, are very tenacious and they have big hitters in the front row,” Freesmeier said.

“That first set let us know we can go against adversity and comeback to win against a good team.”

The Crusaders jumped out to a 6-1 early lead behind Randolph’s six straight points from the service line in the first set. A block up front by sophomore Presley Myers gave the Crusaders the early margin. Myers had 85 blocks from the middle as a freshman last year.

The Nikes would rally to tie the game at 9 and then the two perennial rivals, arguably two of the best Class 1A programs in the state, showed why going back and forth with ties at 10, 15, 16, 17, and 18 before senior Mary Kate Bendlage hit a kill from midcourt to midcourt to give HTC a 20-18 lead. Randolph would get a kill to make it 21-18 with the title match going to 25 points per set.

Notre Dame would put another run together to tie things at 29 after a Myers kill gave HTC a one-point lead. A tip from the Crusader side would fall just outside the line to tie things up. Myers would then get what could be a patented kill off a Randolph set in the middle to make it 24-23 and Taegan Denning would get the next service point for the win.

The Crusaders would run away in the second set with the Nikes never getting closer than five after trailing 7-2 early on.

Myers said the weekend tournament gave the Crusaders energy for Tuesday.

“We went 3-3 this weekend and the whole first pool we went 3-0. Then we got an awakening. That, losing those games, gave us the adrenaline we needed for this tournament. We had fun and all that energy out there really helped us come back strong in the championship,” she said.

**HTC’s Anna Bendlage gets a set ready in first set action of the HTC/Central Lee match at the Wapello Invitational Tuesday night.**



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

“I challenged them

Freesmeier said she challenged the Crusaders after this weekend’s letdown in the Gold bracket play after starting the Bondurant-Farrar Invitational 3-0.

“I challenged them



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity sophomore Presley Myers (17) blows an attack past Central Lee’s Kylie Fortune in the first set of the Hawks’ and Crusaders’ game Tuesday in Wapello.

late on Saturday. We had a 3-hour wait going into the Gold pool and we came out flat. I challenged them against Indianola and told them every point counts. Get the point or don’t - you have to be there for your teammates and today they did that,” she said.

“The more and more these kids play together the more they believe in each other and that’s a key going down the stretch.”

Central Lee went 0-4 on the day falling to the Crusaders 21-10 and 21-18, Wilton 21-14, 21-13 and Columbus 21-18, 10-21, 15-13.

In the second set of the match with HTC, Central Lee tied things up at 16 when junior Kylie Fortune got a kill from the right side. The Hawks and Crusaders would stay tied at 17 and 18, but a kill from Bendlage deep gave HTC a one-point lead and then two errors on the Hawks’ side gave the Crusaders that match.

Randolph and Mary Kate Bendlage were both 43-49 attacking with Bendlage racking up 21 kills to Randolph’s 19 on the night. Myers had 23 kills to lead HTC. Randolph had 36 assists and was 63-63 serving with 12 aces. Bendlage had 30 digs and Randolph had 29.

Taylor Jones led the Lady Hawks at the net with 15 kills, four blocks and 22 digs. Halle Lampe had 10 kills and 18 digs. Ellie Lake had 18 digs and 20 assists with three aces on the night.

Holy Trinity improves to 4-3 on the year and will travel to No. 8 New London on Thursday.

Freesmeier said New London will be hungry for an upset.

“They’ll be digging, digging, digging and we have to keep our firepower going at that. We’ve got some great hitters all over the court. That’s the key - pass and get the ball everywhere,” Freesmeier said.

Central Lee falls to 1-7 on the year and travels to Van Buren on Thursday night.

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## Sports/From the Front

### AREA VOLLEYBALL

# Fort Madison ladies can't overcome slow start

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

WASHINGTON — Fort Madison volleyball coach Kelly Knustrom called a timeout in the second set of Tuesday's game against Washington to deliver a message to her team.

And while it didn't help the Bloodhounds in their three-set loss, Knustrom hopes they listened and learned from the message.

The 25-19, 26-24, 25-13 loss to the Demons in the Southeast Conference opener for both teams dropped the Bloodhounds to 0-7. But Knustrom knows the season is still early.

It's all about getting to a fast start, she said, and that was something she said to the Bloodhounds in the second set, when they were down 11-10.

"I thought we started every game a little slow," Knustrom said. "I would have liked to have seen us come out a little more ready to play right from the get-go. It seemed like we wanted to settle in, and I don't think you can do that, ever."

The Bloodhounds had enough fire in them to be close late in the first two sets. They were down 17-16 in the first set before the Demons scored six of the next seven points to take control.

Then, after Knustrom's timeout, the Bloodhounds led 22-20, and then fought to tie the match at 23-all and 24-all before surrendering the final two points on kills from Taylor Miksch and Leighton Messinger.

"I hoped we were going to pull it off," Knustrom said. "We played so well in that game and showed a lot of fight, and I was hoping we could get that one."

"We have the capabilities. We have the tools. We just have to dig down, and want it a little more than the other team."

Washington then dominated the third set. The Demons got off to a 9-4 lead, then later had a seven-point run that included three consecutive aces from Ella Greiner to take a 21-7 lead.

"I was glad that we kept fighting in that third game," Knustrom said. "Washington didn't want to go more than three (sets) and they proved it from the beginning. Kudos to them taking the momentum from Game 2. I thought we still had some swings left in us, and we did some good things."

Ajia Jenkins and Taylor Johnson each had seven kills for the Bloodhounds. Mara Smith had 18 assists. Elle Ruble had eight digs.

Jenkins was 9-of-10 serving. Ruble was 9-of-11 serving, while Smith was 8-of-10.

# Committee says 2023 could be record year for tickets

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huge nights of rodeo and music inside C.E. Richards Arena.

Pre-Rodeo activities include the Fort Madison YMCA Stockyard Stampede (5K), Pee Wee Barrels, a Chili Supper, Lil' Spurs Rodeo, Little Miss Rodeo & All-Around Cowboy, a Pancake Breakfast, Pulled Pork Dinner, and the Special Kids Rodeo. Entry to the pre-rodeo activities requires the purchase of a Rodeo Button (\$7), which can be purchased at many area businesses, including the rodeo ticket office.

Rodeo activities include four nights of world-class rodeo competition, including the Jim Bair/RAM Chute-Out, Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie Down Roping, Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding.

Musical performances on Jack Daniel's Main Stage include performances by Ian Munsick, Chris Janson, ALABAMA, and Riley Green, as well as after-party shows in the Bud Light Stockyard by The Tank Anthony Band, Bootcut, and Stumptown.

Also, the Tri-State Rodeo Parade is one of the largest and finest parades in the Tri-State area, with over 1,000 horses and riders.

There will be food and drink vendors, retail vendors, and many interactive activities as well. Tickets are required for each night and include admission to all scheduled events for

that day (including both the rodeo and concerts).

Each night of the rodeo will be hosted by 4x Pro Rodeo Announcer of the Year, Boyd Polhamus, and 10-time PRCA Clown of The Year Justin Rumford. Also performing will be Cowboy Kenny's Steel Rodeo. Cowboy Kenny is a high-flying freestyle motocross rider who has won 10 medals at the X Games and Gravity Games and seven World Championships, including the Van's Triple Crown and Dew Tours.!

A full list of activities, a schedule, and more can be found at [www.tristaterodeo.org](http://www.tristaterodeo.org).

Parking is available at the arena, but during the rodeo (September 6 -9th), there will also be shuttle buses running regularly from Connection Bank, Cobblestone Inn & Suites, Baxter Sports Complex, and Quality Inn & Suites. Buses will run 5PM - 12AM on Wednesday & Thursday and 5PM - 2AM on Friday & Saturday. The shuttles and parking at pickup spots are a free service offered through the rodeo.

Attendance is expected to be at record levels this year, so rodeo spectators (concertgoers) are highly encouraged to get to the grounds early to get the best parking locations.

For questions on what is allowed on the grounds, or most anything else, visit the FAQ page on [www.tristaterodeo.org](http://www.tristaterodeo.org).

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# For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

08/15/23 - 9:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.  
 08/15/23 - 2:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.  
 08/15/23 - 6:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2100 block of Avenue E.  
 08/16/23 - 11:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Avenue G.  
 08/16/23 - 2:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 300 block of Avenue F.  
 08/17/23 - 11:01 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue J.  
 08/17/23 - 11:59 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue L.  
 08/17/23 - 7:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael Vincent Mastropietro, 38, no hometown listed, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on charges of 2nd degree criminal mischief \$1500-\$10000 and 1st degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/17/23 - 9:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Tasha Marie Carter, 42, no hometown listed, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear - driving while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/18/23 - 12:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1900 block of Avenue F.  
 08/19/23 - 7:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Stephani Smith, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue H, on a charge of assault w/bodily injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/19/23 - 8:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 3rd Street.  
 08/19/23 - 11:42 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Colten Conrad Boyer, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/20/23 - 9:20 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 48th Street and Avenue O.  
 08/20/23 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Joshua Dean Potter, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 2400 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while barred and a Des Moines County warrant for fingerprint needed.  
 08/20/23 - 4:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Sherry Lynn Thomas, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 1900 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear - domestic

abuse. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/21/23 - 10:43 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Sierra Lynne McGee, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 4900 block of Avenue O, on 2 warrants for failure to appear - driving under suspension, a warrant for failure to appear - 4th degree theft, and a warrant for probation violation - forgery. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/21/23 - 11:18 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Randy Allen Davis, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue J, on a charge of disorderly conduct - loud noise. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/22/23 - 12:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Chris Ann Turner, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of 33rd Street, on a charge of failure to appear - driving while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/22/23 - 1:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Avenue H.  
 08/22/23 - 1:44 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Avenue I.  
 08/22/23 - 1:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael John Goldensoph, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of 34th Street, on charges of public intoxication and 1st offense trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/22/23 - 2:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Marc Anthony Johnson, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 48th Street, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd.  
 08/22/23 - 7:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Skyline Drive.  
 08/23/23 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Eric Eugene Fortune, Sr., 56, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of 20th Street, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 08/23/23 - 10:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Donald James Hillman, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue I, on a charge of 4th degree theft greater than \$300 less than \$750.  
 08/24/23 - 12:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Abigail Brooke Stegall, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 20th Street, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/24/23 - 4:45 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Javen Robert Peterman, 23, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 28th Street, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 08/24/23 - 11:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Avenue G.

08/24/23 - 2:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 08/24/23 - 3:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 08/24/23 - 4:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.  
 08/25/23 - 8:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2500 block of Avenue L.  
 08/25/23 - 11:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2000 block of Avenue D.  
 08/26/23 - 8:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1100 block of 24th Street.  
 08/26/23 - 10:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2800 block of Avenue N.  
 08/26/23 - 7:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Benjamin Gurney Skiles, 46, of Keokuk, at 35th Street and Avenue Q, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 08/26/23 - 8:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Timothy Kempker, 34, of Fort Madison, at 35th Street and Avenue Q, on charges of controlled substance violation - AGMS and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/26/23 - 11:20 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Equiliis Marquis Lee, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 08/27/23 - 11:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of 14th Street.  
 08/27/23 - 3:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Rocky Hellweg, 39, of Fort Madison, at 10th Street and Avenue F, on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct - loud noise, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/27/23 - 8:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Avenue G.  
 08/27/23 - 9:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Michael Eugene Cochran, Jr., 41, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue B, on a charge of 1st degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
**Lee County Sheriff Report**  
 08/17/23 - 9:42 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kolton Alan Enke, 27, of Denmark, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/17/23 - 11:09 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Scott Darron Mohr, 56, of Davenport, on Hwy. 61 N. mile mark-

er 25, Fort Madison, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/18/23 - 8:41 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joshua Brud Seymour, 42, of Nauvoo, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.  
 08/19/23 - 10:45 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Heather Marie Koita, 44, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on 2 judgment entry/mittimus warrants. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/20/23 - 12:17 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brandon Scott Briggs, 33, of Montrose, in the 3000 block of Koehler Lane, Montrose, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/21/23 - 12:52 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Scott Lane Staley, 45, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/21/23 - 1:55 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Angela Nicole Nelson, 45, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/21/23 - No time reported - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 15-year-old juvenile from Keokuk on a charge of 3rd degree criminal mischief. The juvenile was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center.  
 08/22/23 - 9:36 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 2100 block of Franklin Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Marichu Nopra Sokpe, 51, of Iowa City, was traveling southbound in the 2100 block of Franklin Road when it lost control due to loose gravel, fishtailed, and went into the west-side ditch. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.  
 08/23/23 - 9:30 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Matthew Kristian Smith, 26, of Danville, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/24/23 - 2:55 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Sierra Marie Barta, 21, of Keokuk, in the 1600 block of 100th Avenue, Farmington, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/25/23 - 9:36 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested April Dawn Howard, 39, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and judgment entry/mittimus. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

08/25/23 - 2:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cody Rubert Hellweg, 36, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on time served.  
 08/25/23 - 3:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David Eugene Rogers, 38, of Keokuk, in the 1700 block of Hwy. 61, Wever, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court and a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/26/23 - 11:14 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Steven Fitzgerald Hawkins, 54, of West Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/26/23 - 11:29 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Marc Anthony Dumas, 46, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/26/23 - 3:44 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a 3-vehicle accident at 255th Street and Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Sarah Noel Raabe, 25, of Missouri, was traveling westbound on 255th Street and was stopped at a controlled intersection of 255th Street and Hwy. 218; A vehicle driven by Robert Eugene Tomow, 32, of Mount Pleasant was traveling southbound on Hwy. 218; and a vehicle driven by Timothy John Keithley, 36, of Burlington, was stopped at a stop sign on 255th Street heading eastbound. Raabe continued through the intersection and was struck by Tomow which caused Raabe's vehicle to spin in the intersection and strike Keithley's vehicle. No injuries were reported. Raabe was cited for failure to yield right of way and operating with a fraudulent registration. All 3 vehicles sustained disabling damages and were driven from the scene.  
 08/26/23 - 9:18 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Andrew Jack Williams, 36, listed as homeless in Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on 3 warrants for failure to appear and a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 08/27/23 - 1:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of 180th Street. A vehicle struck a utility pole causing \$2,500 damage after losing control. The driver had left the scene and the vehicle was reported stolen the following day.  
 08/27/23 - 11:18 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a 2-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 61 and Argyle Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Georgeann Chalcraft, 70, of Illinois, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 61 when a vehicle driven by Makenzie

Lynn Ladd, 24, of Keokuk, entered the cross over, yielded, and then pulled out, causing Chalcraft to swerve off the road, striking a stop sign, and entering a ditch. Occupants of Chalcraft's vehicle complained of minor injuries, but refused treatment; Ladd was uninjured. Ladd was cited for failure to yield right of way before entering intersection and warned for obstructed view. Chalcraft's vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

**Hancock County Sheriff Report - Citations**  
 06-02-23 MURPHY, SHANE W 18 KAHOKA MO ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOL  
 06-02-23 MURPHY, SHANE W 18 KAHOKA MO OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE  
 06-02-23 MURPHY, SHANE W 18 KAHOKA MO ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF CANNABIS  
 06-03-23 SIMMONS, EARL R 48 FT MADISON IA DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED  
 06-03-23 VERDUGO-PEREZ, RAUL C 37 PLYMOUTH IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE  
 06-04-23 BRUMMETT, VICKI L 65 HAVARD IL DUI ALCOHOL  
 06-14-23 BOEDING, DANIEL R 60 KEOKUK IA SPEEDING  
 06-14-23 BOEDING, DANIEL R 60 KEOKUK IA OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE  
 06-15-23 CAULKINS, VALLI W 23 WARSAW IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE  
 06-15-23 CAULKINS, VALLI W 23 WARSAW IL SUSPENDED REGISTRATION  
 06-16-23 HERZOG, MARLA A 70 WARSAW IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE  
 06-17-23 HARWOOD, JESSICA A 40 HAMILTON IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED  
 06-18-23 FLORES, ANGEL D 20 HAMILTON IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE  
 06-18-23 BARTLOW, BONNIE J 70 URSA IL DISOBEY STOP SIGN  
 06-19-23 SANTANA-MORENO, MARCO A 52 CARTHAGE IL SUSPENDED REGISTRATION  
 06-23-23 BLAIR, TIFFANY R 30 CARTHAGE IL RECKLESS DRIVING  
 06-23-23 BLAIR, TIFFANY R 30 CARTHAGE IL FAILURE TO REDUCE SPEED TO AVOID CRASH  
 06-23-23 BLAIR, TIFFANY R 30 CARTHAGE IL IMPROPER LANE USAGE  
 06-23-23 EVANS, GREGORY 49 NIOTA IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED  
 06-26-23 TAYLOR, KIMBERLY J 55 HAMILTON IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

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06-27-23 ARMSTRONG, DUSTIN M 38 WARSAW IL RECKLESS DRIVING

06-27-23 PETERS, JESSICA M 42 LIBERTY IL DISOBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

06-29-23 SMITH, BRITTANY 33 LAHARPE IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE

06-29-23 HARRELL, CHRISTOPHER 33 CARTHAGE IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE

06-29-23 MYERS, JOSHUA D 41 FT MADISON IA DUI - ALCOHOL

06-29-23 MYERS, JOSHUA D 41 FT MADISON IA DUI - ALCOHOL W/ BAC OVER .08

06-30-23 WINDBIGLER, ADDAM M 39 ELVASTON IL UNLAWFUL DISPLAY OF REGISTRATION

06-30-23 WINDBIGLER, ADDAM M 39 ELVASTON IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

07-06-23 WASHBURN, KARINSA 52 HAMILTON IL DUI

07-06-23 WASHBURN, KARINSA 52 HAMILTON IL ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOL

07-06-23 WASHBURN, KARINSA 52 HAMILTON IL FAILURE TO REDUCE SPEED TO AVOID CRASH

07-07-23 SPEER, DAVID L 74 BASCO IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

07-09-23 SANDS, BRANDON A 30 UNIONVILLE MO DRIVING LEFT OF CENTER

07-09-23 SANDS, BRANDON A 30 UNIONVILLE MO DUI - ALCOHOL

07-09-23 SANDS, BRANDON A 30 UNIONVILLE MO DUI - ALCOHOL W/ BAC OVER .08

07-10-23 KOLTZENBURG, CLIFF 50 HAMILTON IL NO VALID REGISTRATION

07-12-23 SPRAGUE, NICOLE E 39 HAMILTON IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

07-12-23 GAREY, CHRISTOPHER P 40 SUTTER IL IMPROPER PASSING

07-13-23 EVANS, ANDREW J 32 KEOKUK IA DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

07-13-23 BROWN, WYATT J 25 CARTHAGE IL OBSTRUCTED WINDSHIELD

07-13-23 BROWN, WYATT J 25 CARTHAGE IL FAILURE TO SIGNAL

07-14-23 PRICE, ALEX J 35 HAMILTON IL DUI - ALCOHOL

07-14-23 PRICE, ALEX J 35 HAMILTON IL DUI - ALCOHOL W/ BAC OVER .08

07-14-23 MCALLISTER, TERESA M 62 ELVASTON IL SUSPENDED REGISTRATION

07-17-23 RECTOR, BRANDON 29 COWETA OK UNLAWFUL USE OR DAMAGE TO HIGHWAY

07-20-23 HANKINS, DAVID A 30 ATHENS IL DUI - ALCOHOL

07-20-23 HANKINS, DAVID A 30 ATHENS IL DUI - ALCOHOL W/ BAC OVER .08

07-20-23 HANKINS, DAVID A 30 ATHENS IL IMPROPER LANE USAGE

07-20-23 SKINNER, TIFFANY M 35 KEOKUK IA DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

07-20-23 WORRELL, GERRY A 31 PLYMOUTH IL DUI - ALCOHOL

07-20-23 WORRELL, GERRY A 31 PLYMOUTH IL DUI - ALCOHOL W/ BAC OVER .08

07-21-23 CAIN, TRISTAN A 22 AUGUSTA IL AGGRAVATED FLEEING/ELUDING

07-21-23 CAIN, TRISTAN A 22 AUGUSTA IL SPEEDING

07-21-23 CAIN, TRISTAN A 22 AUGUSTA IL SPEEDING (40 MPH+)

07-21-23 CAIN, TRISTAN A 22 AUGUSTA IL NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

07-22-23 WASHBURN, JOEL D 48 HAMILTON IL DUI

07-22-23 WASHBURN, JOEL D 48 HAMILTON IL SPEEDING

07-22-23 WASHBURN, JOEL D 48 HAMILTON IL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS

07-22-23 WALKER, CIARA J 32 CARTHAGE IL SPEEDING

07-22-23 WALKER, CIARA J 32 CARTHAGE IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE

07-23-23 CLEESSEN, WILLIAM R 32 MACOMB IL DUI

07-23-23 CLEESSEN, WILLIAM R 32 MACOMB IL FAILURE TO REDUCE SPEED TO AVOID CRASH

07-25-23 TAPSCOTT, CAINAN J 17 MACOMB IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE

07-27-23 MALONEY, MICHAEL O 69 KEOKUK IA IMPROPER PASSING

07-28-23 GIDEON, KATIE E 37 CARTHAGE IL IMPROPER LANE USAGE

07-28-23 GIDEON, KATIE E 37 CARTHAGE IL DUI - DRUGS

07-28-23 GIDEON, KATIE E 37 CARTHAGE IL ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF CANNABIS

07-28-23 HELLYER, NICHOLAS D 24 CARTHAGE IL LEAVING THE SCENE OF A CRASH

07-29-23 HUFFMAN, NATHAN D 38 HAMILTON IL DUI - ALCOHOL

07-29-23 HUFFMAN, NATHAN D 38 HAMILTON IL DUI - ALCOHOL W/ BAC OVER .08

07-30-23 DAVIS, ANTHONY J 44 FT MADISON IA SPEEDING

07-30-23 DAVIS, ANTHONY J 44 FT MADISON IA SUSPENDED REGISTRATION

07-30-23 JENKINS, SAMUEL R 36 KEOKUK IA DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

07-30-23 FINCH, WILLIAM 19 HAMILTON IL SPEEDING

07-30-23 FINCH, WILLIAM 19 HAMILTON IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE

07-30-23 ANDERSON, JENTAE 43 HAMILTON IL SPEEDING

07-30-23 ANDERSON, JENTAE 43 HAMILTON IL OPERATE UNINSURED VEHICLE

### Hancock County Sheriff Report - Jail Report

06-02-23 THORNTON, MICHAEL B 42 RUSHVILLE IL FTA - DISORDERLY CONDUCT

06-03-23 SIMMONS, EARL R 52 FT MADISON IA DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

06-04-23 BRUMMETT, VICKY L 65 HARVARD IL POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, DUI

06-05-23 DAMERON, BRYAN K 43 CARTHAGE IL ADAMS COUNTY WARRANT

06-07-23 BRUNER, BUCK A 36 FT MADISON IA ARSON, BURGLARY, CRIMINAL TRESPASS

06-07-23 EVANS, KRISTI K 45 NIOTA IL BODY ATTACHMENT

06-07-23 EVANS, GREGORY R 49 NIOTA IL BODY ATTACHMENT

06-09-23 LEFLER, HEATHER J 44 KEOKUK IA MARION CO MO WARRANT

06-17-23 HARWOOD, JESSICA A 40 HAMILTON IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

06-24-23 HOWES, DOUGLAS O 67 HAMILTON IL HANCOCK COUNTY WARRANT, RESISTING/OBSTRUCTING A PEACE OFFICER, NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

06-26-23 LOYD, LINDA K 66 DALLAS CITY IL THEFT

06-29-23 FINTON, STEVEN J 40 WARSAW IL DISORDERLY CONDUCT

06-30-23 MEYERS, JOSHUA D 41 FT MADISON IA DUI

06-30-23 WINDBIGLER, ADDAM M 39 ELVASTON IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED, DES MOINES CO IA WARRANT

07-02-23 JAMES, BRAEDEN M 29 DALLAS CITY IL MCDONOUGH CO BODY ATTACHMENT

07-03-23 FOXALL, LARRY R 81 AUGUSTA IL AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A PEACE OFFICER

07-06-23 WASHBURN, KARINSA K 52 HAMILTON IL AGGRAVATED DUI, ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOL, INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

07-07-23 SPEER, DAVID L 74 BASCO IL DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

07-07-23 SPRINKLE, ANTHONY L 32 AUGUSTA IL MCDONOUGH CO WARRANT

07-08-23 PRICE, ALEX J 35 HAMILTON IL CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO RESIDENCE, RESISTING/OBSTRUCTING A PEACE OFFICER, CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO A PEACE OFFICER

07-09-23 SANDS, BRANDON A 30 UNIONVILLE MO DUI

07-09-23 FREEMAN, DANNY T L 39 BLANDINSVILLE IL HENDERSON CO WARRANT

07-10-23 DODGE, THOMAS C 56 KEOKUK IA LEE CO IA WARRANT, POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE

07-10-23 WILLIAMS, RAY 56 MACOMB IL HANCOCK COUNTY WARRANT

07-10-23 HULS LLOYD A 53 CARTHAGE IL BODY ATTACHMENT

07-12-13 NICKEL, BRIAN R 32 KEOKUK IA HANCOCK COUNTY WARRANT

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07-16-23 BARRETT, DUSTY L 41 BOWEN IL OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

07-19-23 BURCH, TERRY E 63 WEST POINT IL ARSON

07-19-23 KESSLER, ROBERT R 65 PLYMOUTH IL VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION

07-20-23 HANKINS, DAVID A 30 ATHENS IL DUI

07-20-23 SCHMITZ, AMIE T 48 CARTHAGE IL BOND REVOCATION

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07-22-23 CAIN, TRISTAN A 22 BOWEN IL NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, AGGRAVATED FLEEING AND ELUDING, SPEEDING, POSSESSION OF DRUG

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07-26-23 PADILLA, TYLER C 38 KEOKUK IA HANCOCK COUNTY WARRANT

07-27-23 SPEER, DAVID L 74 BASCO IL THREATENING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

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07-31-23 HOCKER, LANCE D 28 COLUSA IL BURGLARY, POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE, POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 8/15/2023**

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session

on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Gray, Andrews, Yager, Amandus, Roller, Bowker and Rink present. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agen-

da: Minutes of 8/1/2023; Liquor License Renewal: Fort Madison Fast Break, 5002 Avenue O; New 5-Day Liquor License Fort Madison Mexican Fiesta, effective 9/13/2023; Claims dated 8/10/2023;

July Financial Report and Payroll of 8/11/2023. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-103, amending Title 4, Business, Chapter 6, Pawnbrokers, Second-hand Dealers. On motion,

Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 4, General Penalty; and Title 7, Police, Chapter 2, Misdemeanors. On motion, Council adopted

Resolution No. 2023-57, setting public hearing on a Petition for Voluntary Annexation by Circle M, Inc., for property generally described as east of Reve Court and between Highway 61 and Business

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Highway 61. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-58, approving the Mayor's signature on a contract with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for administration of an Iowa Economic Development Community Catalyst Grant for repair of the James Block Building located at 732 Avenue G. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-59, approving the Mayor's signature on a contract with Southeast

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Iowa Regional Planning Commission for administration of the 48th Street Connector Trail Project. With one "nay" by Bowker, on motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-60, approving the Mayor's signature on a Purchase Agreement for property located at 1330 Avenue H.

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 51,222.39
Special Revenue	2,051.64
Road Use	26,136.07
Capital	53,155.80
Water	29,632.66
Sewer	32,341.47
Slid Waste, IWC	23,553.36
SW Utility	494.40
	<u>\$218,587.79</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$ 11,142.95
Special Revenue	57,567.00
Road Use	114,263.29
Capital	243,778.39
Sewer	16,393.88
	<u>\$443,145.51</u>

#### CLAIMS - 8/15/2023

ABRA, DEDUCTIBLE/REPAIR VEHICLE	918.39
ACCESS SYSTEMS, COMPUTER/IT LEASE	5,680.42
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	15,821.93
ALTORFER INC., REPAIRED GENERATOR	6,959.60
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SHOP SUPPLIES	730.09
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, PRE-TREATMENT STUDY	6,101.81
AT&T MOBILITY, PHONE/HOT SPOTS	1,741.18
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL	660.00
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, REPAIR BATTERY/CHARGING CORD	757.47
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, ORTHO RD IMPROVEMENTS	881.33
BRENT GIBBS, TRAINING	156.67
BUILDING MATERIALS INC, PRIMER/BOARDS	886.66
CORKS & BARRELS, LIQUOR LIC REFUND	211.25
CPEC FUEL, SYSTEM @ MARINA	2,505.04
DAILY DEMOCRAT, PUBLICATIONS	310.56
DAKOTA WORLEY, TRAINING	88.08
DATA SUPPORT COMPANY, MICROFIBER PADS	877.00
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DRAIN DOCTOR LLC, CLEAR BLOCKAGE	605.00
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, VEHICLE FULL SERVICE	100.00
DUSTIN FULLHART, TRAINING	187.10
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSC, NUTRIENTS	298.94
EUROFINS ENVI-	

With one "nay" by Yager, on motion, Council approved the Old Settlers Association to construct a shed in Old Settlers Park and to provide \$2250 in funding for the project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL		8/11/2023
General	215,727.10	
Old Fort	1,397.31	
Airport	799.30	
Road Use	26,568.83	
Water	36,558.44	
Sewer	32,138.26	
Solid Waste	16,362.33	
Storm Water	3,066.74	
	<u>\$332,618.31</u>	

ENVIRONMENT TESTING, SLUDGE SAMPLE	369.06
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, TACTICAL GLOVES	53.12
GREAT RIVER READY-MIX, CONCRETE - BLUFF	4,736.00
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, GARBAGE PICKUP	26,105.94
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, PAPER PRODUCTS	206.46
HELLIGE LAWN CARE, TRIMMED HEAD STONES	1,550.00
HENRY PFORTS, TOBACCO AGREEMENT	20.00
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, BALL CHECK/SOC	475.51
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - AVE H 10-18	10,703.43
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, TRIM LINE	908.96
HUMBURD AUTO SERVICE, REPLACE TIRE	187.91
IA DEPT. OF PUBLIC DEFENSE, LODGING	41.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, LEADERSHIP TRAINING	2,000.00
ICONNECTYOU, INTERNET FOR FINGERPRINT MACH.	5.00
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CURING COMPOUND	1,893.63
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTORS, MOTOR	5,781.07
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY, BATTERIES	147.20
IOWA ASSOC OF WATER AGENCIES, ANNUAL WATER DUES	1,276.01
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., DISCHARGE ANNUAL FEE	1,275.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGN	445.12
JAMIE CARLE, TRAINING	122.40
JETCO, FLOWMETERS	

INSTALL	1,303.25
KELLY EQUIPMENT, INC, STRAW BALES	378.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/POSTAGE	1,415.42
KENT BRISBY, CHARGER	189.00
KIMBALL MIDWEST, TERMINALS	94.90
KNAPHEIDE EQUIP CO., TAILGATE KIT	917.00
LEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, POOL INSPECTION	535.00
LEE COUNTY I.T. DEPARTMENT, 2023 PICTOMETRY SHARE	6,441.00
LEE COUNTY SHERIFF, SUPEONA SERVED	82.16
LISCO, PHONE/INTERNET	1,967.76
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, GLASS/NITROGEN	1,679.14
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, SYNTHETIC OIL	191.40
MARTIN EQUIPMENT, AIR FILTERS	151.39
MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY, FLAGPOLES	1,424.75
MASTERCARD, ZOOM	2,869.97
MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO., PROF FEE - AWOS REPLACEMENT	835.25
MCFARLAND, GLOVES/TOWELS	304.95
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, RAIL W/SLEEVES	150.87
MUSTANG REPAIR	

MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, DAILY SAMPLING	1,984.50
MID-IOWA SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT, SEWER HOSE	1,053.33
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE	1,900.00
MONTROSE DOG BOARDING, DOG BOARDING	140.00
MOTION INDUSTRIES INC, HOSE/HOSE ENDS	322.05
MOWEN CLEANING SERVICE LLC, JANITORIAL SERVICE	1,311.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS, OIL	59.58
NATHAN KOSER, BOOT ALLOWANCE	273.92
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC., BATTERIES/PARTS	2,455.77
PEN CITY CURRENT, JOB POSTINGS	119.98
PERMAR SECURITY SERVICES, SERVICE PARTS ON SYSTEM	50.64
QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS, INC, MIXER REPAIR	1,650.70
QUILL LLC, LABELS/CORRECTION TAPE	89.96
RED LION RENEWABLES, ELECTRIC	8,479.33
RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., Y STRAINER	436.88
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C., HELMET	446.50
SOUTHEAST IA REGIONAL MED, RANDOM DRUG/ALCOHOL SCREEN	155.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABO-	

RATORY, SAMPLING	353.50
STERLING CODIFIERS/AMERICA, CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE	6,990.00
TODD GORHAM, INK	9.49
TREASURER, ST OF IA, COURT FEES	830.16
TRUCK REPAIR INC., REPAIR TIRES	2,197.56
TWO RIVERS VETERINARY CENTER, K-9 SUPPLIES	61.63
UNITY POINT CLINIC - OCCUP RANDOM DRUG SCREEN	126.00
UPS, SHIPPING	30.98
USA BLUE BOOK, TEMP PROBE	2,322.50
VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - SWR SEPERATION	3,985.00
WALLJASPER VETERINARY CLIN, JULY/AUG MONTHLY FEE/IMPOUND	5,020.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS	8,813.20
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET	304.58
TOTAL	218,587.79
GENERAL	51,222.39
SPECIAL REVENUES	1,155.10
ROAD USE	26,136.07
CAPITAL PROJECTS	53,155.80
WATER	29,632.66
WASTEWATER	32,341.47
SOLID WASTE	23,553.36
AIRPORT	896.54
STORM WATER	494.40
TOTAL	218,587.79

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## From the Front

# Is sending troops into deal with cartels in Mexico a good idea

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on drugs” for 50 years. No one suggests the Biden administration’s approach to the problem represents the gold standard.

But do we really believe sending U.S. troops into another nation without invitation is the best way to deal effectively with problems illegal drugs cause — especially when that country is not our enemy?

We should not be surprised when a candidate whose campaign slogan is “Never Back Down” engages in such dangerous talk about using military force.

DeSantis’ strategy illustrates that one of the pitfalls of political campaigns is the tendency of candidates to see easy solutions for incredibly complex problems. Build the wall. Raise the minimum wage. Cut taxes. Eliminate homelessness.

There are many complexities that DeSantis’ military pledge fails to foresee or to account for — namely, the effect military action south of the border would have on trade between our two nations.

Last year, Mexico was the second-largest buyer of U.S. goods behind Canada. Customers in Mexico paid \$324 billion to American producers, according to U.S. Trade Office figures. Mexico also was the second-largest supplier of goods companies brought into the United States in 2022. Those purchases totaled \$454 billion.

Together, that is three-quarters of a trillion dollars in U.S. economic activity that would be jeopardized by an ill-conceived deployment of U.S. troops to Mexico. Think about U.S. jobs and consumer prices.

Another aspect of the complex nature of the drug problem is why the U.S. buys so much from Mexico. The cost of living is lower in Mexico. That fact means goods produced in there cost Americans less than if there were produced here in the U.S., and Americans like the bargain.

Beyond the statistics are some facts DeSantis’ Never Back Down pledge neglects to account for: Iowa is a big agricultural state, and Mexico is the second-

or third-largest buyer of U.S. ag products, depending upon the year. Mexico also is the largest foreign exporter of fruits and vegetables that American consumers eat.

DeSantis is kidding himself, and his campaign audiences, too, if he thinks drug lords will give up the lucrative U.S. drug market once our soldiers are airlifted south of the border. U.S. soldiers and Marines can take out enough drug peddlers to several cemeteries, but there will be another wave of producers and peddlers waiting to take over. The demand for illegal drugs by customers in the U.S., and the profit the cartels make from those drugs, has a way of replenishing the workforce.

Figures from U.S. Customs and Border Protection figures show that thus far in 2023, eight times more fentanyl is seized at ports of entry on the U.S./Mexico border than is confiscated by Border Patrol agents stopping people sneaking into the U.S. between the official crossings.

It also is a misconception that most drugs are seized from immigrants or asylum-seekers trying to cross from Mexico into the U.S., National Public Radio reported recently. Yes, illegal drugs sometimes are concealed inside trucks hauling legitimate cargo. More often, though, drugs are stashed in passenger cars or on or in the bodies of pedestrians trying to enter the U.S. at official crossing points. More than half of those smugglers are American citizens or other people legally authorized to cross the border, NPR said.

“I’ve been at this for over 36 years, and it’s been like that forever,” Michael Humphries, the U.S. port of entry director in Nogales, Ariz., told NPR.

The brute-strength strategy of DeSantis’ Never Back Down message leaves little or no room for diplomacy. Do we really want a leader who believes he has cornered the market on all the good ideas — without first seeing what can be achieved through the give-and-take of discussions with our Mexican counterparts?

Taking military action against our neighbor is a “solution” that most assuredly will create as many problems as it solves.

No one disputes that illegal drugs bring heartache and death to too many U.S. families. But how can that death and destruction compare with what we will see if our military forces storm across the border or are airlifted into our neighbor’s backyard?

Theodore Roosevelt did not campaign on a Never Back Down approach to governing. I think many Americans, if they are itching for a slogan at all, would prefer Teddy’s “Speak softly and carry a big stick.”

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