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Harriers 2nd at Timm Lamb



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Fort Madison sophomore Avery Rump works to the front of the pack before the chute at Rodeo Park Thursday during the varsity girls' cross country run at the Timm Lamb Invitational. Rump would win the event with a 19:48.3. The Lady Hounds finished 2nd behind Washington.

RUMP WINS: Sophomore wins after rough start to season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Avery Rump ran cross country all year last year pushing up her glasses as she went. This year she dumped her glasses, heeding some advice from her father.

So the Bloodhound sophomore said she just watched the lead gator all the way around Fort Madison's Rodeo Park as she took first place in the Timm Lamb Cross Country

Invitational Thursday night in Fort Madison.

"My dad told me to stop wearing them because I kept having to push them up while I was running," Rump said following the girls varsity run.

"I have contacts, but I don't wear them. I'm afraid they'll mess me up."

Not much messed up Rump as she raced around the 5K course at 19:48.3, a full :13 ahead of Washington's Iris Dahl.

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT

LCC touts successes of past year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Conservation district is celebrating a year of large accomplishments, but also gazing toward the future.

At an annual report to Lee County Supervisors Monday, LCC Director Heather Huebner talked up the accomplishments over the past fiscal year and what the board is looking forward to in the future.

She said they have finished the Places to Play campaign that was started under former Director Nathan Unsworth so they are finished with playgrounds for the time being.

But she said the other major accomplishment was finishing the Pollmiller Trail rehabilitation project.

She also wants to show off the new trail with an event possibly this fall. Seeding is still being done and the conservation district is looking at doing a Halloween-themed run on the new trail.

"We're almost through to completion on that project," she said. "And we haven't put out a press release or anything yet, but we are working with the high school to put on some type of Zombie Apocalypse run out there in the future."

Supervisor Ron Fedler, who lives in West Point and represents that district in the county, said people are already taking notice of the improvements.

"A lot of people have already complimented how nice that is," Fedler said.

Huebner said she just finished a walk-through with Jones Contracting and is happy with the work, including the widening of the trail.

The county also witnessed an increase in camping in 2023, due to a number of reasons including additional concrete pads and upgraded playground equipment.

Information through social media has also seen an uptick over the past year. Huebner said followers are up at 20% across the district's social media channels. Invest-

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IOWA NEWS

Algona police officer killed trying to make arrest

ALGONA, Iowa - On September 13, 2023, at approximately 7:53 p.m., Officer Kevin Cram, age 33, of the Algona Police Department was on patrol duty in the City of Algona when he was made aware of an active arrest warrant for Kyle Ricke. The arrest warrant was for Harassment through Palo Alto County, Iowa. Officer Cram knew of a possible location for Ricke and headed to that area. Officer Cram was in the 1100 block of S. Minnesota Street in Algona when he observed



CRAM

Kyle Ricke, age 43. After advising Ricke he was going to be placed under arrest, Ricke shot Officer Cram. Officer Cram was located by other officers and EMS, and taken to the Kossuth Regional Health Center in Algona where he was pronounced deceased.

Kyle Ricke was located and arrested near Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, at approximately 11:50

p.m. last night. He has been charged with Murder in the First Degree in Kossuth County, Iowa, and will be extradited at a later date.

An autopsy will be performed by the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner in the near future.

Officer Kevin Cram was a 10-year veteran of Iowa law enforcement, serving for the Nora Springs Police Department from 2013-2015 and the Algona Police Department from 2015-2023.

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OBITUARIES

SANDRA M. SMITH

Sandra Mae "Sandy" Smith, 64, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:53 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. She was born on June 27, 1959 in Fort Madison, IA to Lloyd & Adria Brown Redden. She married Cary M. Smith on May 28, 2005 in Shimek Forest in rural Farmington, IA. She was a custodian for the Fort Madison Community School District for more than 20 years. She enjoyed anything that involved her kids and grandkids and taking care of her husband.



SMITH

Sandy is survived by: her husband: Cary Smith of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Josh (Bethany) Cole of Solon, IA & Justin Cole of Mt. Union, IA; 6-grandchildren: Anna Jauron, Averi Cole, Emma Jauron, Raeligh Cole, Raegan Cole & Gracie Cole; 1-step daughter: Brenda (Kevin) Miller of Kalona, IA; 4-step grandchildren; 3-sisters: Sharon Redden of Fort Madison, IA, Sheila Brecount of Farmington, IA & Shari (Ron) Heckenberg of Ruskin, FL; her mother in law: Betty Smith of Keokuk, IA; 1-nephew: Kurtis Redden of Burlington, IA and numerous aunts, uncles & cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Carri Fountain officiating. A memorial has been established for P.A. W. Animal Shelter. Online Condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

MARY S. POTE

Mary Sue Pote, 82, of Keokuk, passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.

Mary Sue was born on April 24, 1941, in Keokuk, Iowa. Her parents were Merlin Pote "Tom" and Norene "Nody".



POTE

Upon graduation from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College in 1963, she began her dedicated teaching career in Martensdale, Iowa. She then taught within the Catholic School system, starting at Cardinal Stritch High School in Keokuk, Iowa, and eventually teaching in Ft. Madison, Iowa.

Throughout her life, Mary Sue was devoted to her family and is fondly remembered by her former students. She was also a pet lover and was called upon more than once to take in a homeless puppy. Mary Sue was devoted to her faith, service to her community and dedication to her family. She attended all family events, and always made herself available to her family. Mary Sue will always be remembered by her family for the loving interest she took in their lives.

Mary Sue's greatest dedication was to her faith. She was a tireless volunteer at All Saint's Church starting when she moved back to Keokuk, after living in Martensdale. Those her knew her well, will remember her as a person of great faith and devotion to God.

Mary Sue had the good fortune to be born into a large loving family whom she constantly showered with love. Mary Sue is survived by nephew Phillip (Louise) Pote of Minneapolis, Minnesota, nieces Andrea (Alan) Anselman of Plano, Texas and Elaine (Chris) Mankle of Bastrop, Texas, three generations of cherished nieces and nephews, and many cousins. In addition to family, Mary Sue had many wonderful friends whom were so dear to her heart.

Mary Sue is preceded in death by her parents, the apple of her eye, her brother Thomas "Tom" G. (Kathryn) Pote, and her beloved nephew Timothy J. Pote.

Funeral Mass will be held at 12 pm (Noon) on Saturday, October 7, 2023, at All Saints Catholic Church, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery (Middle Catholic). Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 am on Saturday, October 7, at DeJong-Greaves Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to Keokuk Catholic Schools (www.kcssv.org/give-now).

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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

- low-grade spasm
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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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Gov. sets flags at half staff in honor of fallen officer

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds ordered all flags in Iowa to be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, September 15, 2023, in honor and remembrance of Kevin Cram of the Algona Police Department who was shot and killed in the line of duty on September 13, 2023. Cram was attempting to arrest a suspect when he was killed. Cram was a 10-year veteran of Iowa law enforcement, a husband, and a father. He was 33 years old.

"Officer Kevin Cram died a hero, protecting his community and upholding the rule of law. Kevin and I are praying for his family, the Algona Police Department, and all the law enforcement officers in Kossuth County," said Gov. Kim Reynolds. "As flags are lowered across the state, Iowans honor Officer Cram's legacy and stand united with his brothers and sisters in uniform. We will never forget his service and sacrifice."

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DARRELL W. BECKER

Darrell Wayne Becker, 65, of West Point, Iowa, loving husband, father, and friend passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday September 13th surrounded by his family.



BECKER

Darrell was born the son of Leo and Elizabeth "Betty" (Freesmeier) Becker on June 16th, 1958, in Fort Madison, Iowa. As a young boy he helped on the Freesmeier family dairy farm, spent time with his dad and brothers detailing and repairing cars in the auto body shop, and playing basketball with neighborhood friends. His first job was working at the gas station in West Point. He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1976.

He met the love of his life, Karen at a wedding and asked her to dance. They married on May 5th 1984, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa. They enjoyed traveling, music, and 41 years together. Family meant more to him than anything. He always looked forward to holidays and reunions with the Becker, Freesmeier, McKneeley, and Garrels families.

Little did he know, his career and skills would take him near and far. Over his life span Darrell worked at Exide, Case, Stuke Plastics, and he retired from Siemens-Gamesa. He was trained in Denmark and then went on to train others in Canada and China.

Darrell was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan, St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan, and Buffalo Bills football fan. Darrell was a walking sports statistician and could give you stats on a team or any athlete. Darrell also gave back to the community. He was a Knights of Columbus member, St. Mary's Fall Festival chairman, West Point Sweet Corn Festival chairman, and former West Point Community Club president. He also donated his time to Marquette and Holy Trinity Catholic

Schools.

Above all, Darrell was an authentic, hard-working, and friendly person. No one was a stranger and he always had a smile on his face.

Darrell is survived by his wife: Karen (Garrels) Becker; two daughters: Aleena (Aaron) Garr and Mallory (Kevin Lopez) Becker; mother: Elizabeth "Betty" Becker; siblings: Roger (Rita) Becker, Ronnie (Deb) Becker, Sharon (Dale) Menke, Susan (Scott) Strothman, and Sandy (Stan) Seager. As well as his wife's side of the family: Sherri (Jerri) Hite, Cindy Garrels, Kenny (Sandy) Garrels, John (Sue) Garrels, and many nieces and nephews.

Darrell was preceded in death by his father: Leo Becker; sister-in-law: Lori Becker; brother-in-law: Dave Garrels, and nephew: Travis Hite.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where a Knights of Columbus rosary will be recited at 1:30 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 3:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, West Point.

Memorials have been established in his memory for West Point Fire and Rescue, West Point Public Library Foundation or Holy Trinity Catholic School Foundation.

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

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From the Front

County sees increase in camping revenue

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ments in property and people are also on the rise.

“We continue to increase our public footprint. We have increased followers on Facebook and social media, and we’ve added a few events. We’ve sent our ranger to the academy, so we are investing in our people and that is starting to show,” Huebner said.

The district’s environmental team is heavily engaged in all four school districts in the county as well as field trips around the county. Huebner said more than 70 students come out each week for mussel field trips.

“That schedule is completely full and it’s a good problem to have, but they may even have to pull back a little bit,” she said.

Expenses for the year were down due to the trail project not being completed and a piece of equipment not getting purchased before the end of the fiscal year, but those costs will be realized in this fiscal year, so the expenses didn’t disappear.

The board is in the middle of finalizing a 10-year strategic plan after touring all the county conservation properties. They have had several workshops around the plan and are close to approving it.

“That will provide a nice living document for our staff as we plan projects,” Huebner said.

Revenue from county parks and associated rentals, admissions and sales has increased from \$57,000 in fiscal year 2014 and 2023, a period of 10 years, has increased to \$155,500 almost 300%. Chatfield Campground has experienced growth closer to 500% over the same time frame.

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said even he’s been surprised at the attraction the park has garnered over the past several years.

“I’m hearing a lot of great things about conservation, especially about camping,” Seyb said.

“These facilities are what’s going to draw people in. We camp down in Missouri and we’re hearing about Lee County in our banter back and forth. They said we’ve got nice camping in Wilson Lake and they talked about Chatfield.”

Huebner said she saw at the beginning of the spring that Chatfield was selling out before Wilson Lake.

“That’s unheard of. So that really makes us proud,” Huebner said. “It goes to the ‘If you build it, they will come’ mentality.”

Guzman leads Bloodhound boys

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The Lady Hounds took second place with 43 points. Washington won the event with 39 points.

Fort Madison’s Paetyn Wiegand took third in a strong finish, getting past Keokuk’s Hannah Karre in the final 30 meters.

Other scoring runners for the Fort Madison girls were Addison Rump, Allison Lamb, and Charley Huebner. Addison Rump finished 7th with a time of 21:13.3. Lamb came in 15th at 22:48.6 and Huebner placed 17th at 22:55.6.

Other runners were McKayla Schinstock (22nd) and Hadley Wolfe (23rd).

Avery Rump said she’s been battling some illnesses early in the season, but is starting to feel better.

She passed out during the first race and then didn’t run at Keokuk last week. Her first race was a 5K in Illinois and she ran at Washington in the latest meet.

“I was a lot faster today than in Washington. I really wasn’t feeling great before the race at that race either. It wasn’t a good day,” she said.

Rump and Iris Dahl of Washington have been chasing each other the last couple years. Rump said the competition between the two sophomores is fun and friendly.

Her 19:48 is 13 seconds slower than her freshman year run in 2022 when she navigated the course at 19:35.

Wiegand said she’s running well after missing half the season last year in her junior year.

She said motivation along the trail helped her find another gear toward the end.

“I heard coach, I heard Tim Lamm, and I heard somebody else and I just said, ‘I gotta go,’” she said.

She attributes the success this year to her teammates and coaches pushing her.

Wiegand said being back this year and feeling better is “amazing”.

She said her goals for her final year running for the Bloodhounds focus on the team.

“If I make it to state individually that would be fun, but my goal is for the team to go to state,” she said.

The boys also captured second-place behind the Demons. Washington scored just 28 points with four top-six finishes and 14th place to make up the scoring. Fort Madison had 63 points.

Nolan Guzman led the Hounds with a 4th-place mark, making up three spots in the final 400 meters.



Fort Madison’s Nolan Guzman works his way up the group about 3/4 of the way through the boys’ Varsity A run at the Timm Lamb Invitational Thursday in Fort Madison.

He finished with a 17:10.4 which was his fastest time at the park so far.

Jacob Shottenkirk came in 7th with a 17:25.5. The other scoring runners were Mason McLey (13th) 18:01.9, Riley Tripp (18th) 18:19.1, and Hunter Wiegand (21st) 18:37.6.

Other runners for the Hounds were Castille Johnston (24th) and Calvin Johnson (27th).

Guzman said the Hounds’ main goal is to return to state, but he, too, would rather go as a team than individually.

“Either way, I want to get back to state. But my goal and our goal is to go back as a team,” he said.

The Hounds are coming off a state-qualifying year in 2022 where they finished 4th at the District qualifier.

Fort Madison’s boys and girls both travel to Mt. Pleasant for the Panther Invitational on Tuesday evening.

Gabby Maynes led the Central Lee girls with a 28:05.5 for a 34th-place finish. Sapphire Cummings ran a 36:08.2, and Sydnie Larson completed the race at 40:50.1. The Lady Hawks fielded three runners and didn’t qualify for the team scores.

Central Lee’s boys took 8th place in the Varsity B run led by Kaidin Humes’ 26th-place finish. Leo Thomas was right behind at 27th, while Austin Fogarty, Ayden Kent, and Caden Crozier were the scoring runners for the Hawks.

Humes ran at 20:03.0 and Thomas came in right behind at 20:07.8. Fogarty finished at 20:27.5. Kent raced to a 20:47.2 for 37th place and Crozier finished at 21:41.7 for 48th place.

Other runners for the Hawks included Zach Manwill (49th), Brendan Mulligan (50th), Jovan Rule, Beau Boyd, Riley Salterman-Rickman, and Owen Krogmeier.

The Hawks also travel to Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday night.

Holy Trinity boys took 9th place in the B Division. Maddux Rung led the Crusaders with a 21st-place finish at 19:46.3. Sheldon Kruse was right behind in 22nd at 19:46.8 just a half-second behind Rung. Other scoring runners for HTC were Tanner Williams 20:59.3 (40th), Layne Rung 22:14.3 (45th), and Caleb Rea 24:56.4 (55th).

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER.
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Law, but may do so at a future meeting. The Mayor and City Council welcome comments from the public; however, at no time is it appropriate to use profane, obscene, or slanderous language. The Mayor may limit each speaker to five minutes.

1. Approve agenda.
2. Readdress and possibly approve a variance for a setback at property location near 405 Locust St, Block 40, Lots 4&5.

ADJOURNMENT:
*Please note that this agenda may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting time as provided by Section 21.4(2), Code of Iowa.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
West Burlington
Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
August 16, 2023**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young
MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA
• Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on August 2, 2023

• Appoint Mary Storch to fill Steve Swafford's unexpired term on the Planning and Zoning Commission ending 12/31/2025

• Payment to Collision Center for repairs to the Police Dept squad car - \$8,992.94

• Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for June

2023
• Resolution approving removal of Fire Chief/ Building Inspector

• Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$166,485.33

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS
CITIZEN INQUIRIES
Shaun Ryan addressed Council.

NEW BUSINESS
Consider contribution toward the Greater Burlington Partnership "Partnering for the Future Campaign"

Della Schmidt, CEO and Jeremy Hess, Economic Development Director with the Greater Burlington Partnership presented the "Partnering for the Future Campaign". The Campaign for 2024 - 2028 will focus on three main initiatives which include: Growing the Workforce, Growing Business, and Growing Population. They are requesting an increase in funding support from the City of West Burlington from \$25,000 to \$50,000 over the next five years. Council will consider the request at a later date. No action was taken during the meeting.

Consider a Resolution approving a Letter of Understanding with the Communication Workers of America to amend the Public Works Dept Contract related to removing Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz from the probationary wage schedule

At the last meeting, Council approved a request to remove Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz from the probationary period wage scale in the Union Contract. To finalize the request, Council needs to approve a Letter of Understanding with the Communication Workers of America to amend the wage scale in the Public Works Dept Contract.

This new wage schedule would eliminate the 95% of the Base Wage step for Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz and move them to 100% of base wage. This is meant to be a one-time offer and the wage schedule as written in the contract shall be followed

for future new hires.

Moved by Young, seconded by Newberry, to approve a Resolution approving a Letter of Understanding with the Communication Workers of America to amend the Public Works Dept Contract related to removing Cole Williams and Jacob Fritz from the probationary wage schedule. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution hiring Mark Crooks as Building Inspector

Council considered a Resolution to hire Mark Crooks as a Part-Time Building Inspector Position with an hourly wage of \$30 per hour.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution hiring Mark Crooks as Building Inspector Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Revenue regarding the City's participation in the Iowa Setoff Program

The City currently participates in the Iowa Off-set Program administered by the Iowa Department of Administrative Services

(DAS). The program is a method the City uses to collect money on past-due debts. The most common debt owed to the City of West Burlington is unpaid utility bills. The sources of funds that can be applied to past-due debt through the program include lottery winnings, gambling/sports wagering winnings, Iowa tax refunds, Iowa Medicaid provider payments, and other payments from other State of Iowa agencies. The Program is transitioning to be administered by the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR), effective November 13, 2023. To continue participating in the Program, the City must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Iowa Department of Revenue. The benefit of participating is that the City may eventually be able to receive funds owed that might not otherwise have a means of collection.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Revenue regarding the City's participation in the Iowa Setoff Program. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider participation



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PUBLIC NOTICES

and continued fundraising to implement a K9 Officer Program for the West Burlington Police Department

City Administrator Mandsager and Police Chief Logan presented a proposal to Council outlining how a K9 Officer could benefit and support the Police Department. Chief Logan asked Council for permission to proceed with forming a K-9 Unit. The estimated initial cost will be \$35,000-\$40,000. The West Burlington Police Department plans to continue asking for the community's help raising funds to support the K-9 program. Costs associated with having a

K9 officer include: Handler training, equipment for the K-9 (vest, kennel, etc.), equipment for the patrol vehicle, vet bills, dog food, and continued training and routine maintenance. Chief Logan plans to select one of the current officers to be the K9 Handler. He asked for permission to send one officer to K9 Handler training utilizing funds that have already been raised.

Moved by Young, seconded by Newberry, to approve participation and continue fundraising to implement a K9 Officer Program for the West Burlington Police Department and authorize one officer to attend training in

Ohio in November 2023. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

OLD BUSINESS
There was no Old Business to discuss.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
No Citizen Inquiries.
ADJOURN

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Young, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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Sports

Holy Trinity rebounds from 0-2 start to knock off WB

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

WEST BURLINGTON — Wins like these, Mary Kate Bendlage said, can pay off in October.

Holy Trinity's five-set comeback against West Burlington on Thursday night felt like the crucible of the postseason, but it was just another night in the SEI Superconference South Division.

And the Crusaders keep finding ways to turn these nights into victories.

The 18-25, 24-26, 25-22, 25-21, 18-16 triumph was a marathon of momentum shifts, and one of survival for Holy Trinity. "Down the road," said Bendlage, a senior outside hitter who led the Crusaders with 20 kills, "it shows us we're capable of anything."

The Crusaders, ranked No. 3 in Class 1A, were at times hot and other times sluggish in the first two sets, and West Burlington, No. 10 in Class 2A, took advantage of that inconsistency.

The Crusaders led 7-1 in the first set, and let it get away. They were up 24-23 in the second set, and gave up three consecutive points.

"I thought we were kind of on a rollercoaster those first two games," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "We came out hot, and then we kind of let them back into it. You can't do that — you've got to press, keep the gas on."

The Crusaders were pounding the ball, but the Falcons always seemed to be in the right spot.

"We were just playing sloppy, not playing Holy Trinity volleyball," Bendlage said. "I think we were a little nervous coming into it, knowing they were scrappy and that hitting the ball was going to be a lot harder because they dig everything up."

Holy Trinity outlasted a West Burlington rally in the third set — the Crusaders were up 19-11 at one point — and the shift in fortune could be felt.

"We knew we had to have it," Freesmeier said. "We had some great plays down the stretch.

"We're down 2-0, their crowd was a lot louder than ours and they had a lot more momentum," Bendlage said. "But we got them down early in the third set, and they couldn't come back from that. That got our crowd going and it really helped us push through."

West Burlington led 9-3 and 15-12 in the fourth set before the Crusaders took control. Anna Bendlage's ace gave Holy Trinity set point, and Holy Trinity closed out the set on a serving error by the Falcons.

The fifth set was its own twisting road course. A tip and two kills by Presley Myers gave the Crusaders three match points, but West Burlington had every answer until Holy Trinity got the final two points, one on a kill from Adalyn Kruse, to finish the win.

"We definitely picked up our communication, and came together as a team," Mary Kate Bendlage said. "That shows a lot about us."

"I thought in games 1 and 2, it looked like maybe we had quit a little bit," Freesmeier said. "But I told them, 'You know what? You didn't quit. You didn't quit in 3, 4 and 5. I'm proud of these kids tonight. It's been an emotional week for us, so, it's a great win.'"

The dig totals for the Crusaders were impressive. Teagan Snaadt had 40 digs. Mary Kate Bendlage and Taegan Denning each had 27 digs. Natalie Randolph had 19 digs. Myers had 14 digs, and Anna Bendlage had 12.

Holy Trinity also had strong defense up front. Myers had nine blocks. Kruse had four. Mary Kate Bendlage and Randolph had three.

"I thought they pulled together (defensively)," Freesmeier said. "We dug some balls. We had a little bit of the problem with the tips early on, they found some holes. But we were better defensively."

Myers had 19 kills. Randolph had 10 kills and 32 assists. Kruse had nine kills. Anna Bendlage had seven kills and 20 assists. Denning had five kills.

Kruse, a freshman, was especially effective serving, going 23-of-23 with four aces. Myers was 22-of-22 with three aces.



Photo by John Lovretta/Special to PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Natalie Randolph (11) celebrates a point during the first set of the match against West Burlington High School, Thursday, September 14 at West Burlington High School.

Mary Kate Bendlage and Anna Bendlage were each 13-of-13 serving with an ace. Randolph was 17-of-18 serving with an ace. Denning was 21-of-22.

"I knew this was going to be a dogfight," Freesmeier said. "I was hoping we wouldn't be down 0-2, but that's what it was. "And the end result was great."

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