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**102<sup>nd</sup> MEXICAN FIESTA**

# Heritage continues



At top, Mia Mesecher is crowned Mexican Fiesta Queen for 2023. In the middle, American Queen Jesiona Jaciunde is crowned, and above, Princess Irsela carries her flowers and tiara.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



**EDITORIAL**



## Voices heard in Navigator pipeline circles

America is a crooked road, man. From our seat as a local news publisher, it's been extremely interesting talking to people over the past several years about where this crooked road is headed. But some of the real cerebral analysis comes when capitalism bangs into freedom.

This week we got the news that Navigator is halting, albeit temporarily they say, activities to build a \$3 billion pipeline through the Midwest, specifically through Lee County.

For those sleeping under rocks, and there's more of you than we care to admit, Navigator sold the government on building a carbon dioxide sequestration pipeline from the Dakotas through the upper Midwest. The 1,300-mile pipeline would run across the state of Iowa, parts of South Dakota, Minnesota, and Nebraska, ending with storage in central Illinois and connecting with about 20 ethanol producers and fertilizer processors along the way.

Now we've have pipelines in Lee County, just ask the sheriff's department. When Dakota Access built the big pipeline, we had protestors on the front end and the back side of that permitting process. But the Navigator pipeline hit a different kind of opposition.

Property owners were maybe dazzled a bit by the money Dakota Access was willing to pay for the right to tear up southeast Iowa farmland, and even pay for a few years of the ensuing crop hinderance.

But this carbon dioxide pipeline was a different kind of beast and more than half the property owners that were being contacted for easements to build the pipeline, said, 'No way', 'Not here', ... 'never'.

They are fed up with companies coming onto their land, tearing it up, and professing to put it back together. They were fed up

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See **PIPELINE**, page 8

## Navigator postpones activities related to carbon pipeline

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – According to a notification sent to Lee County officials, Navigator Pipelines is postponing all activity regarding its proposed CO2 pipeline project throughout Iowa.

The pipeline, called the Heartland

Greenway, proposed by Navigator CO2 Ventures, was to run diagonally across the state from northwest to southeast picking up ethanol plant carbon dioxide that is a byproduct of the ethanol and fertilizer production.

The pipeline would have hooked up with Big River Resources in West

Burlington and the Iowa Fertilizer Co. in Wever before being piped across the Mississippi River into Illinois where it was to be sequestered deep in the earth.

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**WEATHER**

**MON 18 Sep**.....Patchy fog early, then sunny & cool, 75° F/ 59° F  
**TUE 19 Sep**.....Sunny & warm, 82° F/ 62° F  
**WED 20 Sep**.....Partly sunny & warm, 80° F/ 60° F

**IOWA LOTTERY**

**LOTTO AMERICA 09/16**.....23 30 34 40 41, Star Ball: 3 All Star Bonus: 4  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### CHARLES J. WENDORF

Charles James Wendorf - "Jim", 87, of Prescott, AZ formerly of Nauvoo, IL, passed away Sunday, May 28, 2023. He was born February 14th, 1936, in Kent, Ohio to Ladene Ellen Rawlinson and Charles Albert Wendorf. He was the 4th of six children.



WENDORF

Jim was very athletic and played football, baseball and golf. He went to Duke University on a full academic scholarship and graduated in 1959 with a commission as an officer in the Air Force.

He met Betty Jean Waldrop while training at a base near Winter Haven, FL. They were married on March 21, 1959. Jim and Betty had four children. Wendorf's military assignments took him to Georgia, North Carolina, North Dakota, Thailand, Louisiana, Virginia, and California.

He was part of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and flew B-52's most of his career. However later in his career he was assigned to the Navy where he flew the command plane that could track every plane and nuclear bomb during a war. He retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel to Boulder, CO in 1979.

While in Boulder, Jim built homes, owned a snow removal, a lawn care, and trash removal businesses. In the early 80's he received his master's degree in business administration.

Jim was a very active member of the community and was a member of the optimist club where he helped mentor several youth. Jim was the liaison between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the construction company when the church built a Stake Center in Louisville, CO.

Jim always had his golf bag ready to go and played many rounds of golf. He loved snow skiing, especially with his kids. Camping was also one of his favorite activities while living in Minot.

Spending time with his family was always important to him. Jim also added scuba diving to his adventures and was able to enjoy diving with his children Thomas and Kristie.



Jim was a big supporter of his children and grandchildren in their school, sports and church activities. He attended as much as he could while in the military. After he retired it was a lot easier to attend events. Sometimes he would just drive an hour and show up on the doorstep to get a hug from the grandkids.

He also served in several capacities in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints after he was baptized in 1970. But his service in the temple was his favorite. He served in the Denver, Washington DC, Nauvoo, Orlando and Phoenix temples. He served two temple missions with his late wife Betty.

After Betty passed in 2020, Jim decided to move to Prescott, AZ where one of his sons and his brother lives. In Nov 2021, Jim met Donna Bennett and was totally smitten. They were married Feb. 2, 2022. They were able to pack a whole lot of love, fun and trips into the past year and half.

Jim's life was spared several times; once when he was flying a B-52 in Cold War airborne alert mission named Operation Chrome Dome in Jan 1966 his plane came apart mid-air and he had to parachute down into the Mediterranean Sea where he was rescued by a fisherman. He survived a life threatening infection after surgery, 5 bouts with COVID, 2 heart attacks, colon cancer, and prostate cancer.

Jim will be dearly missed by wife Donna Bennett-Wendorf, children Kristie (Jim) Stockman, Laurie (Randy) Brown, Jimmy (Hitomi) Wendorf, Thomas (Shera) Wendorf. Step-children Ken (Jeanne) Bennett, David (Luan) Bennett, Terri (Andy) Stephens, Mabelle (John) Craft, Lenora (Jeff) Bateman, Lisa (Jonathan) Brandt and John Bennett, 46 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and a brother Peter (Jan) Wendorf. He is preceded in death by his late wife Betty Waldrop, parents Charles Wendorf and Ladene Rawlinson and siblings Ann Bryant, Susan Jalo, Jeffrey and Linda Call, son-in-law Greg Bement and grandson Mark Bement.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at the Nauvoo Cemetery in Nauvoo, Illinois on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 1pm.

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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### CAROL A. SAMUEL

Carol A. Samuel, 79, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 8:09 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. She was born on October 5, 1943 in Sayreville, NJ to Joseph & Frances Okulewicz Rudy. She married Robert Frank Samuel on August 7, 1965 in Sayreville, NJ. He preceded her in death on January 6, 2018. She was a homemaker and also did childcare at her home. She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison and enjoyed reading, shopping, spending time with her family, visiting with her neighbors, watching and attending her grandchildren's events, walking by the river, watching her favorite shows and listening to music, especially Engelbert Humperdinck.



SAMUEL

Carol is survived by: 1-daughter: Francine (Tim) Roling of Jefferson City, MO; 2-sons: Robert Samuel of St. Augustine, FL & Dave (Courtney) Samuel of Moberly, MO; 6-grandchildren: Logan, Alaina, Ashley, Nolan, Skylar & Buehler; 3-great grandchildren: Alexander, Xavier & Knox; 1-sister: Alice Johnson & 1-brother: Joe Rudy.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family service will be held and burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established and contributions may be sent to: Dave Samuel, 1006 Bradford Circle, Moberly, MO 65270. Online condolences to Carol's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### EDNA B. HARDY

Edna Blanche Hardy, 96, of Denmark, IA, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, IA. She was born on December 1, 1926 in Eubank, KY to Luther & Lou Todd Pumphrey. She married Alvin Floyd Orton on September 9, 1944 in Burlington, IA. He preceded her in death on November 30, 1961. She married Robert A. Hardy in December of 1982 in West Burlington, IA. He preceded her in death on September 27, 2022.



HARDY

She worked for Sheaffer Pen Company in her younger years and later for Little Egg Company in Wever. She retired from G.E. in Burlington with 25 years of service. She was a member of Fort Madison Christian Church and loved to quilt and cook and was well known for her pies. She had a true servant's heart and was always happy to help her friends, family & those in need.

Blanche is survived by: 1-daughter: Sandra M. (Roy) Hollis of Kansas City, MO; 2-sons: Russell F. (Joan) Orton of Wever, IA & Rex A. (Sherri) Orton of Boone, NC; 7-grandchildren & 13-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents, 1-granddaughter: Diana, 1-brother in infancy: Paul and 2-brothers: Harold & Ernie.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 with Martin Graber officiating. Burial will be held at Denmark Cemetery. A memorial has been established for Denmark Fire & Rescue. Online condolences to Blanche's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### DALE HAMNER

Dale Hamner, 83, of Keokuk, died Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

He was born February 17, 1940 in Clark County, MO, the son of Henry and Ethel Bender Hamner.



HAMNER

Dale was united in marriage to Karen Worrell Dewey on July 3, 1976 in Kahoka MO. She survives.

He is also survived by his son, David (Lori) Hamner of Kahoka, a daughter, Deneen Hamner of Ft. Madison, stepson, Von Dewey of Keokuk, stepdaughter, Monique (Darren) Sartin, of Ames, IA, two grandsons, Gage Hamner and Trace Hamner both of Kahoka MO, three granddaughters, Chelsie Dewey of Keokuk, Bailie (Brock) Kirchner of Wyaconda, MO and Jennifer Boudreau of Keokuk, five great grandchildren, Briggs Kirchner, Beck Kirchner, Callahan Hamner, Tegan Kent and Ayden Davis, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Richard Hamner, Charles Hamner, Ralph Hamner, and Delbert Hamner, two sisters, Ruby Dewitt, and Opal Pearl.

He graduated from Kahoka High School. After high school he joined the Army National Guard and proudly served his country.

In 1998, he retired from the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant after thirty-three years of employment.

Dale was a member of New Testament Christian Church in Keokuk. He dedicated countless hours to the church community, actively participating in various ministries and always offering a helping hand.

Dale loved to write notes and verses from the Bible and gave them out to family and friends. He also enjoyed woodworking, he made hearts and semi's for kids at KCA and gave away lots of items that he made.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, at the New Testament Christian Church with Pastor Derek Olsen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Testament Christian Church. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, Iowa is assisting the family with arrangements.

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



### Pen City Current obituary policy

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**Thursday, Sept 21**  
**Fried Chicken Dinners**

**Friday, September 22**  
**Lunch on the Sidewalk**



## Sports

# No. 1 Raiders plunder Hounds in 2nd quarter

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds came out and smacked the No. 1 team in the state in the mouth – for a quarter.

Then the Williamsburg Raiders hit the Hounds with a barrage of punches that ultimately handed Fort Madison its first loss of the year, 48-14 in Class 3A non-district high school football action.

The Raiders improve to 4-0 on the year despite trailing 7-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Bloodhounds fall to 3-1 and travel to Davenport Assumption next week, another top 10 team in the state.

“The wheels fell off and we started to get undisciplined. You can’t give teams like that second chances, and we gave them a lot of second chances. You’re gonna pay for it with good teams like that. They are where they are for a reason,” Head Coach Derek Doherty said.

“Even their twos and threes were, wholly smokes, even those guys are disciplined, so we just got outplayed.”

But not in the early going.

Fort Madison took the opening kick-off seven plays and 74 yards before senior Marcus Guzman went off tackle right into the endzone for a 7-0 lead with the PAT. A 32-yard completion down the middle to Leif Boeding sparked the drive on a 3rd and 12. Guzman would pitch to Hayden Segoviano for four yards before Guzman slipped in at the goal line.

Then the Hounds’ defense went to work shutting down the Raiders’ vaunted offense on a 4-and-out. Senior Henry Wiseman brought the Raiders’ Nile Sinn down for a 1-yard loss on 3rd and 5 to force the punt.

The Raiders would hold Fort Madison to four downs, but the Hounds’ defense again stepped up and forced a punt. The Hounds would get stuck again at 4th and 4 after a long pass to Boeding down the right fell incomplete. Boeding was brought down on the play but no interference was called and Fort Madison was forced to punt.

Williamsburg would get held to no gain on 1st and 10 which brought the quarter to an end.

The Raiders then got things on track, scoring just two plays into the second quarter. Sinn broke off a 34-yard run, and then Kellen Cockrell found Derek Weisskopf over his shoulder in the left corner of the endzone for the Raiders’ first score.

Then Williamsburg would score on their next four possessions of the quarter to take a 34-7 lead into the lockerroom. One of the touchdowns came one play after the Hounds’ Henry Wiseman got stripped of the ball on a kickoff return. Sinn would take the next play 24 yards for a score.

Out of the half, Williamsburg went right back to work. On the second play from scrimmage, Cockrell found Rayce Heitman on a 61-yard catch run down the left side for a 41-7 lead.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Junior quarterback Marcus Guzman finds running tight in the second quarter. Guzman rushed for two touchdowns in Fort Madison’s first loss of the year. The Hounds fell to top-ranked Williamsburg 48-14.

Fort Madison would bring the kick back to the 28 and, three plays later, Guzman would get picked off trying a screen over the middle. The Raiders would put their final tally up when Cockrell threw to Weisskopf again on the left side.

Guzman would score again with 8 minutes left in the fourth quarter for the Hounds’ other touchdown.

“This goes back to consistency. That’s been a big bugaboo of ours. Completing a whole practice and completing a whole game. It’s mental and we got a lot of work to do,” he said.

“We gotta be better tacklers, we gotta play at a lower level, do the right things.”

Doherty said there’s still a lot of meat left on the bone.

“We’re not even in district play yet and that’s what I told the guys. We now know and we gotta get our butts back to work. It was a huge test, cool. And I said my goal would be to see them again. The only chance of us playing them again would be in the playoffs,” he said.

“We’re back to 0-0. We can play with teams like that, we just have to learn to play with teams like that four quarters. It’s the consistency piece.”

Ike Thacher led the Hounds with five tackles, one for a 6-yard loss. Teague Smith had 4.5.

Guzman was 24 of 35 for 220 yards and two interceptions. He also led the Hounds on the ground again with

57 yards on 14 carries and two scores. Segoviano led in receptions, taking advantage of some pitch plays for 83 yards on 11 catches. Boeding had 65 yards on three catches. Henry Wiseman had 49 yards on six receptions.

The Hounds open 3A District 4 action next week at Assumption. They then return home for a matchup with Keokuk for the “County Seat” before heading to Mt. Vernon, who was ranked right under Williamsburg at No. 2.



Fort Madison’s Tristan Marshall and Teague Smith bring down Williamsburg’s Braylon Wetjen in the first quarter of the Hounds’ 48-14 loss to the Raiders in Fort Madison.

## CENTRAL LEE FOOTBALL

# Mistakes cost Central Lee Hawks a chance to move to 4-0

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

DONNELSON — Doug Dodds looked at his watch in the post-game huddle and started the countdown for Central Lee’s football team.

“I told them two hours and 15 minutes from now, we’re 0-0,” the Hawks’ coach said after Friday’s 20-14 loss to Davis County in the Class 2A District 5 opener for both teams. “Just one week at a time.”

It was the first defeat of the season for Central Lee (3-1), which was ranked No. 9 in Class 2A in the Associated Press poll this week, and it stung because the Hawks knew they had squandered some opportunities.

Central Lee had opened the season with three solid wins in which whatever mistakes the Hawks did make didn’t hurt.

The ones in this game were especially wounding.

The Hawks lost three fumbles, including one when they were driving late in the fourth quarter, and were penalized eight times for 55 yards.

“I just think we had some moments where we didn’t do the things we needed to do to take care of ourselves,” Dodds said. “I mean, that was the big thing.”

Central Lee fought back from an early 14-0 deficit to tie the game in the fourth quarter on Grant Myhre’s 19-yard

touchdown run with 8:33 to play.

But Davis County (2-2) took less than two minutes to get the lead back. Carter Will’s 37-yard touchdown run completed a quick response that included a face-mask penalty on Central Lee. The extra point was blocked.

The Hawks, who had 298 yards of offense, started to move the ball against the Mustangs on the next possession, but they would commit their final turnover of the night on a fumbled handoff exchange, giving the ball back to Davis County, which was able to run out the clock.

The Mustangs took a 14-0 lead in the second quarter on two touchdown runs by Brett Prevo. The Hawks, though,

weren’t daunted, getting a 42-yard touchdown run by Myhre late in the quarter.

“I told our guys we did some really good things,” Dodds said. “But we also did some things that were uncharacteristic of us that came back and bit us.”

“We got turnovers on them, we got some stops, we moved the ball. There were a lot of positive things out of this game. It’s just they made an extra play or two that we couldn’t make.”

Will rushed for 143 yards. Prevo had 71 yards rushing.

Chase Johnson had 97 rushing yards for Central Lee. Kayden Calfee had 18 carries for 87 yards. Myhre had seven carries for 77 yards.



## Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**September 18, 2023**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**10:00 A.M. (CDT)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**933 Avenue H**  
**Fort Madison, IA**

**---AGENDA---**

Lee County Board of Supervisors  
 Sep 18, 2023, 10:00-11:30 AM (America/Chicago)

**HELP WANTED**

**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**GENERAL OPERATOR**

**GENERAL PURPOSE**  
 Performs a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled maintenance work, operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City street, sanitary and storm drainage facilities and systems.

**DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**  
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 • Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and  
 • Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair, or  
 • Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirements:  
 • Valid State Driver's license  
 • Class B CDL or the ability to obtain one within six months of hire.

Necessary knowledge, skills, and experience:  
 • Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;  
 • Skill in operation of some of the listed tools and equipment;  
 • Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Justina Cullen at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at [jcul-len@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:jcul-len@fortmadison-ia.com) by 4:30pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.



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Applications can be found on the city website at [www.fortmadison-ia.com](http://www.fortmadison-ia.com)



Amended Exhibit A (Haul Road Map - West) for Alliant Haul Road Agreement Discussion and Possible Action on Fort Madison Apartments  
 Consider Approval to Hire Maintenance Tech  
 Consider Approval to Replace Deputy in Sheriffs Office  
 Consent Agenda  
 • Monday, September 11, 2023 Board Minutes  
 • Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:  
 A. Step Increase- Sheriffs Office  
 B. Temporary Reclassification- Sheriffs Office (2) Reports:  
 A. Manure Management Annual Update for Mehmert Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township  
 B. Manure Management Annual Update for Ball Family Enterprises in Charleston Township  
 C. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected  
 D. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE TENTATIVE AGENDA FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023**  
**Time: 5:30 P.M.**  
**Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall**

**INVOCATION**  
**ROLL CALL**  
**VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS:**  
 At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue. PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
 1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:  
 • Minutes of September 5, 2023;  
 • Liquor License Renewal: The Rail Yard, 1310 – 14th Street, effective October 15, 2023 – Class C Retail;  
 • Setting public hearing for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, concerning rezoning property north of 2205 – 48th Street from R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-21, General Industrial District;  
 • Claims dated September 14, 2023 and August Financial Report; and  
 • Payroll of September 8, 2023.  
**COMMUNITY REPORT:** Fort Madison Tourism Bureau - River & Rails Weekend and PorchStock  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
 Concerning the Voluntary Annexation for the property north of 2205 – 48th Street (PAW Animal Shelter).  
 Close Public Hearing  
 2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the voluntary annexation of property north of 2205 – 48th Street (PAW Animal Shelter).  
 Concerning Rezoning Property Located at 6315 and 6139 Reve Court, 5811, 5811 and 5909 Avenue O and two parcels of land bounded by Business Highway 61, Highway 61, Reve Court and 5909 Avenue O, from B-2, Highway Business District, to B-3, General Wholesale District and From R-1, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-3, General Wholesale

District  
 Close Public Hearing  
 3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property located 6315 and 6139 Reve Court, 5811, 5811 and 5909 Avenue O and two parcels of land bounded by Business Highway 61, Highway 61, Reve Court and 5909 Avenue O, from B-2, Highway Business District, to B-3, General Wholesale District and From R-1, Single Family Dwelling District, to B-3, General Wholesale District  
**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**  
 4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to

approve the third reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Administration, Chapter 4, General Penalty, and Title 7, Police, Chapter 2, Misdemeanors.  
 5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance enacting a Code of Ordinances and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the City of Fort Madison dealing with subjects embraced in such Code of Ordinances.  
 6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of

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## Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Transportation's State Recreational Trail Program for construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV 48th Street Trail Connector.

7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving an application for a Three-Year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Asay Properties, LLC for property located at 911 Avenue D (interior and exterior renovation).

8. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October on the sale of City-owned property at 215 Avenue G.

OTHER  
9. Presentation of FY2022-23 Audit

(Blank) MOVED and

(blank) SECONDED to receive and file the City's audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.

10. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's signature on a Subrecipient Agreement between City of Fort Madison and Fort Madison Beautification to outline that the City of Fort Madison, at the request of Fort Madison Beautification, will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Downtown Revitalization Fund (DTR) grant for the rehabilitation of facades within downtown Fort Madison and that Fort Madison Beautification will be procuring for the Architect and Historian and pay the invoices for these services.

11. (Blank) MOVED and

(blank) SECONDED to approve hiring a Transitional Assistant to the City Clerk.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ADJOURNMENT - The next City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 3, 2023 501 Main Street 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on August 3, 2023, at 501

Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker (sworn in after consent agenda was approved), Roslyn Garcia, Shelley Oltmans, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Code Enforcement/Housing Casey Barnes, and City Attorney

James Dennis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of events taking place around Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Dustin Cackley voiced concerns that agenda did not contain an action regarding the turbine to be placed in Estes Park.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.

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

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of July 20, 2023;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of July 27, 2023;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for

June 2023;

- RESOLUTION NO. 273-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Meyers Courtyard, 629 Blondeau Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License – effective August 27, 2023;

- RESOLUTION NO. 274-2023: Approving a Liquor License for Keokuk Labor Temple, Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, 301 Blondeau Street, 5-day term from September 4-9, 2023;

- Special Event Permit, Jon Morris, Firework Display August 19, 2023, 2-11 p.m., 1025 Cleveland Avenue;

- Sidewalk Display Permit-TSS Inc. 906 Main Street;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5353-5355;

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## Classifieds/From the Front

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

### PUBLIC NOTICES

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve the appointment of Tyler Walker 2nd Ward Council Person. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
Motion made by Oltmans, second by Bryant to remove from table a resolution approving revised Personnel Policy and Handbook. Council discussed and a roll call was taken to remove from table.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Oltmans & Walker, NAYS – Crenshaw, Garcia, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (2) AYES, (7) NAYS. Motion to remove from table failed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve the third & final reading of Ordinance amending Title 20, Section 20.40.020, 20.44.020, 20.60.040, 20.60.090, 20.60.100 (e) and 20.68.020.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Garcia to adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2042: Amending Title 20, Section 20.40.020, 20.44.020, 20.60.040, 20.60.090, 20.60.100 (e) and 20.68.020 concerning front yard setbacks and ground floor dwellings.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Oltmans to approve second reading of an Ordinance repealing certain sections of Title 9 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Keokuk.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion by Garcia, second by Greenwald to waive the third/final reading of ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Gar-

cia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2043: Repealing certain sections of Title 9 Vehicles and Traffic of the Code of the City of Keokuk.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Greenwald to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amendment to Title 9 Vehicle and Traffic adding Chapter 9.91 automated traffic enforcement.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Oltmans, Helenthal, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Helenthal to waive the second and third reading of ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: AYES – Tillman, and Helenthal. NAYS -Crenshaw, Walker, Garcia, Oltmans, Andrews, Bryant, and Greenwald. (2) AYES, (7) NAYS. Motion failed.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 275-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH HORIZON ARCHITECTURE." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 276-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BRISTOLA FOR A (90) DAY OF FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE KEOKUK WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Garcia, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 277-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO T. ROWE PRICE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION 457 PLAN." (9) AYES, (0)

NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 278-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING SIDC LEASE WITH ROQUETTE AMERICA." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Final notification for Paul Schulte to the Airport Commission, filling 6-year term to expire 10/22/2028. Mayoral Appointment- Renee Tatroe to the Keokuk Public Library Board, fulfilling a term to expire 7/1/2025. Resignation: Susan Hanan from the Civil Service Commission. Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve the above appointments and resignation. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried. Second notification for Mark Schickedanz to the Airport Commission, fulfilling a 6-year term to expire 10/22/2025.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:** Garcia reported Oakland Cemetery Initiative will hold 5k on Aug 12th, 2023; and informed of Marty Hall tournament hosted by Keokuk Little League.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Wills reported on water pollution control operations; Carroll updated on public works operations; Baum updated on recent incident that took place in Keokuk; O'Donnell spoke regarding Elkem site and rail bridge.

**NUISANCE ABATEMENT APPEAL:** City Attorney James Dennis recommended we hold the hearing on August 17th due to the party requesting the appeal not being properly notified of hearing date and time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Helenthal inquired about ITC, Tillman voiced concerns regarding Tumelty Park, and Bryant thanked Cole for reported updates. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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## Pipeline contractor issues statement Friday morning

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contractor for Navigator, Friday indicated the project is being postponed temporarily.

Christina Kibel, a regulatory agent with Percheron, wrote "Navigator has postponed all acquisitions and permits in Iowa until further notice".

"Navigator has NOT officially "shut down" the entire project, but elected to pause various aspects until a later date. We have been assured that Navigator still intends to build the line at some point in the future," Kibel wrote.

"With that said, our office has been closed effective Wednesday. All agents have been assigned to other projects. When Navigator resumes permitting, there will be another agent contacting your office."

The pipeline faced staunch resistance from states across the Midwest, including opposition from the Lee County Board of Supervisors. The use of eminent domain was the major hurdle as the majority of owners of property the pipeline would be constructed on, didn't want the project on their land and rebuffed efforts to acquire voluntary easements.

Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb cautioned residents to stay vigilant.

"Don't turn a deaf ear. Even they are saying this isn't done, but it shows that people's voices are being heard," Seyb said.

Some counties instituted stricter guidelines for pipeline construction around public property and some owners launched lawsuits against construction on private property.

Ted Stein and his wife Carrelle have traveled the state to stand up against the pipeline that was originally planned to cross their property. Stein said he hadn't heard about the Navigator decision, but said Friday he was happy with the news.

"That's very interesting to me and I had been thinking that something like that had been in the works," Stein said.

"I honestly am kind of wondering if NuStar might be looking at a temporary injunction, as well."

NuStar is currently working on constructing an anhydrous ammonia pipeline in Lee County on a path similar to the Hwy. 61 bypass easements.

That project is also facing stiff opposition from a couple Lee County property owners, including the group Hayes Menke 9, which has filed for a temporary injunction saying NuStar did not adequately inform the IUB of aspects of their project.

A Sioux Falls Argus article today said Navigator has also stopped activities in South Dakota. The state denied the company's permit applications on the first day of hearings earlier this summer.

Stein said he believes the decision from Navigator is a good step, even if temporary.

"They're getting bad decisions in South and North Dakota being denied permits, and I think Navigator is looking at that and have decided to wait until people are less aggressive," Stein said.

"I haven't heard a word from them directly, but I did get a registered letter announcing when they were going to begin surveying and we didn't accept that letter and told them they weren't allowed on our property without a court order," Stein said.

"I think this is a win, and I think it's a win for everybody, not just me, frankly."

Attempts to get comment from Navigator were unsuccessful early Friday morning.

## State jobless rate surpasses national rate

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 2.7 percent to 2.9 percent in August, tying the year-ago rate, while the U.S. unemployment rate increased from 3.5 percent to 3.8 percent in August.

Despite the rise in unemployment, Iowa gained 2,400 jobs and Iowa's workforce grew by 500 people in August.

"Iowa employers appear to have acted cautiously last month amid ongoing worry about the national economy and rising inflation," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "However, we saw Iowa's pool of available workers increase, meaning that more and more Iowans continue to show a strong desire to find new careers across the state."

The number of unemployed Iowans increased to 50,200 in August from 47,700 in July. The state's overall labor force participation rate decreased slightly from 68.8 to 68.7 percent in August.

The total number of working Iowans decreased to 1,692,400 in August. This figure is 2,000 lower than July and 24,300 higher than one year ago.



## Lee County News/From the Front

# Two injured during incident at OCI Nitrogen in Wever

One worker airlifted to Iowa City Hospital with burns

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEVER – Two contractors at OCI Nitrogen in Wever were hospitalized Friday afternoon after suffering injuries as a result of burns.

According to a company spokesperson, the two individuals were conducting regular maintenance operations and were gassed, causing severe burns. LeeComm dispatchers said the burns were ammonia-related. One of the employees was airlifted to an Iowa City hospital, while the other is being treated at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center.

The facility released a statement Friday evening.

“In the late afternoon of Friday, September 15, two contractors working at OCI Nitrogen Iowa (formerly Iowa Fertilizer Company) were injured while conducting scheduled maintenance at our plant in Wever. The contractors were taken to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center for treatment and one was subsequently airlifted to Iowa City. The entire OCI team will work with the contractors and their families to ensure they have the support and resources necessary to make a full recovery. Additionally, we will carefully review the circumstances around this incident. The safety of our employees and contractors, along with the southeast Iowa community is, and always will be, the top priority for the company. Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to contact us at 515-422-9296.”

LeeComm dispatched Wever Fire & Rescue and Lee County EMS to the work site.

# Lee County stood strong in fight against pipeline

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with companies saying they are doing things for the public good, which is requirement for eminent domain proceedings, when in fact the efforts were centered on profits - many of which would be wired outside the country.

People like Ted and Carrelle Stein who invited us out for a glass of tea to talk just about what threats this pipeline brought to Lee County. Ted Stein is an engineer and his wife is a former attorney. They traveled the Midwest doing some heavy lifting to stop this pipeline. They didn't yell and scream, they were informed and carried armloads of paperwork about the unconstitutionality of the eminent domain process, but also the safety of a carbon sequestration pipeline.

If you don't know of Sartatia, Miss., Google that. This pipeline that would carry the same contents, the similar pressure, similar danger, is planned to be built 1,000 feet from a senior living center in West Point.

People spoke. People stood up against a very large multi-national corporation, with pockets as deep as any, and said 'enough'. They sniffed out misdirection. They demanded politicians consider the rights of one over the profits of many. And for the time being anyway – they put a stop to it.

What that looks like six months - twelve months from now, two years from now - we don't know. We know money will have its say, it always, always does. But in this instance, we again learned that the citizenry will have its say, too.

As Supervisor Garry Seyb likes to say, “the voices are being heard” and this time it isn't lip service.

I sat in meetings where Doug Abolt railed against the lack of constitutional congruency in what Navigator was doing – what other companies have done. Saying it's time to stop taking from private property owners.

Don Hunold pushing legislators to stop taking treasured generational farmland, farmland that we're learning very recently is slowly losing its perennial and phenomenal power to produce in this state.

Legendary Iowa football coach Hayden Fry slapped America Needs Farmers on his beloved Hawkeyes. The move proved endearing, and probably a little profitable if we're being upfront, for the program. But he wasn't wrong. These property owners that were in danger once again of having property taken from them under what many claim are false pretenses, said enough is enough.

We still don't really know the value of what the pipeline was marketed to do. Pull carbon dioxide from being released into the environment, which makes environmental advocates happy on the face. Supervisor Charles Holmes said the impact from that pipeline would be minimal at best and reminded us that the atmosphere needs carbon dioxide to an extent.

What will not be forgotten, especially if this postponement becomes permanent, is that a cobbled collaboration across states by pipeline opponents worked.

I remember one fertilizer advocate at an IUB hearing say if this pipeline is stopped, it will probably mean the end of pipelines through the Midwest. That remains to be seen. And it will be dependent on how people are treated, how our treasured farms are respected, and if true leadership prevails.

Either way, for this moment in time, the people prevailed. Profit is integral to the American economic system. We have to have it. We have to have that stratification to create workforce, and a tax base, a healthy gross domestic product. We want jobs and industry to solidify our existence, but every once in a while logic has to have its day and it seems, for the time being anyway, the system worked.

While we're talking systems working, your Fort Madison Bloodhounds punched one of the best football teams in the state in the mouth Friday night for one quarter. It would appear that just woke up a beast in the Williamsburg Raiders, but for one guy in shorts on a sideline, it shows the direction of this program. That system is working, too – But that's Beside the Point.

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