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## Pollmiller trail opens



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Chamber ambassadors and dignitaries help with a ribbon-cutting at the reconstructed Pollmiller Trail Wednesday afternoon.

### **READY TO GO:** Conservation group unveils new ADA compliant trail in WP

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – A new \$430,000 ADA-compliant trail that connects Pollmiller Park's east parking lot with West Point's South Park is officially open after more than five years of planning.

Lee County Conservation Director Heather Huebner welcomed Lee County officials, staff from Jones Contracting, the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, and community members at the west end of the trail for a

ribbon-cutting Wednesday afternoon.

The new trail is a resurfacing of the former trail that had deteriorated over the years. It also has a new trailhead that is safer for trail users on the park's east side.

"This is a project that exemplifies the power of collaboration, dedication, and commitment to the environment," Huebner said.

"This trail, which winds through the heart of Pollmiller Park into beautiful West Point, is the culmination of hard work and the generous support of three important partners."

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### EDUCATION NEWS

## IWD looking for work-based school projects

DES MOINES – Iowa Workforce Development and the Iowa Department of Education today announced the second round of the Build Iowa's Future Design Challenge, a unique opportunity for K-12 students to create innovative projects, connect to careers and compete for up to \$1,000 in prizes for their schools. Community Colleges for Iowa, Master Builders of Iowa (MBI) and Pella Corporation are sponsoring the challenge awards.

The Iowa Clearinghouse for Work-Based Learning and the Home Builders Association of Iowa (HBA of Iowa) are hosting the challenge to provide a framework for professional project development as well as resources for participating schools, including activities and videos about careers in building trades and information about how the challenge aligns with Iowa's K-12 math and science standards.

"The Build Iowa's Future Design Challenge is a great opportunity to unleash new creativity, helping Iowa students connect what they learn in the classroom to the workplace while exploring careers in the trades and other fields," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "We want all students, regardless of where they reside in the state, to have opportunities that develop innovation, problem solving and teamwork as well as awareness of the many great jobs available right here in Iowa."

"Every student should have access to multiple pathways to post-secondary success," said Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow. "Experiential learning opportunities like the Build Iowa's Future Design Challenge empower students to leverage math and science in real-world scenarios, while cultivating their creativity and problem-solving skills. We are excited to see students across Iowa applying their knowledge and exploring these in-demand careers."

"With approximately 7.5 million construction jobs projected nationwide by 2026, and ongoing industry expansion, we want students to explore those opportunities for great-paying jobs. This project makes that introduction in a creative way," said HBA of Iowa Executive Officer Jay Iverson. "Our members are excited to see what students are able to come up with."

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### STATE NEWS

## Governor Reynolds touts \$1.8 billion surplus for 2023

DES MOINES – Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced the State of Iowa will end Fiscal Year 2023 with a balance of \$1.83 billion in the General Fund, \$902 million in reserve funds and \$2.74 billion in the Taxpayer Relief Fund.

"Some see a surplus as government not spending enough, but I view it as an over collection from the hard-working men and women of Iowa," said Gov. Kim

Reynolds. "We've seen what the powerful combination of growth-oriented policies and fiscal restraint can create, and now it's time for Iowans to directly receive the benefits. I look forward to cutting taxes again next legislative session and returning this surplus back to where it belongs – the people of Iowa."

"As a result of the Governor's great budget management, we are in an ex-

tremely strong financial position, making it possible to meet the needs of Iowans while leaving more money in the pockets of Iowa taxpayers," said Kraig Paulsen, Director of the Department of Management.

Last week, Gov. Reynolds announced that Iowa's corporate tax rate will drop to 7.1 percent from 8.4 percent for Tax Year 2024 due to corporate tax receipts exceeding \$700 million.

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### WEATHER

**THU 28 Sep**.....Early fog, mostly cloudy & cool, 77° F/ 59° F  
**FRI 29 Sep**.....Sunny & warm, 84° F/ 64° F  
**SAT 30 Sep**.....Sunny & warm, 87° F/ 63° F

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### IOWA LOTTERY

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### DAVID L. HENNIGER

David L. Henninger, 68, of Nauvoo, IL, passed away on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Hospice House.

He was born on May 28, 1955 in Ft. Madison to Eugene and Vera Anderson Henninger. David was a 1974 graduate of Ft. Madison High School. On August 1, 2009 he married Renee Reinhardt in Nauvoo. David worked at Crandon's Papermill for twenty-five plus years. He then worked at Catfish Bend Casino where he retired from. David enjoyed being outdoors and loved his jeeps.

Survivors include his wife, Renee Henninger of Nauvoo; one daughter, Monica (Phylip) Strunk of Ft. Madison; one grandson, Corbin Strunk and one sister, Karen Hartley of Ft. Madison. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Billie and a nephew, Michael Hartley.

The family will meet with friends on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Oakland Cemetery with Pastor Dave Poland officiating.

A memorial has been established for Nauvoo EMS or PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).



HENNIGER

### Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

## OBITUARIES

### ROBERTA L. HAMILTON

Roberta Lynn Hamilton, 73, of Burlington, Iowa died at 6:29 pm Monday, September 25, 2023 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. She was born October 12, 1949 in Burlington, a daughter of John and Hazel (Stratton) Petty.

On December 19, 1968, she married John A. Hamilton at Burlington. Roberta was a homemaker. She enjoyed crocheting, scratch off tickets, bingo, visiting with friends and neighbors, and time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, John A. Hamilton of Burlington; four children: Yvette (Brian) Kennedy of Fort Madison, Iowa; John "Junior" Hamilton of Webster City, Iowa; Joseph (Mishelle) Hamilton of Marion, Iowa; and Tamara Geyer of Iowa City, Iowa; five siblings: Bill (Dianna) Petty of Wapello, Iowa; Richard Petty of Fort Madison; Marsha Petty of Davenport, Iowa; Claudia Petty and Brenda Larkin, both of Burlington; 9 grandchildren: Jonathan, Cody, Riley, Makayla, Joshua, Mollie, Katasha, Ivy, and Emmylia; four great grandchildren: Hunter, Fisher, Patricia, and Lucas; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and four sisters: Sally, Connie, Linda, and MaryAnn.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Hamilton family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).



HAMILTON

## STEM council looking for projects

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"The Governor's STEM Advisory Council is always on the lookout for strengthening our partnership with allies of like mission and goals," said Jeff Weld, executive director of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council within the Iowa Department of Education. "The design challenge is a perfect match in that regard and we're honored to support the event."

Who can participate:

Elementary and middle school students can participate in the Iowa Home Design Challenge by constructing a model home using toy plastic construction bricks, wood blocks or other materials of their choice. High school students can participate in the Iowa Dream and Design Challenge, which involves conceptualizing and designing a project that could improve the quality of life in their community. High school students will seek feedback on the project's feasibility from people who would be impacted, and create a design based on their findings. Construction is not a requirement of this opportunity, but great engagement by communities may encourage high school students to take the project further.

Application process:

Teachers are invited to submit a form letter of intent to participate on the Clearinghouse website by Friday, Oct. 20, 2023. Submission of the form letter by the deadline is required. In early May 2024, three awards - \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$300 for third place - will be made to schools in each of the K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 grade bands for projects scored and selected by reviewers. Outstanding designs may be shared on Clearinghouse and HBA of Iowa websites and through other publications and events.



## The Good, The Bad, and The Healthy

**So, what exactly is cholesterol?** Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance in your blood.

High levels of "bad" LDL cholesterol can cause fatty deposits to build up in your blood vessels, leading to heart attack, stroke, or other health problems. High levels of "good" HDL cholesterol may actually lower your risk for health problems - carrying plaque buildup to the liver, where they are flushed out of the body.

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# Local News/From the Front



## Old Settlers Association gears up for next Trick or Treat

FORT MADISON - Jacqueline Lumsden and granddaughter Nora enjoy handing out treats to kids of all ages at last year's Halloween in the park, sponsored by the Old Settlers Association and Fraise Auction and Real Estate.

If you enjoy Halloween, but don't get trick-or-treaters anymore, this event is for you. If you would like to host a table at this year's event, and pass out treats contact Sheryl Decker at 319-470-7813 by October 15 to reserve your space in the park. Tables are free or you can bring your own set up if you register late. Decker, chairman of events said anyone who is a Table host must register in advance at Fahey Shelter beginning at

1 pm.

"Kids and their parents may just dress as they wish and come trick-or-treating for a free family fun day, with a picnic lunch provided by Fraise family. This year UFCW Local 617 has volunteered to provide all of the paper products for the event. Old Settlers Volunteers will assist with the day. Crossing Guards will be stationed on Avenue E on 4th and 5th Street," Decker said.

Hopefully a rain date will not be needed but we have set one for October 29 with the same hours-2 PM to 5 PM. Any date changes due to weather will be posted on our Old Settlers Park Fort Madison Iowa Facebook page by 10 AM on Saturday.

## Climax grant adds to project

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She thanked Lee County Conservation, the Department of Natural Resource for a Land and Water Conservation Grant, the supervisors, and the conservation department.

"The grant funds from DNR helped with resources to construct the trail. It was through grants like these that we can protect and enhance our environment by offering our community a place to exercise and enjoy the great outdoors," she said.

She said the trail will stand as a testament to the Supervisors' commitment to the well being of the people of Lee County.

The combination of environmental stewardship and community development was the work of the Lee County Conservation district. Huebner said the trail is a shining example of that collaboration.

Jones Contracting Co. of West Point was awarded the contract for the new trail. French-Roeneker and Associates of Fairfield designed the new trail.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the park is a result of Al Pollmiller's donation to the county. Fedler said Delbert Bullard also donated about four acres of land to create the current day park.

"I grew up in West Point and I walked this trail as a little girl in school and high school. It was always a part of my life. I saw that it was starting to go down and was like, 'Okay, if I die, I want my memorial to go to this trail,'" said former

West Point resident Sally Boyer.

"It made a big impact. So to see this happen, it's just beautiful. I didn't know it was happening, but it is really appreciated and makes a different to our health, to our kids, and to our families."

West Point Mayor Joe Loving said the city is still working on grants to allow a matching connection to Eighth Street. Right now a four-foot sidewalk runs from the end of that street to where the new trail starts.

"We've lost a couple grants, but we're still trying to get the money," Loving said.

West Point City Administrator Randy Welding said a REAP grant has been received, but the city is still looking for additional grant support for the trail.

Supervisor Chuck Holmes said a grant from Climax Molybdenum will bring in identifiers of the trees along the route through QR coding technology.

"There was an extern this past summer that researched all the trees and put the signage and QR codes. Those codes will bring up all the information so those wanting to learn about trees, this will be a great place to do it."

Tom Pollpeter, a Lee County Conservation board member said the agenda at his very first meeting as a board member included this trail discussion.

"This is great for Lee County. It's another great tool for our toolbox to keep and retain people. That's important to quality of life."

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## Sports

# Lady Hounds show guts in fourth 5-set win at BHS

Fort Madison High School's Taylor Johnson (5) blocks the ball during the first set of their match against Burlington High School, Tuesday, September 26 at Burlington's Carl Johannsen Gymnasium. The Lady Hounds won in five sets moving to .500 in Southeast Conference action.



Photo by John Lovretta/  
Special to PCC

**AREA VOLLEYBALL:** Lady Hounds walk out after a 17-15 tiebreaker fifth-set to move to .500 in Southeast Conference volleyball

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

BURLINGTON — Fort Madison's volleyball team loves the five-set matches.

Two in two days, though, might have seemed like a little much, but the Bloodhounds survived.

The 25-22, 15-25, 25-17, 20-25, 17-15 win over Burlington on Tuesday night at Johannsen Gym was the fifth victory of the season for the Bloodhounds.

Fort Madison (5-19 overall, 3-2 Southeast Conference) is 4-0 in five-set matches this season, and after this match and Monday's five-setter over West Hancock, the Bloodhounds could use the rest.

"Oh yeah, definitely," senior hitter Taylor Johnson said.

A three-set sweep would be nice, Johnson said.

"But this feels amazing," she said.

"We love playing five games," Fort Madison coach Kelly Knustrom joked. "The refs are going to not like us. They're going to be like, 'We're not going to do their games. We'll be there all night.'"

Knustrom, too, would like a sweep, just so it would help the Bloodhounds establish some consistency. But a win is a win, no matter how long it takes.

"They do keep fighting. They do," Knustrom said. "They have the capability to get things done. It's just about finding that consistency, playing level, instead of the up-and-down, up-and-down. We're going to figure it out. But if you can win matches like this, it's a sign that you know how to fight for wins."

"I think we're playing really well, especially together," Johnson said. "We have our moments where we don't do great, but we have a lot of other moments where our chemistry is really good, and we play well together."

Fort Madison got off to strong start, rallying from being down 22-20 in the first set to get that win.

But Burlington (15-14, 2-3) raced to a 10-3 start in the second set and evened the match. Fort Madison controlled the third set, but couldn't sustain the momentum. The Bloodhounds rallied to get within 22-20 before the Grayhounds scored the final three points.

The fifth set was a back-and-forth that Fort Madison finally finished. Burlington fought off two match points before Dayonna Davis' kill gave the Bloodhounds a 16-15 lead. A hitting error by the Grayhounds, though, finished the match.

"I think we didn't let up in the fifth (set)," Johnson said. "That's what we said in the huddle — don't give up, keep swinging hard."

"It was just about staying aggressive," Knustrom said. "When we were aggressive, when we were swinging, we were keeping them out of their system."

Johnson led the Bloodhounds with 12 kills and added two blocks. Davis had 10 kills. Sydney McEntee added nine kills and two blocks. Amy Yasenchok was 21-of-22 serving with five aces. Elle Ruble had 31 digs. Lauryn Helmick added 21 digs and a block. Mara Smith had 39 assists.

"Taylor was great, Dayonna hit the ball well, and I think Sydney is really peaking right now," Knustrom said. "This was a good team effort tonight."

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF THE  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL WORK  
SESSION  
September 11, 2023**

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Council Members Critser, Graham-Murray and Maupin present. Mayor Billups and Council Member Wilson were absent.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 4:59 p.m.  
Approved: September 18, 2023

Chad Bird, City Manager

Lynda Graham-Murray,  
Mayor Pro-Tem

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 14, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

Absent: Ron Fedler and Matt Pflug

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input: Kia Sangster, Keokuk, asked the Board to consider looking at a revised version of a contract with the Iowa Housing Authority that helps people pay their property taxes. County Recorder Nancy Booten reported that land records from 1837-1983 are now online. She will put together a press release about this.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve replacing an Election Administrator in the Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the August 7, 2023 Board minutes, the claims for payment for the week, a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Garner One Stop, for the period August 27, 2023 through August 26, 2024 and a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Ridgewood Lounge, for the period August 15, 2023 through August 14, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve a new hire for EMS, Alexandria Miller, EMT, \$18.01/hr., effective 8/14/23; a step increase for Becky Bowden, Administrative Assistant, from \$24.38/hr. to \$25.11/

hr., effective 7/1/23; a step increase for Sandra Barker, Records Clerk, from \$18.09/hr. to \$18.63/hr., effective 8/22/23 and a salary change for Shaina Stuart, Deputy Recorder, from \$43,132.54/annually to \$47,053.68/annually, effective 9/1/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of July 2023; the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of July 2023 and the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of July 2023.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported that Community Action has done a great job of getting food replacement grocery store cards for those affected by the storms last month. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Seyb reported that he intends to implement a Hiring Policy. He reported on a meeting with Navigator Pipeline on emergency procedures. He held a discussion regarding answering questions on the soon to be released property tax statements.

At 10:55 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

**Claims paid  
August 14, 2023**

Access Systms, equip	1175.20
Ace Hardware, splys	72.80
Rhonda Acton, svcs	240.00
Advd Crctl Hlth, svcs	14068.46
Agriland FS, splys	297.20
All Seasons Music, svcs	320.00
Alliant Energy, svcs	7904.83
AP FBO Wrksrc, svcs	1545.56
Bates Sntatn, svcs	640.00
E Biddentstadt, exps	31.50
Blades/Green, svcs	2120.00
Blessing Hlth, svcs	520.00
E Boeding, svcs	85.00
J Boeding, svcs	234.00
J Booth, exps	419.00
Bound Tree Med, splys	25.49
Brightree Home, svcs	3621.82
Catholic Mssgr, publ	100.00
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CenturyLink, svcs	8.27
CenturyLink, svcs	86.81
ClickStart Web, svcs	44.85
Coast/Coast, mtrls	219.98
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Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	244.00
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Empower Trust, svcs	1050.00
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IA St Sheriff/Dep, reg	350.00
ISACA, reg	30.00
Jays Auto, svcs	1052.58
S Jeffries, exps	272.50

Jet Gas, fuel	15551.07
J Johnson, exps	39.00
Jones Cntrctng, svcs	22664.94
Kempkers, splys	145.60
Keo Med Equip, splys	31.95
Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ	250.00
G Knisley, exps	134.28
B Riesberg, exps	110.00
J Krebill, svcs	457.20
LeeCo Library, contr	27862.50
Less Lethal LLC, splys	65.00
Lutheran Svcs, edu	1350.00
Lynch Dallas, svcs	2199.00
Madison Apts, rent	300.00
McFarlands, splys	2925.00
Menards, splys	191.91
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	36.56
O Miller, exps	459.50
Modern Imaging, splys	809.55
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.....	9590.00

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on August 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administrative Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa, for the purpose of conducting

a public hearing on the designation of an urban renewal area and on a proposed urban renewal plan and project. The Chairperson presided and the roll being called the following Supervisors were present and absent:  
Present: Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz  
Absent: Garry Seyb and Matt Pflug  
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.  
The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.  
At 10:01 a.m., Fedler opened a Public Hearing for comments regarding Urban Renewal Plan #2. The Board of Supervisors investigated and found that notice of intention to conduct a public hearing on the designation of the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2 and on an urban renewal plan and project for the Area had been published according to law and as directed by the Board and that this is the time and place at which the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County. All written objections, statements, and evidence heretofore filed were reported to the Board, and all oral objections, statements, and all other exhibits presented were considered. There were no objections presented prior to the hearing and no comments received at the hearing.  
At 10:02 a.m., it was

moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.  
Supervisor Schulz moved the adoption of a resolution entitled "A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan and Project for the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2," seconded by Supervisor Holmes. After due consideration, the Chairperson put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted:  
Ayes: Schulz, Holmes and Fedler  
Nays: None  
Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the following resolution duly adopted and signed approval thereto.

**RESOLUTION #2023-91**

A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan and Project for the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2  
WHEREAS, as a preliminary step to exercising the authority conferred upon Iowa counties by Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, the "Urban Renewal Law," a county must adopt a resolution finding that one or more slums, blighted or economic development areas exist in the county and that the development of such area or areas is necessary in the interest of

the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the county; and  
WHEREAS, it has been proposed to the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa (the "County") that the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2 (the "Urban Renewal Area") be established on the real property (the "Property") described in Exhibit A to this Resolution; and  
WHEREAS, the proposal demonstrates that sufficient need exists to warrant finding the Property to be an economic development area; and  
WHEREAS, an urban renewal plan (the "Plan") has been prepared for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area and which authorizes a certain initial urban renewal project (the "Project") to be undertaken therein consisting of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new emergency medical services building, including an ambulance bay and living quarters; and  
WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors on the question of establishing the Urban Renewal Area and on the proposed Plan and the Project was heretofore given in strict compliance with the provisions of Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, and the Board has conducted said hearing on August 21, 2023; and  
WHEREAS, the Property lies within the incorporated limits of the City of Keokuk, Iowa (the "City"), and a certain agreement (the "Joint Agreement") has been executed by the

City to satisfy the consent requirements of Section 403.17 of the Code of Iowa; and  
WHEREAS, copies of the Plan, notice of public hearing and notice of a consultation meeting with respect to the Plan were mailed to the City and the Keokuk Community School District; the consultation meeting was held on August 7, 2023; and responses to any comments or recommendations received following the consultation meeting were made as required by law;  
NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows:  
An economic development area as defined in Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa is found to exist on the Property.  
The Property is hereby declared to be an urban renewal area, in conformance with the requirements of Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, and is hereby designated the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2.  
The development of the Property is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the County.  
It is hereby determined by this Board of Supervisors as follows:  
The Plan conforms to the general plan for the development of the County;  
Proposed development in the Urban Renewal Area is necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the County in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives; and C. It is not anticipated that any families will be displaced in connection with the County's undertakings under the Plan. Should such issues arise, then the County will develop a feasible method of relocating any displaced persons into decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means and without undue hardship.  
The Plan is made a part hereof and is hereby in all respects approved in the form presented to this Board, and the County is hereby authorized to undertake the projects and initiatives described therein. The Joint Agreement is hereby approved,

and the Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Joint Agreement on behalf of the County.  
Section 6. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.  
Passed and approved August 21, 2023.  
/s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor.  
Public Input: Ryan Drenner with Xiphos, the County's pipeline inspector, gave the Board an update on the progress of Nustar's ammonia pipeline.  
Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a quote from Brinc for a BRINC Ball for use by the Hostage Negotiation Team. Motion carried.  
Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-92. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye and Fedler-aye.

**Resolution #2023-92**

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES  
WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted notice and a request for the abatement of the taxes of property acquired by Lee County on July 5, 2022; and  
WHEREAS, Section 445.63 provides in its material part:  
When taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes were owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the county treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of the taxes due. If the governing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the board of supervisors shall abate all of the taxes.  
Accordingly,  
NOW THEREFORE, based upon the notice and request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.63 the Board of Supervisors hereby, through this Resolution, abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following property:  
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dress: 5001 Avenue O,  
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gust, 2023.

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

Moved by Schulz,  
seconded by Holmes, to  
approve the cancellation  
of the following warrants  
outstanding for more than  
one year. Motion carried.

Hellige Lawn Care  
..... 170.00  
Vertical Communications  
..... 219.82  
Paul R Carroll ..... 425.57  
B & B Propane..... 10.00  
Justin Counts..... 609.00  
Calista Ortiz..... 2.95  
EMSLRC..... 9.00  
Buena Vista Cemetery  
..... 42.50  
Reyna Wilkens..... 229.95

Janet Haeffner .... 1495.86  
  
Moved by Holmes,  
seconded by Schulz, to  
approve the Consent  
Agenda that included the  
August 14, 2023 Board  
minutes, the claims for  
payment for the week  
and a Class C Retail  
Alcohol License for Green  
Bay Bottoms Up, for the  
period August 27, 2023  
through August 26, 2024.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz,  
seconded by Holmes, to  
approve a promotion for  
Ellie Vance, from EMT  
\$18.01/hr. to Paramed-  
ic \$22.97/hr., effective  
8/16/23; a new hire,  
Lauren Bishop, GIS  
Coordinator, \$60,000.00/  
annually, effective 9/5/23;  
and two new hires for  
the Treasurer's Office,  
Amy Hamelton and  
Sarah Wagler, Records  
Clerks, \$17.62/hr., ef-  
fective 8/28/23. Motion  
carried.  
  
Committee Reports:  
Holmes reported on a

Workforce Development  
Board meeting. Fedler re-  
ported on a RUSS Board  
meeting.

At 10:30 a.m. it was  
moved by Holmes, sec-  
onded by Schulz, to ad-  
journ the meeting. Motion  
carried. The next meeting  
will be held on Monday,  
August 28, 2023 at 10:00  
a.m. at the Administration  
Building in Fort Madison.  
Garry Seyb, Chairman  
Attest: Denise Fraise,  
Lee County Auditor

### Claims paid August 21, 2023

Access Enrgy, svcs  
..... 1395.57  
Access Systms, svcs  
..... 244.98  
Alliant Enrgy, svcs  
..... 11432.90  
Am Home Fndng, svcs  
..... 1446.15  
AMI Pipe/Sply, parts  
..... 204.60  
Andrsn Massage, svcs  
..... 605.00  
AP FBO Wrksrc, svcs  
..... 2274.63

AssuredPartners, svcs  
..... 3600.00  
J Baier, svcs ..... 315.11  
Blessing Hlth, svcs  
..... 180.00  
J Boeding, svcs ..... 234.00  
Bnd Tree Med, splys  
..... 4348.24  
R Bradley, svcs..... 130.00  
CCS, svcs..... 600.00  
D Coovrt, svcs..... 418.03  
Cott Systems, svcs  
..... 109730.00  
CSW Services, svcs  
..... 1300.00  
Cullen Cnstrctn, svcs  
..... 3875.00  
Daniels Jntrl, svcs  
..... 4328.41  
Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys  
..... 30.44  
Farm/Home, splys  
..... 308.97  
5th dist Co Adtr, edu  
..... 50.00  
Floyds EZ Way, svcs  
..... 130.00  
T Forseen, svcs..... 56.00  
FM Water, svcs..... 4745.04  
French-Reneker, svcs  
..... 8114.85  
N Granaman, svcs  
..... 1458.20  
GRRWA, svcs..... 5.00

S Hansen, svcs ..... 321.00  
E Harvey, svcs..... 1412.40  
Hellige Lawn, svcs  
..... 1100.00  
NHirte, exps..... 265.00  
Jays Auto, svcs..... 628.50  
Jet Gas, Fuel ..... 601.85  
Jireh, Inc., fuel .... 3341.70  
Johnson Cntrls, svcs  
..... 5864.65  
Jhnsn Co Med, svcs  
..... 397.48  
Keo Med Equip, splys  
..... 26.60  
Keokuk Water, svcs  
..... 576.20  
Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs  
..... 1712.50  
LeeCo Auditor, Ctrl Pur  
..... 10528.59  
LeeCo Hlth, svcs  
..... 10368.65  
LeeCo Treas, costs  
..... 10377.33  
Liberty Util, gas..... 16.91  
McFarlands, splys  
..... 352.95  
Mediacom, svcs..... 489.08  
MidAm Enrgy, gas  
..... 236.74  
MW Grp Bnfts, costs  
..... 2506.00  
D Milks, edu..... 25.00  
R Mills Jr., rfnd..... 582.00

Mohrfeld Elect, svcs  
..... 1575.00  
T Myers, rfnd ..... 500.00  
C Nelson, svcs .. 101130.60  
JJ Nichting Co, equip  
..... 1015.20  
O'Reilly Auto, parts  
..... 334.59  
R Otto, svcs..... 4220.12  
River Hills Village, svcs  
..... 8000.00  
B Roberts, svcs ..... 480.00  
Sanofi Pasteur, splys  
..... 446.43  
SEAT Treas, edu .... 25.00  
SIACC, svcs ..... 884.58  
SIADSA, svcs..... 431.47  
SIAAA, svcs..... 663.79  
SE IA Reg Med, svcs  
..... 300.00  
VB Co Hosp, svcs  
..... 10650.38  
Vanguard Appr, svcs  
..... 4320.00  
Verizon, svcs ..... 308.52  
Vigen Mmrl, svcs... 3390.00  
M Wooster, svcs ... 7400.00  
B Wyatt, svcs..... 200.00  
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..... 13795.00  
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..... 19162.00  
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## Sports/Iowa News

# FM looking to rebound from losses

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC Editor

FORT MADISON – Homecoming 2023 takes place at Richmond Stadium Friday night with the County Seat at stake.

The Bloodhounds are looking to right the ship after two lopsided losses in a row, 48-14 to Williamsburg two weeks ago and a 38-7 loss to Davenport Assumption last week on the road.

Both those teams are among the top teams in the state with Williamsburg holding onto the Class 3A top spot. The Knights had the No. 3 spot after the win Friday.

Both teams are in the top 15 overall teams in the state according to several publications.

But Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty said the Hounds have shown at times they belong in those games, but didn't show it last week.

"We've seen two of the top teams in the state. It hasn't been a lot of fun," Doherty said.

"Some lessons learned there. We've had a lot of conversations and it's made us dig down deep as a staff. Are we doing the right things? We're checking schematics and practice plans and everything. This isn't fun. This isn't what we like."

Doherty said there's a difference between being beaten and losing. He said not only did the Hounds get beaten the last two weeks, but they lost because they didn't put their best out there.

The Hounds managed just 155 yards on offense and more than 60 came on the final drive against the Knights' No. 2 squad.

He's hoping for more this week from his Hounds as they get back to localized football.

"I'm looking at how our guys respond. We've had two bad weeks and weeks we feel like we weren't us. Okay cool, that's what's awesome about this right now is that we get a chance to go and prove to ourselves that we weren't who we are the last two weeks," he said.

"I'm really excited to see how we respond mentally, physically, schematically, everything moving forward."

The Hounds take on Keokuk in their second district game in Class 3A District 4.

Keokuk comes in with a dual-threat quarterback – again – in Brenton Hoard and has an offense built very similar to

what Fort Madison has been running over the past six or seven years.

Fort Madison sees success when quarterbacks can find receivers in short routes, but then take off in the run-pass-option keeping defenses honest.

They've had that going several years back with Will Larson, Landes Williams, Aiden Boyer, and now Marcus Guzman.

Keokuk's Hoard accounts for 15 scores on the year, including four on the ground. He leads the Chiefs in ground yardage with 582 and adds just under 1,000 on the season through the air.

His favorite target may be No. 9 Drew Campbell who's averaging almost 25 yards per reception and has more than 200 yards on the season. But there are two other receivers over 200 yards and another at 160, so Hoard will move the ball around.

The Chiefs are anchored on defense by sophomore Mason Claus who has more than 40 tackles on the year as a 6'1, 185 lb. linebacker. Senior Malachai Douglas is next with 24. Keokuk only has four sacks on the year, so pressure hasn't been a key to the defense, but they can lock up a run game.

"I know a couple things. Josh Roberts is a great coach. This a group they are excited about and they've been waiting for. But we're excited about our guys, too," Doherty said.

"We know we are a good football team, but the problem is we need to go prove it. That's been the message. It's not wholesale getting rid of this or that, we need to go execute and that's on us.

"This should be a really great matchup if you look at it on paper. If you don't get excited about being able to compete no matter who it is, I'm not sure why you're out for football."

The Hounds again will be without junior Brody Cashman who was on the sidelines last week with a knee injury. That leaves Hayden Segoviano with the majority of the workload out of the backfield along with Guzman. Henry Wiseman has been seeing a few carries over the past few weeks.

Segoviano is also the top receiver out of the backfield with 223 yards. Wiseman has four scoring catches. Leif Boeding got into the endzone for the first time last week. He has 190 yards on the season.

Segoviano lead the Hounds in tackles from his linebacker spot with 29. Teague Smith, Ike Thacher, and Jamarkus Kline all have more than 20 tackles for Fort Madison.

# Pate working to shore up elections

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate and his Auditor Advisory Group are once again working together to serve as trusted sources for information leading into the 2023 City-School Election. Together, the election officials are preparing to dispel election misinformation and disinformation ahead of the election this November and are urging Iowans to turn to trusted sources for election information.

There has been an alarming increase in the spread of false claims regarding elections across the country despite there being no evidence of intrusions into Iowa's election systems. Secretary Pate and the county auditors also stand united in their support of the bipartisan teams of poll workers that will work at voting sites this November.

Iowa is ranked third in the nation for election administration, and Secretary Pate and the Auditor Advisory Group are sending a message that Iowans can be assured elections in the state are some of the safest and securest in the country.

There are multiple steps taken to ensure election integrity:

- Iowans vote on paper ballots.
- Public testing of voting equipment occurs before each election.
- Post-election audits are conducted in all 99 counties.
- Collaboration around cybersecurity protections with agencies like the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Voter ID instituted at the polls and on absentee ballot requests.

"In addition to the many steps election officials take each year to ensure safe and secure elections in our state, we have 10,000 Iowans who step up each election to be poll workers," said Secretary Pate and the auditors in a joint statement. "Poll workers are trusted faces in your community, they are your friends and neighbors. Iowans from both sides of the aisle play a key role in protecting the integrity of our vote, and we have the highest respect for their service."



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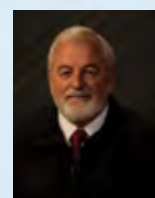
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