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## New tax law vexes Supervisors

**2029:** General levy cap at \$3.50 effective July 1, 2029 concerns board

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Supervisors are starting to worry just a bit about the future of the county's property tax levy. At Monday's regular Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Tom Schulz brought up details from a conference last week that addressed the state's new property tax law that will put a \$3.50 general fund levy cap on the state's 99 counties in

The conference looked at how counties in the state will be impacted by the new law passed during the last session. He said there is some clarity now on the new law, but there is still a lot



of confusion about how the new law encourages growth in the state.

"There's still not great clarity, but there's more clarity than there was prior to attending. Some things just aren't known until they are known and that includes the rollbacks. We need to know what that's going to be," Schulz said.

"The legislation, without a doubt, penalized any community, whether it be county or city. At the same time, we tout we want to have a growth state and be growth communities and we want to find ways to lure people to Iowa, we're in effect

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Fort Madison Firefighter Chuck Fullenkamp oversees the action at the Baxter Sports Complex Saturday morning. The Fire Department held a Muscular Dystrophy kickball tournament to raise funds for the charitable organization.

#### **COUNTY NEWS**

#### Central Lee again makes Register's list of top workplaces

DONNELLSON, IOWA — The Des Moines Register has named the Central Lee Community School District as one of its 2023 Iowa Top Workplaces. The state's largest newspaper recognized businesses, organizations, and agencies in this year's list, which is

based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by Energage LLC. The confidential survey evaluates 15 culture drivers vital for the success of any organization, including alignment, execution, and connection.

Central Lee has earned the Top Workplace award four times in the past five years and is one of only a handful of school districts being recognized across the state.

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## By Curt Swarm



### Thanks to the Outer Banks for 2nd vacation

The sole of my sandal started flapping, then came off all together (which made me limp), while walking to an interstate rest stop in Tennessee. Well, duh! People looked at me like I was Clem Kadiddlehopper. Ginnie pretended she wasn't with me. While getting gas at a Casey's store, I bought some Guerrilla Glue, with the intention of reattaching the sole. At our motel in Knoxville, TN, that we didn't get to until 9:00 o'clock at night after 12 hours of driving, I noticed my bottle of antacid had spilled inside my bathroom bag, coating everything, like toothbrush and bottles of medication, with white, syrupy gunk. Yuk. I'd better not have any acid indigestion! I glued the sole back onto my sandal and hoped for the best. We were headed for the Outer Banks of North Carolina, for the second time this year. A friend of ours has a time share there, and he graciously let us use it. If you don't know what the Outer Banks are, don't feel like the lone stranger. I didn't either before Ginnie brought me to them in June. The Outer Banks are a narrow strip of islands just off the coast of North Carolina on the Atlantic Ocean. They may be best known for Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills where the Wright Brothers first tested their flying machine. Wilbur and Orville liked the sandy soil for softer landings (go figure). The Outer Banks are now a tourist, artist and neer-do-well's paradise. At a stop light, we were sitting behind a Rolls-Royce convertible—the first time I've ever seen one.

Hurricane Lee was off the tip of Cuba, and threatening to visit the U.S. Eastern Coast. I could see Mr. Lee on the weather

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#### Obituaries/Iowa News

#### Johnny Rogers heads to Capital

BURLINGTON - The Capitol is proud to announce Johnny Rogers, live in concert, on Friday, October 6th at 7:30pm. Johnny brings his "History of Rock 'n Roll" show to Southeast Iowa, featuring his captivating tributes to Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry and Elvis Presley. Experience the musical time travel of the Johnny Rogers Show live and in person at The Capitol - advanced tickets are available for just \$20 (premium seats for \$30) at The Capitol website and at the theater box office, with day of event prices \$25 and \$35 respectively.

Johnny will transport his audience back in time when you could go to your favorite malt shops with your favorite girl and dance to your favorite bands. The show is a tribute to the music of the legends of Rock N Roll. Johnny has performed for the last four US presidents. He has been voted Best of Show two years in a row in Branson, Missouri and is an inductee of the Iowa Rock-n-roll Hall of Fame.

The Capitol, located 211 North 3rd Street, is a historic downtown Burlington, Iowa venue, featuring a 367 seat auditorium and a concession stand with snacks including popcorn and candy as well as sodas, water and a range of wine and beer. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the concession stand.





#### **OBITUARIES**

#### CECILIA E. **KRUSE**

Cecilia Elizabeth Kruse, 100, of Donnellson, Iowa passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Ceil was born on October 29, 1922, to Anna and
George Mehmert of West Point, Iowa.

She was a lifelong member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in West Point, IA and there married Herman Kruse on November 9, 1944. Ceil was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Joe and Barney; sisters: Martha, Marietta, Ruth, and Gertie. She was preceded in death by her husband

on September 7, 2006. Her sister Rosie Ping of West Point, IA survives. Ceil lived independently on the farm until June 2023. Her family meant the world to Ceil and she is survived by son: Dan Kruse of Argyle, IA; Jeanne Foecke (Jim) of Pilot Grove, IA; Connie Kruse of Dayton, TN; Kitty Kruse-Winnike of Riverside, IA; Sue Kruse (Jeff Fullenkamp) of Johnston, IA; and Jan Foecke (Joe) of Kansas City, MO. Grand-children: Jodi Burch (Craig) of Ft. Madison, IA; Tom Kruse (Sarah) of West Point, IA; Brian Foecke (Kathleen) of West Point IA; Jamie Foster of Washington, IA; Ben Foecke (Sue) of Des Moines, IA; April VanHamme (Justin) of West Point, IA; Kelsey Winnike (Gabe Starbeck-Miller) of San Diego, CA; Mason Kruse-Hoyer (Pooja Narayan) of Hanover, MD; Alison Cox (Aaron) of West Des Moines, IA; Bill Ayakatubby (Josh) of Kansas City, MO; Beth Lukehart (Bryan) of St. Joseph, MO; Dave Foecke of Gower, MO; and Dan Foecke of Adamsville, AL. Great Grandchildren include: Brock and Taylor

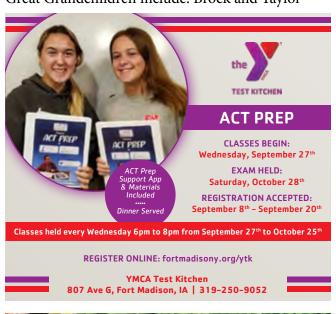
Barnes of Ft. Madison, IA; Tyler, Payton, and Asher Burch of Ft. Madison, IA; Albert, Luke, and Joseph Kruse of West Point, IA; Mikaela Richter (Isaac) of West Point, IA; Mallory Foster of Iowa City, IA; Alayna Foster of Washington, IA; Lauren and Max Foecke of Des Moines, IA; Jackson VanHamme of Ames, IA; Toby and Fletcher VanHamme of West Point, IA; West Winnike of San Diego, CA; Zuri Narayan-Hoyer of Hanover, MD; Landry, Eli, and Finn Cox of West Des Moines, IA; Austin, Tucker, and Kaybree Lukehart of St. Joseph, MO. One Great Great Grandchild includes Adalyn Richter of West Point, IA. Ceil will be greatly missed by her family. Ceil cultivated many friendships throughout her lifetime in the West Point, Houghton, and St. Paul communities; workplaces such as Schaeffer Pen Company, J.J. Nichting's, Metromail, West Point Care Center, Donnellson Care Center, Motorola; and card clubs. Ceil enjoyed baking, painting by numbers, word puzzles, reading, listening to music, watching movies, and visiting with others in person and by phone. Family will receive visitors from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30

a.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at St. Mary's

Catholic Church in West Point, IA.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 23, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, with Father Dan Dorau as

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, West Point, IA. Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Schools or St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic









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#### **Obituaries/From the Front**

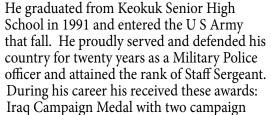
#### **OBITUARIES**

#### DUSTIN M. CACKLEY

Dustin Michael Cackley, 51, died Friday, Sept 8, 2023, at the Southeast Iowa Medical Center in West Burlington, after suffering a heart attack the previous day. He was born in Keokuk, IA on July 24, 1972, the son of Donald P. and Dorothy

Stewart Cackley. He married Laura Smith Williams in 1996; they later







CACKLEY

stars; Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Medal (5); Army Achievement Medal (3); Meritorious Unit Commendation; Army Good Conduct Medal (6); National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Expeditionary Medal; Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (3) German Army Marksmanship Badge Gold. Many of the awards were earned during his two deployments in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003-2004 and 2008-2009. He was honorably discharged in 2011 as a twenty year veteran. The name Dustin means "brave warrior." He certainly lived his life being one.

After separation from the military, he had his personal battles with a divorce and PTSD, situations suffered by many warriors after their deployments. His loyal military brother, Paul Schroeder, was instrumental in helping him address his PTSD issues, and also helped to lead him back to his faith in the Lord. Paul introduced Dustin to the Mighty Oaks Warriors organization. Dustin attended their faith-based camp and later became a certified group leader. Dustin often said that his return to faith helped him find a new purpose in life – to help other veterans face and deal with their PTSD struggles, while returning or introducing them to Christ. In 2017 he helped form the non-profit, Armatus Reintegration Program, which provided classes to incarcerated veterans in Texas prisons to help them have a successful reentry into society. As Executive Vice-President, in 2019, he brought the program home to the Midwest, conducting classes in correctional facilities in Mount Pleasant, IA, Bowling Green, and Moberly, MO. Covid regulations of 2020 caused the program to cease. Since his return to Keokuk in 2019, Dustin has left an indelible mark on his home town. He became an active member of the community, his first priority being to assist his brother and sister veterans. He became an active member of Keokuk American Le-

Since his return to Keokuk in 2019, Dustin has left an indelible mark on his home town. He became an active member of the community, his first priority being to assist his brother and sister veterans. He became an active member of Keokuk American Legion Post 41, where he later became commander, a position he held at death. Among one of his proudest accomplishments with the Legion was assisting Sean Skinner and the Keokuk Sports Boosters to promote the annual Military Appreciation Night to honor all local veterans. He was appointed to the Veterans Memorial Commission. He looked forward to placement of an Agent Orange Memorial monument at 18th and Ridge Street, and the completion of the Road of Honor. He served as precinct election worker and chairman and as a temporary election official for absentee voting. His tenacity for doing what is best for the people of Keokuk led him to decide to run for city council. His petitions are completed and ready for submission, but God had other plans for him.

Dustin is survived by four children: Lorene Cackley (Maurice Quinton) grandsons: Khail and Avery of Salina, KS; Garret Cackley (fiancé Casey Schaffer); Justine Cackley, all of San Antonio, TX; Dillon Cackley of Fort Hood, TX; his brother, Damon Cackley (wife Elsa); his mother, Dorothy Cackley; fiancé Linda Oliveski; and extended family. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Cackley; his paternal grandparents, Bill and Alma Cackley; his maternal grandparents, Doc and Margaret Stewart; and extended family.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with family at that time.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept.22 at Vigen Memorial Home, 1328 Concert Street. Burial with military rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA. The service will be livestreamed on his tribute wall at <a href="https://www.vigenmemorialhome.com">www.vigenmemorialhome.com</a>.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to AIMVets, Keokuk American Legion Post 41 or to the donor's choice in memory of Dustin.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at <a href="https://www.vigenmemorialhome.com">www.vigenmemorialhome.com</a>.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### SHERRYL E. MOORE

Sherryl E. Moore, 67, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa. She was born January 11, 1956 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Ronnie Cleo



and Marianna (Prash) Moore. Sherryl was raised and educated in Dallas City and graduated from Culver Stockton College in Canton, Missouri. She worked at Methode in Carthage, Illinois for several years. She enjoyed collecting sea shells, frog figurines and Indian artifacts. She loved fishing and her cats. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Ronnie Chris Moore.

MOORE

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm Friday, September 22, 2023 at the LaPlata Cemetery, LaPlata, Missouri. A memorial fund has been

established for the Dallas City Food Pantry. Contributions may be left at the graveside service or mailed to Sherryl Moore Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, PO Box 70, Dallas City, IL 62330. To leave an online condolence please visit Sherryl's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

#### Register honors Central Lee workforce

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"We are immensely proud and deeply grateful for the recognition of Central Lee as an Iowa Top Workplace for 2023," said Mark Hulsebus, Board of Education President. "This honor reflects the unwavering dedication and commitment of our educators, staff, and community, who together create an environment where excellence thrives. We will

continue to prioritize our students' wellbeing and academic success as we move forward with even greater enthusiasm and determination."

Central Lee, a prominent rural public school system, is renowned for offering a diverse range of academic and co-curricular opportunities to its students. It has emerged as the preferred choice for students in

Lee County, with nearly 400 students enrolling in its schools through open enrollment each year. Additionally, over half of Central Lee staff members are alumni, highlighting the deep connection that former students maintain with the district and community long after they graduate. Central Lee is also celebrated for its exceptional career and technical education programming at the high school level.



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#### Fort Madison Police Report

Fort Madison Police Report 09/07/23 – 11:45 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

09/07/23 – 9:19 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of 22nd Street.

09/07/23 - 9:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue

09/07/23 – 11:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Andres Lee Diaz, 42, of Fort Madison, at 19th Street and Avenue I, on charges of disorderly conduct – loud noise, public intoxication, and 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/11/23 – 9:19 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue E.

09/11/23 – 1:22 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 800 block of Avenue E.

09/11/23 - 3:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O

09/11/23 - 3:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue

09/11/23 – 4:36 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2800 block of Avenue M.

09/11/23 - 8:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested & released Tyler Riley McFadden, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 22nd Street, on a charge of 3rd degree criminal mischief.

09/12/23 - 1:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

09/12/23 – 1:51 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Richard Thomas Lunsford, 43, of Burlington, in the 3400 block of Avenue L, on a charge of felony forgery. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/12/23 – 4:38 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue M

09/13/23 - 8:42 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5800 block of Avenue O

09/13/23 - 11:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

09/14/23 – 4:35 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Devin Wayne Dunn, 28, hometown not reported, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of 3rd degree theft less than \$500. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/14/23 – 4:39 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Johnnette Sue Williams, 46, hometown not reported, in the 800 block of 15th Street, on warrants for driving suspended and failure to appear – 3rd degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/14/23 - 8:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue L.

09/14/23 – 8:14 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Ryan J. Carter, 46, hometown not reported, in the 1700 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear/driving suspended. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/15/23 – 8:22 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Timothy Edward Vincent, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/15/23 - 10:26 a.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2500 block of Avenue L.

09/15/23 – 12:01 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 4600 block

09/15/23 – 4:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Kimberly Michelle Brewer, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 25th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear – possession of a controlled substance – meth and a warrant for failure to appear – criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/15/23 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Robin Lee Bahl, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana - 1st

09/15/23 – 6:22 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

09/15/23 – 9:10 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue

09/16/23 – 12:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jaime Lin Rodgers, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance – 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/16/23 – 11:26 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 28th Street and Avenue N.

09/17/23 – 12:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Nicholas Ryan Queen, 44, of Burlington, in the 900 block of 2nd Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

09/17/23 – 12:15 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 2nd Street.

09/17/23 – 1:29 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue J.

09/17/23 - 6:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Andrew

James Evans, 32, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear – domestic abuse. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/18/23 - 7:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue H.

#### Lee County Sheriff Report

09/11/23 – 12:50 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Samantha Destineemarie Biddenstadt, 20, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

09/11/23 – 4:30 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Heather Michelle Tripp, 47, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken

to Lee County Jail. 09/11/23 – 10:53 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dakota Lynn McMillen, 23, of Donnellson, in the 2100 block of 255th Street, Donnellson, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a court order release.

09/12/23 – 10:29 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile, of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of Devine Court, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance – marijuana, 1st. He was referred to juvenile court.

09/12/23 – 3:45 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Robert Lavern Keith, 28, of St. Paul, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/13/23 – 2:11 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Arthur Alonzo Snipes, 41, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a temporary hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/13/23 - 10:42 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Lisa Ann Thacher, 31, of Illinois, in the 3100 block of Main Street,

Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court, and charges of insufficient number of headlamps, 1st offense OWI, and possession of a controlled substance – 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/14/23 – 7:51 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Desiree Lynn Bishop, 30, of Lockridge, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 3 warrants for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/14/23 – 9:46 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Colten Wayne Murphy, 28, of Missouri, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/15/23 – 4:56 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Adam Barnes, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after weekend service.

09/16/23 – 4:15 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested A'Neika Shaterrah Forrest, 26, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 5th degree theft less than \$300. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.

09/16/23 – 7:57 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested lan Anthony Keefe, 39, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/16/23 – 10:46 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chloe Catherine Woodley, 24, of Fort Madison, at Hwy. 2 E and West Point Rd., Donnellson, on charges of improper use of lanes and 1st offense OWI. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on her own recognizance.

09/17/23 – 3:45 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christopher Isaac Martin, 44, of Keokuk, in the 2600 block of Hwy. 61, Montrose, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

09/17/23 - 4:14 a.m. - Lee

County sheriff deputies arrested Stephen Ray Miller, 30, of Carthage, la., at the sheriff's office, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

09/17/23 - 1:46 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at 340th Street and Mississippi River Road, Montrose. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Clovd James Page, 29, of Keokuk, was traveling east on 340th Street near Mississippi River Road when the driver suffered a medical condition and lost the ability to control the car, which crossed the road and entered the right ditch, striking a power pole, going through a steep ditch, and coming to rest against a bush. The driver and passenger were taken to the hospital by ambulance. No citations were reported. Page's vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

09/17/23 - 6:04 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Linda Cannon, 56, of Keokuk, in the 3100 block of 243rd Avenue, Montrose, on a charge of false ID of law/public service officer. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/08/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one fire alarm.

09/09/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lawn mower fire 09/10/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical

09/11/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical

09/12/23 - Fort Madison fire-fighters responded to four medical calls.

09/13/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls and one motor vehicle accident.

09/14/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

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#### From the front

## New tax law could hinder growth in rural lowa

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putting in state laws that penalize communities if they grow.

"I do think there's some desire to look at how some of this stuff was structured. We'll see. I think what they've assured is that property tax will be still in the agendas of state legislators this year. So, hold on. We don't know where we're going yet."

What is known is that the county has four future budget years to get down to the \$3.50 cap, which goes into effect with the 2029 fiscal year.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said the county took significant difficult steps heading into this fiscal year after having to deal with a multitude of unexpected expenses, including a critical upgrade of the county's IT department, and absorbing costs associated with the closing of the hospital in Keokuk.

"We have responded to a significant emergency this last year and making our fund balance how it is by doing the things we needed to do. But (the budget) will become that way again if we don't take steps in those four years to address our expenses," he said.

"We're going to have to contract our levy. We have to. They're going to force us to. If we contract in our levy, that could mean less money coming in and that means our expenses need to drop where we can. That's why we're starting to look and address it."

Supervisor Matt Pflug said there isn't a lot of room now in the budgets.

"There's not a lot of wiggle room in these department budgets, Pflug said. When you're cutting \$500 here and there that doesn't get us where we need to go." Seyb said there needs to be a concerted effort to inform legislators of the pinch that kind of a cap could bring about.

"We need to let our legislators know now that, 'hey, this \$3.50 may not be a reasonable expectation to get to that in four years'. It may take longer, or we may never get to that."

Schulz said the conference was set up to go over the new tax law, how it will

affect counties and how calculations are handled.

But he said the moves Lee County made in the past year have positioned them better to handle the cap than a lot of counties in the state. He added there still isn't enough information from the state to even begin local conversations around mitigating the upcoming cap.

County Engineer Ben Hull said the county at least has the knowledge that

county at least has the knowledge that they need to get back to \$3.50 so they can look at a 25% per year reduction to get there. Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said

the county cannot wait til the last year to make the adjustment or the county could find itself in the same situation it was in earlier this spring, but without the infusion of America Rescue Plan Act funding.

Seyb agreed with Renstrom's analysis. "The take away is this board cannot be happy with where it's at for the next two or three years and then try to go from where were at now \$5.85 to \$3.50 in one year or we will be in the same spot that we just dug ourselves out of, with no ARPA funds to back that up," he said. Renstrom said the county will also see additional expenses because the law requires counties to do mailers outlining the property tax changes before going to public hearings on budget approvals. Tom Schulz said that's the key.

"That's a mouthful, because basically we need to know where we're at before we know where we're at."

Seyb said more than 30% of the state's counties are currently over the \$3.50 cap. Renstrom said there is still some confusion about using supplemental levies because it's unclear whether counties will have to be at the max rate of \$3.50 to trigger the supplemental levy. She said they were told the two aren't tied together anymore, but a different session on rural supplemental said they are still tied together.

Seyb said there appears to be more clarification needed on the law.

# Outer Banks appeals to the senses, imagination

#### TRIP - Continued from Page 1

radar. If he (hurricanes can be men now) got bad, we would just pack up and head home. Lee behaved himself, so I went jogging on the beach every morning while waves crashed, the sun came up, and shore birds and sand crabs skittered. Some of the seagulls were big enough to roast and eat. I swear.

On Monday of our week at the Outer Banks, Ginnie and I went dolphin watching. We were on a pontoon tour boat that could hold fifty people. There were five of us. September is the beginning of the off season. We almost immediately saw a pod of bottle nose dolphins, and they were putting on quite a show. We actually saw dolphins throwing fish up in the air and catching them, only to throw them up again. For Iowa land lubbers like us, it was an amazing sight. The tour guide was flabbergasted also.

The next day, we went to see the island's wild horses. Yes, the Outer Banks are well known for their wild horse herds, left over from when the Spanish first occupied the Carolina Coast. We took a tour in a huge Humvee and, I'll be danged, but there the Wild Mustangs were, right on the beach with the waves crashing in the background. What a photo op! I was so fired up I told Ginnie our next vacation could be an African wildlife photo tour. She said I could go by myself. No sense of adventure. Vacation time is also reading time, at least for us. I'm not sure there is a finer feeling than to be sitting on the beach reading, and look up over the top of the book (or smart phone) and see and feel waves crashing. Ginnie and I are both reading David Grann books: she "Killers of the Flower Moon" and me, "The Lost City of Z." We both feel our David Grann book is superior to the other. Not sure who's going to win this one. In case you're wondering, the sole of my sandal stayed affixed. What's a sandy beach without sandals? And the surf became more powerful as Hurricane Lee came within a couple hundred miles of the Outer Banks. But his bark was worse than his bite. Everyone needs two vacations per year. Be chill.

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## PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIED

**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON Work Session** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 5:15 PM **West Burlington**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA WORK SESSION** City Council will hold a Work Session at West

City Hall

122 Broadway Street

Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa. Work Sessions are open to the public.

**COUNCIL & STAFF** 

#### 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**

- **Education and Experience:**  Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent
- Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair,
- 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 equip-
- · 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-<u>len@fortmadison-ia.com</u> by 4:30pm on Friday, September 29, 2023.



#### **PRESENT**

**DISCUSSION ITEM** 

Council will discuss the following issue during the Work Session

1. Discuss proposed Capital Improvement Plan

**PUBLIC NOTICE Regular Meeting** Minutes **Donnellson City Council** Monday, September 11th, 2023 7:30PM **City Hall** 

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Marshall, Weber & Estrada present, Newton was absent. Motion by Weber, second by Estrada to approve the agenda: all ayes. Citizen comments Citizen commented on new record request policy. Citizen stated concern with traffic speeding on East St. Motion by Marshall, second by Estrada to approve the minutes of

#### HELP WANTED

**WASTEWATER** TREATMENT PLANT **FULL-TIME OPERATOR/** LAB TECHNICIAN

#### **GENERAL PURPOSE**

Assist in the operation and monitoring of the water reclamation facility. Additional duties performed include collecting routine water samples and performing laboratory test; cleaning clarifiers, wet wells and elevated tanks; maintenance of pumps, valves and meters; property maintenance to the building and grounds; and completing daily documentation.

#### **DESIRED MINIMUM**

**Education and Experience:** 1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent

- 2. Valid Iowa driver's license 3. Obtain a Grade II Wastewater Certification in the State of Iowa.
- 4. Knowledge of electrical and mechanical equipment 5. Ability to operate computer programs

Apply at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA or email applications to jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com by Friday, September 29th.

Applications can be found on the city website at www.fortmadison-ia.com



the August '23 meeting: all ayes. Motion by Estrada, second by Moeller to approve the August '23 financial reports: all ayes. Motion by Weber, second by Estrada to approve the August '23 disbursements and September '23 bills to be allowed: all ayes. Motion by Marshall, second by Estrada to approve building permit @ 121 Chestnut for addition on house and construction of shop, all ayes. Akanksha Tiwari with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning presented the draft copy of the 2040 Donnellson Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Moeller, Second by Marshall to deny request from resident to reimburse cost of cutting down tree in ROW, all ayes. Set October 9th 2023 @ 6:30pm for work session to create policy for council proceedings. Set October 31st 2023 5-8pm for trick or treat.

Set September 25th thru October 6th 2023 to flush mains. Police Report - There were 34 calls for service, 1 traffic stops. 28 building checks were done during the day & night time hours. Extra Patrol conducted at Chestnut & East St. Requested speed trailer to place along East St. Clerk Report - Oktoberfest will be held October 7th at the Lee County Fairgrounds. SEI Railroad Depot Tour will be October 7th & 8th. Construction on new trail @ Westview Park will begin this week, publish notice of trail closure during this time. There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Marshall, second by Moeller, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all aves.

/s/Dave Ellingboe, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Rebecca Schau, City Clerk Summary of All

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Receipts: General \$16,262.09 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$9,840.85 Employee Benefit \$0 Local Option Sales Tax \$11,507.37 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$23,618.62 Water Sinking USDA \$1,816.00 Sewer \$28,901.63 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$27,080.50 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$88.070.68 Employee Benefit \$1,498.60 Local Option Sales Tax \$500.00 Debit Service \$0 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$1,816.00 ARPA \$0 Water \$15,058.33 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$25,457.75 Sewer Sinking \$0.

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Hauling fill and rock ..... 154.29 DONNELLSON IMPLE-

MENT, Belt For Bagger

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...... 375.00 T-MOBILE, Chief Cell ..... 120.34 319 CONSTRUCTION, waterline repair ..... 656.13 PAYROLL CHECKS, TO-TAL PAYROLL CHECKS .....14,845.02

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**CLAIMS TOTAL** ..... 55,528.44

> **PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MEETING** August 17, 2023 **501 Main Street** 5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on August 17, 2023, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Shelley Oltmans, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia and John Helenthal were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, Deputy City Clerk Amy Benson, **Public Works Director** Brian Carroll, Community **Development Director** Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark, Code Enforcement/Housing Casey Barnes, and City Attorney James Dennis. MAYOR'S CORRE-

SPONDENCE: Informed of events taking place in

Keokuk.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: **Dustin Cackley asked** about when election papers would be ready to take out and had questions about the process. Dorothy Cackley questioned about Roquette leasing & remodeling at the SIDC.

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

(7) AYES, (0) AYES. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of August 3, 2023;
- Cash Receipts and Treasurer's Report for July 2023;
- Special Event Permit for Susan Skalinski (J&M Displays) Keokuk Football Boosters, Keokuk Senior High School, September 22, 2023, 4-9 p.m.;
- Special Event Permit for Jessica Deshaw & Travis Miller, Rooster Run/Walk a Memorial 5k for Debbie Miller, Sunday, October 8, 2023 @ 10 a.m., starting at High School to Grand Avenue;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5356-5358; **OLD BUSINESS:**

Council member Garcia informed Cole before the meeting she would like to continue to table resolution approving revised Personnel Policy and Handbook while staff continue to formalize benefit supplemental. Cole explained and answered council questions. There was no motion to remove from table. TABLED.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

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

Roll Call Vote: AYES - Crenshaw, Walker, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

An ordinance amending Chapter 9.90, regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles and golf carts. Motion made by Oltmans, second by Tillman to amend the ordinance by removing any time limit for UTV's only.

Roll Call Vote: AYES Crenshaw, Walker, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS.

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Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Tillman to approve the initial reading of amended ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: AYES - Crenshaw, Walker, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald.

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

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Tillman to waive the second and third/final reading of ordinance.

Roll Call Vote: AYES - Crenshaw, Walker, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Oltmans to adopt and give final approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2044 Amending Chapter 9.90 regarding operation of off-road utility vehicles and golf carts amended the ordinance by removing any time limit for UTV's only.

Roll Call Vote: AYES - Crenshaw, Walker, Oltmans, Andrews, Tillman, Bryant, and Greenwald.

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

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 279-**2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING URBAN **RENEWAL JOINT** AGREEMENT WITH LEE COUNTY." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 280-2023: "A RESO-LUTION ACKNOWLEDG-ING PETITION RELAT-ING TO PLACEMENT OF DAM TURBINE IN ESTES PARK." (5) AYES, (2) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Andrew, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLU-TION NO. 281-2023: "A **RESOLUTION AWARD-**ING CONTRACT TO EVERTT'S TOWING, LLC AND RAIRDEN'S AUTO **SALVAGE & TOWING** LLC FOR VEHICLE TOWING AND STORAGE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 282-2023: "A RESO-**LUTION DESIGNATING** HANDICAP PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE OF CITY HALL."

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

Motion made by Tillman, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 283-2023: "A RESO-**LUTION AUTHORIZING** PURCHASE OF 2018 INTERNATIONAL WORK-STAR 7500 FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT."

(4) AYES, (3) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 284-**2023: "A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO PARKER TREE & EX-CAVATION SERVICES, LLC OF OTTUMWA, **IOWA FOR GRINDING** OF TREE DEBRIS." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve a sewer adjustment for Lisa Claiborne for the July 2023 billing cycle. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMIS-**SIONS: Final notification for Mark Schickedanz to the Airport Commission, fulfilling term to expire 10/22/2025. Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the above appointment.

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

First notification re-appointment for Mark Pfaffe and Thomas Dreasler to the Airport Commission, terms to expire 10/20/2029. First notification re-appointment for Phil Dunek to the Board of Adjustment, term to expire 04/01/2028. First notification re-appointment for Ray Bradley, Jr., Fred Seay, Jr., Sandy Seabold and Michael Price to the Human Rights Commission, terms to expire 09/19/2026. First notification re-appointment for Steve Worster to the Joyce Park/Tumelty Commission, term to expire 10/01/2029. First notification reappointment for Brenda Best, Brent Haage and Jay Kruse to the Keokuk Housing Authority, terms to expire 09/05/2025.

COUNCIL LIAISON RE-PORTS: Mayor Mahoney liaison for the Road of Honor reported on donation money received from American Legions. Historic Preservation updated on the Bawden House bids to replace the foundation. Reported on the 7-up painted sign on the side of the building at

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10th & Main to see about getting bids to have it re-painted.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Wills gave update on Bristola study for WPC expects to hear back from them soon to go over the progress. Broomhall said she received the legal and editorial review from American Legal Publishing for municipal code updates. Is meeting with Tara Wolters from MSA Professional Services via zoom to go over neighborhood planning grant. SEIRP Commission will be at the August 28 City Planning Commission

meeting to start reviewing the subdivision ordinance. Broomhall had a meeting with Great River Housing Trust Fund. They had two projects in town, on was approved which was the 600-block approved 4 upper stories for \$160,000 and 818 Main tentatively approved. Will be setting a public hearing for a couple street vacations, one for Waterworks out by Missouri Avenue, the other for Dan and Ashley Custer off of Fairlane.

Reviewing plan review for the ambulance building and Allied Blending. Southeast Regional

Planning housing trust fund having a golf outing funds go to the housing trust fund. Carroll reported on A/C replacement here at City Hall. Update on making gun range changed from private to public. Heavy rain caused bluff to slide at 3rd and Franklin, have contacted two engineering firms for recommendations to fix to avoid taking out whole road.

Extended public drop off for brush until August 26th. Illinois DOT will be closing the east bound lane of bridge on Monday Aug. 21 repairs to railroad tracks for one day, light will be changed to red flashing. Updated on lights by Walmart. Baum updated on new officers finishing at the academy. O'Donnel update hospital and Elkem property.

**NUISANCE ABATE-**MENT APPEAL: Mark Hanson of 2016 Timea appealed nuisance violation, council found the nuisance existed. Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to deny appeal. (7) AYES, (0)

NAYS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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#### **Sports**

### Lady Crusaders roll to title at Holy Trinity Classic

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** 

FORT MADISON -Clean.

Holy Trinity Catholic Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said that was her takeaway from the Crusaders' championship at the annual Holy Trinity Classic Monday night at Shottenkirk Gym in Fort Madison.

The Crusaders breezed through the Blue Pool play, downing Keokuk 21-9 21-8 and Fort Madison 2112, 21-8. Their toughest foe of the night turned out to be Danville who took Holy Trinity to 21-19 in the first set. The Crusaders settled in in the second set for a 21-13 win.

The 3-0 performance in the pool play set up a championship match with Wapello who went 2-1 in the Silver Pool and won by a tiebreaker over Burlington.

The Crusaders set the tone quickly after having to sit through about a two-hour break waiting for the



Adalyn Kruse (left) goes up to block an attack from Fort Madison's Sydney McEntee (right) in the first set of the Lady Hounds' match with HTC.

Silver Pool to finish up. That side of the bracket had three matches go into tiebreakers.

Holy Trinity raced to a 12-1 lead with Natalie Randolph serving 11 straight points. Sophomore Presley Myers had three kills in the run until the Arrows' Rachel Hoeg got a side out with a kill.

But Wapello wouldn't be able to put anything together the rest of the way, managing just two more points before HTC put the set away.

The second set saw Wapello battle back from an 11-4 deficit when Holy Trinity seemed to lose the momentum with three attacks that went awry. The short-lived let down allowed Wapello to close the gap to four at 11-7.

The Crusaders then would go on a 5-3 run with senior Mary Kate Bendlage holding serve and getting a kill from Adalyn Kruse at 15-7. Wapello again pushed back on a 5-1 run with Kruse, Natalie Randolph, and Myers all missing on attacks at the net.

Hoeg would get another kill for Wapello to cut the lead to 16-12, but then Randolph, Myers, and Anna Bendlage all got kills to wrap up the title 21-12.

"I thought the last game with Wapello we did some really good things, We looked smooth and we weren't missing our serve," said HTC Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier.

"Earlier today we missed some serves that we don't normally miss. But I like the way our kids are coming together defensively and doing great things."

Freesmeier said she'd like to see the Crusaders a little quicker at this point, but she said you can always find something to do better.

"I'd say we need to get a little faster. We can always find improvement, but from day one to now, we're getting better and better. Kids are getting to know each other and we're starting to see the youth and the seniority really mixing well," she

Wapello would claim second place with the title match loss. Burlington would take third place, knocking off Keokuk in the consolation match.

Fort Madison went

0-3 on the day losing to HTC, Keokuk in a

tiebreaker loss at 21-

11, 17-21, 7-15, and to Danville 21-19, 21-18. Central Lee also went 0-3 at the Classic falling to Mediapolis 21-12, 21-7, Burlington 21-15, 21-14, and to Wapello 21-17, 21-6.

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