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Breder exhibit takes over FMAAA

OCTOBER: Reception set for Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown FM

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE
FMAAA DIRECTOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Arts Association is exhibiting an exceptional body of work in October. Hans Breder | Intermedia Retrospective opens Friday, October 6, 2023, with an opening reception from 5pm to 7pm. The FMAAA Art Center is located at 825 Avenue G in Fort Madison, Iowa. Hans Breder was a remarkable German born artist who established himself in New York in the 1950's then made Iowa his home in the 1960's as he became a professor in the much-acclaimed art department of the University of

Iowa. Breder founded the Intermedia Program in the School of Art & Art History in 1968 and directed it until his retirement as a F. Wendell Miller Distinguished Professor in 2000. His work positioned at the fore front of new ways to conceive art as he bravely broke down the barriers between media to grapple with and articulate new sensory possibilities and aesthetics. An accomplished traditional studio artist, his work challenged what we see using mirrors, sound, shadow, light, performance, video and ever-evolving technology as he reached beyond the known studio to embrace other media

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Creating our own demise with AI work

AI's starting to bust my buttons.

Not AI, I kind like that savory sauce with hints of raisin and orange on steak when I break down and eat beef.

But AI – Artificial Intelligence - may be the biggest mistake in the history of mankind.

Not just because its virtual elimination of human influence is inherently detrimental to the puzzle of society, but because it's stupid. How's that for irony.

We are creating the very technology that makes humanity obsolete.

You can't even ask, 'Where does it end?' because that's where it ends.

This technology is being used to identify perceived security breaches, provide defense, weaponry, literature, labor, medicine – an immeasurable litany of things that will be taken over. Workforce, taxbase, love – why are so we arrogant we can't see our own ultimate demise.

The more we create, eventually won't they be able to create themselves? We'll develop technology that beats us to the clone.

We ran up against AI this week when Facebook started popping some of our posts because it's AI service and related algorithms were detecting what it thought were violations of the company's community standards policies. We had no problem with Facebook prior to August. Each pop is considered a violation. When you accrue so many violations, they start restricting your access to your own page.

The bad part is five years ago when we started, that would've been a cus-

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Bloodhounds keep Lee County Seat

Senior Ike Thacher gives chase to Fort Madison's Brenton Hoard in the first quarter of the Hounds' win Friday night. Keokuk's head coach Josh Roberts was ejected from the game and officials had to pull both teams' captains to the center of the field to cool players' tempers. The complete story is on page 4.

Photo by
Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



FEDERAL AID

Iowa college students to benefit from GEAR UP program

WASHINGTON – After raising concerns to the Department of Education about Iowa's limited access to a federal program, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and all members of the Iowa delegation welcomed the news that thousands of Iowa students will now benefit from

over \$25 million in estimated federal aid over the next seven years.

Recent issues with the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) application review process caused Iowa to lose out on funding for the past several

years. In 2022, Grassley led the entire Iowa delegation in writing the Department of Education to call attention to these problems, and followed up in 2023 to request reforms to the appli-

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WEATHER

MON 02 Oct.....Sunny & warm, 88° F/ 62° F
TUE 03 Oct.....Mostly sunny & warm, 88° F/ 66° F
WED 04 Oct.....Mostly cloudy & cool, chance of p.m. storms, 79° F/ 57° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 09/30.....4 5 26 27 35, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 3
LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/30.....23 26 38 43 45, Lucky Ball: 12
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From the Front

Most in-need students to get help

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cation review process. The Department of Education then committed to making these reforms, opening the doorway for Iowa students to once again receive aid.

In response to the award, Grassley, along with Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Reps. Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa), Mariannette Miller-Meeke (R-Iowa), Zach Nunn (R-Iowa) and Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), issued the following statement:

“Iowa students’ commonsense and smarts are an asset in the classroom and beyond. Thanks to the work of local and federal partners, young Iowans from low-income backgrounds will have the tools to flourish academically. We’re proud of the success of Iowa students, and grateful for this federal assistance to help our students continue to grow and achieve.”

Education leaders in the state also applauded the news:

“We are grateful for this federal investment in our work to provide 7,500 students most in-need of sup-

port with critical wrap-around services as they meet high expectations in middle school and beyond,” said McKenzie Snow, Director of the Iowa Department of Education. “Alongside schools, postsecondary institutions, and community partners, we will continue to provide students what they need to realize their incredible potential.”

“We thank Governor Reynolds for her leadership in this successful GEAR UP application and the entire Iowa congressional delegation for its support and recognition of our work as crucial to the future success of Iowa and its students,” said Christina Sibouih, Iowa College Aid Community Engagement Section Chief at the Iowa Department of Education.

GEAR UP is a federal program that helps low-income middle and high school students prepare for higher education. Iowa participants in GEAR UP have historically proven to score higher on their ACTs and more frequently submit complete applications for federal student aid, increasing their chances to attend post-secondary education.

FM Art Center to display 31 pieces of Breder’s work

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to grapple with ideas. His work often knifes along the edge of what we rationally see and shimmers into a liminal area of perception. As he blazed a path seeking to explore Intermedia, he laid the foundation for others to follow with their own questions and curiosity into what is now commonly known as Interdisciplinary Arts.

Breder exhibited extensively from New York to Moscow, Mexico City to Japan including at MOMA and as the first video artist invited to participate in three Whitney Biennials. His lasting impact on the art world ripples on today with his substantial collection of art making its way into public spaces throughout Iowa along with many of his former students positioned as artists or writers themselves and in art departments in universities across the Midwest.

The FMAAA Art Center will be exhibiting thirty-one pieces from nine different areas of focus and spanning the breadth of Breder’s career in this month-long exhibition along with a gallery talk and a performance evening at the end of the month. This exhibition is made possible through an acquisition from the Hans Breder Estate graciously facilitated by Doreen Nidey along with the generous support of FMAAA Members Kathy and Chuck Osmanski.



This is one of the pieces that will be on display at Fort Madison Area Arts Association during the month of October.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JAMES P. DUFFY

James Phillip Duffy, 90, of Quincy, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy.



DUFFY

James was born on March 27, 1933 in Denver, Illinois, the son of Theodore "Ted" and Leora Susan (Akers) Duffy. On June 12, 1955, he was united in marriage to Thelma Jean Jackson at Denver Christian Church in Denver, Illinois. She survives.

James graduated from Bowen High School in 1951, and went on to graduate from Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, with his dual Bachelor's Degree, later graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, with his dual Master's Degree. He was employed as a math professor at many Illinois schools before moving to Wisconsin for employment as a math professor at Carthage College from 1968 to 1989. After retirement, James worked in maintenance at the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy. He was an avid sports enthusiast, following his favorite teams and his grandchildren throughout their sports careers. He was also a talented woodworker and puzzler, and collected Smurfs, Pez, coins and western books. James enjoyed spending his free time antiquing, fishing and playing penny slots with his brother Herb. In his younger years, he was an Eagle Scout. James will always be remembered for his hard-working attitude and dedication to his family.

James is survived by his wife Thelma of Quincy; two sons: Michael (Kathleen) Duffy of Pardeeville, Wisconsin, and Alan (Im Suk) Duffy of Gig Harbor, Washington; his daughter Deborah (Roger) King of Mendon, Illinois; ten grandchildren: Joshua, Julie, Jeffrey, Bethanne, Kevin, T.J., Matthew, Alyssa, Jackson and Tyler; six great-grandchildren: Jameson, Grace, Louise, Elliott, Elijah and Zander; and his daughter-in-law Denise Duffy of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

James is preceded in death by his parents, his son David and his brother Herbert.

Funeral services was held Thursday, September 28, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Home Chapel in Quincy, with burial to follow at Harmony Cemetery in Bentley, Illinois. Visitation was held at the chapel directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Good Samaritan Home in Quincy or the Parkview Christian Academy Athletic Department in Yorkville, Illinois.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Carthage is in charge of arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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OBITUARIES

MICHELE R. WINN

Michele Ruth Winn, 74, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:23 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at Southeast Iowa regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. She was born



WINN

on August 19, 1949 in Fort Madison, IA to William & Ruth Persinger Stancil. She married Lewis Edward Winn on December 13, 1969 in Kahoka, MO. He preceded her in death on January 29, 2012. She worked as a cook and for the ordinance plant when she was younger, but mostly she was a homemaker. She graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1967 and enjoyed attending class reunions. She enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing and especially, spending time with her family.

Michele is survived by: 6-children: Randy (Trina) Winn of Keokuk, IA, Kathy Case of West Point, IA, Lori (Michael) Conover of Hamilton, IL, William Winn of Fort Madison, IA, Shelly Kelly of Fort Madison, IA & Patrick Winn of Fort Madison, IA; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren & great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents, 1-daughter: Melody Lurvey, 1-brother: Steven Stancil & 1-sister: Susan Sanborn.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences to the Winn family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Bloodhounds again find win in final moments

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison's junior Marcus Guzman didn't have the greatest game Friday night as the Hounds knocked off Keokuk 17-14 to keep the Lee County Seat.

But he may have had the greatest play on a do-or-die 4th and 7 down 14-10 with less than a minute to go.

Guzman took the snap and slid to his left on a run-pass option and saw a gap. He blew through the gap out wide and then about eight yards in took a pop from a Keokuk defender, spun off the clap of pads, and slipped down at the 3-yard line for a 1st and goal.

On the next play, he followed the Hounds' offensive line in for the score and a 16-14 lead. Henry Graham booted the extra point, a normally mundane highlight. However, senior Henry Wiseman, who usually holds for Leif Boeding, went down with a knee injury on the final series and Boeding deferred to Graham so he could hold in place of Wiseman.

Keokuk would put up a valiant effort with about :30 left in the game to get to the Hounds' 36-yard line, but back-to-back incomplete passes wrapped things up for Fort Madison.

The win moves Fort Madison to 4-2 on the year with No. 6 Mt. Vernon coming to town Friday. The Mustangs will move up in the rankings this week after beating No. 3 Davenport Assumption 24-7 Friday night.

The Hounds stand at 1-1 in Class 3A District 4 action. Keokuk is the same 1-1 and play host to Mt. Pleasant next week.

Head Coach Derek Doherty said the Hounds talk about making plays and Fort Madison made them when they mattered most.

"We know Marcus is capable of doing that, and what a great time to prove it," Doherty said.

Guzman finished with 44 yards and a touchdown on the ground. He was 16 of 26 for 153 yards and a score through the air.

Guzman said he only had the endzone on his mind on the 4th and 7 call.

"I was just tired of it, so I was just looking for the endzone. That's all I wanted was to get in the endzone," he said.

Keokuk scored right away on the second snap from scrimmage when quarterback Brent Hoard went up top over the left side of the Hounds' secondary to Lucas Swainey for a 71-yard scoring play and 7-0 lead.

Fort Madison responded with an 8-play 40-yard drive after a decent kick return by Caleb Bolander. But Guzman threw his only interception of the night on 2nd and 7 from the Chiefs' 27. Keokuk would then put together a 12-play drive to the Hounds' 41, but Bolander would step in front of a Hoard offering and give the ball back to Fort Madison.

Fort Madison would go four and out, and Keokuk would get a sideline warning and, after some heated words, Keokuk Head Coach Josh Roberts would be ejected and forced to leave the facility. Roberts was then escorted off the premises after he was discovered on his phone sitting inside the fence.

Both teams would be forced to punt on their first possessions of the second quarter, but the Chiefs would open a two-touchdown lead with 2:52 left in the half when Hoard found Drew Campbell in the back right corner of the west endzone for a 14-0 lead.

Fort Madison would bring the kick back to their 49 and then Hayden Segoviano would get his longest run from scrimmage on the year on a 33-yard sweep to the left where he was able to get through the secondary and was dragged down at the Chiefs' 18. Three plays later, following a Bloodhound holding penalty, Guzman found Wiseman behind the secondary down the middle for the Hounds' first score cutting the lead to 14-7.

Keokuk would go four and out and Fort Madison would have enough time to get Boeding into field goal position and the senior hit a 37-yarder just over the crossbar for 14-10 game at the half.

The score would stay that way until Fort Madison put the final drive of the night together.

Doherty said the Hounds are built for speed, but are playing like an off-road vehicle. "I'm not sure if we ever even got started. That's just the way that I feel," he said. "We



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Tristan Marshall just misses a sack on Keokuk's Brenton Hoard in the second quarter of the Hounds' 17-14 win Friday night in a Homecoming win at Richmond Stadium.

were 4x4'n through stuff. We have the potential to be a speed car, but if they want to be a 4x4, I guess we'll roll with that for now," he said.

He said the game got very emotional after Roberts was ejected and he tried to keep everyone focused, but Keokuk and Fort Madison are rivals and these games just get that way.

"It was total chaos. I was trying my hardest to stay even. I'm an emotional roller coaster and I was trying to be a good role model for our kids and not be too high or too low. But's hard in a game like that not to be. I'm just really proud of our kids and our coaching staff."

Guzman said the Hounds are prone to starting slow in most games.

"We started really slow and didn't really pick it up. But we'll go back to the drawing board on Monday," he said.

Doherty said he's not sure of the status of Wiseman, who was carried off after the late injury.

"We do so much ACL training anymore. I'm at a loss. Knock on wood, I hope it's not that, and we're hearing it's stable," he said.

Wiseman led Fort Madison with 96 yards in receptions and the touchdown on eight catches. Boeding had four catches for 30 yards. Segoviano had 58 yards on eight carries.

Teague Smith led Fort Madison on defense with seven tackles. Ike Thacher had 5.5 tackles and Tristan Marshall and Jamarkus Kline each had a sack.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda

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Successful applicants will have three or more years of relevant experience; be well organized; possess excellent communication skills; and be disciplined, ambitious, and self-motivated. The Keokuk position will be based in our South Lee County Courthouse office after appropriate amount of training in our Fort Madison office.

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Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

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DATE: Monday, October 2, 2023
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
10:00 A.M. (CDT)
LOCATION:
933 Avenue H
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---AGENDA---

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input

Discussion of Hwy 2 Safety Corridor Designation

Consider Approval of Federal-Aid Agreement for Project No. BROS-C056(1 | 7)-5F-56, Bridge Replacement on Belfast Rd

Consider Approval of Resolution Increasing Credit Card Limit for PSAP Director

Consider Approval of Resolution Transferring Funds from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads

Consent Agenda
Monday, September 25,

2023 Board Minutes
Claims for Payment Reports:
A. Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting
B. Manure Management Annual Update for Tony Mertens in Cedar Township
Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

Possible Workshop to Follow

PUBLIC MEETING
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PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
FORT MADISON
AIRPORT COMMISSION
MONDAY,
October 2, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Municipal Airport
50 Airport Road,
Fort Madison, IA 52627

AGENDA

ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
BUSINESS:

1. Runway Rehab
AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT
ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD/COMMISSION
APPLICATIONS BEING
ACCEPTED

The City of Fort Madison is accepting applications for vacancies on all appointed boards, commissions and committees. Applications can be found at www.fortmadison-ia.com or through the City Clerk's office at 811 Avenue E. This application process is an

effort to ensure diversity and representation of our community. Interested persons should submit completed applications to the City Clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All applicants must be at least 18 years of age. These are uncompensated positions. All applications are subject to the open records laws of the State of Iowa.

Below is a listing of boards and commissions needing members:

Airport Commission
Board of Adjustment
Historic Preservation Commission
Planning and Zoning Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday,
October 3, 2023
5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers,
City Hall

INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
PROCLAMATION: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS: At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

• Minutes of September 19, 2023;
• Liquor License

Renewal: Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, Inc., 2600 Avenue A; effective October 26, 2023 – Class C Retail;

• Liquor License
Renewal: Fort Madison Sports Complex, Inc., 909 – 48th Street, effective August 10, 2023 – Special Class C Retail;
• Claims dated September 28, 2023, September Manuals, September Library Claims; and
• Payroll of September 22, 2023.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH UPDATE: Brett Hinson, Hinson Consulting, LLC

PUBLIC HEARINGS Concerning Rezoning Property Located north of 2205 – 48th Street (PAW Animal Shelter) from R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District.

Close Public Hearing
2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property north of 2205 – 48th Street (PAW Animal Shelter). From R-1, One Family Dwelling District, to I-2, General Industrial District.

Sale of City-Owned Property at 215 Avenue G.

Close Public Hearing
3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the sale of City-Owned property at 215 Avenue G to RJ55, Inc. for a cost of \$5,075 plus fees.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

4. A. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance rezoning property located 6315 and 6139 Reve Court, 5811, 5811 and 5909 Avenue O and two parcels of land bounded by Business Highway 61, Highway 61, Reve Court and 5909 Avenue O, from B-2, Highway Business District, to B-3, General Wholesale District and From R-1, Single Fam-

ily Dwelling District, to B-3, General Wholesale District.

Before discussion on the 2nd reading:

B. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to waive the three readings requirement of Iowa Code 380.3 and place this ordinance on its final passage for adoption.

*Council to then vote on "B" to waive three readings requirement (requires a three-fourths vote of the Council. If this passes, then move to "C":

C. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to pass the aforementioned ordinance on this, the third reading of the ordinance.

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading of an ordinance enacting a Code of Ordinances and compiling certain existing general ordinances of the City of Fort Madison dealing with subjects embraced in such Code of Ordinances.

6. A. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on an agreement with (blank) of (blank), To provide architectural, engineering and design services for the CDBG Façade Grant.

B. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on an agreement with (blank) of (blank), for a historical survey for the CDBG Façade Grant.

7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve a resolution adopting the 2022-23 Street Finance Report. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-33)

OTHER
8. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to request the Lee County Board of Supervisors to assign Tax Certificates for certain properties within Fort Madison City Limits.

9. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to

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approve authorizing the City Department Heads to pre-screen applicants for the Transitional Assistant to the City Clerk position and to forward qualified candidates to the City Council.

10. Discussion and Possible Action: Two-hour parking restrictions around Fort Madison Community School District.

UPDATES: See COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-34

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - The next City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NEW CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice to Bidders
Iowa Department
of Natural Resources

Starting July 27th, 2022, the Department of Natural Resource will be accepting sealed construction bids via email.

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In order to improve sound quality, please mute your phone by pressing *6. If you have questions, you can unmute your phone by pressing *6.

Sealed bids sent via email must be sent to constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov. All bids, and required documentation, must contain a scanned original signature. — Electronic signatures are not allowed. When emailing bid documents, the subject line of the email must state the following: Project Number, Project Name, and Bid Letting Date. Please ensure the

first page of the emailed attachment, or first of multiple attachments, is the bid proposal. No bids shall be accepted via FAX.

Note: The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources shall not consider bids if they are not received by the Department of Natural Resources mail room or reception staff, by the time and date described in this Notice to Bidders, regardless of whether the bid was mailed or received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or other state government location prior to that time and date.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit www.beelineandblue.com or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information.

Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the

plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. Scanned copies of the bid security will be accepted for those bidders submitting bids electronically. Additionally, the submission of an electronic bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, the original security must be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des

Moines, IA 50319 within (5) business days of the bid letting date. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance, within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract, will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

BREMER COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-03-09-05

Sweet Marsh WMA
Quail Avenue PCC
Pavement Maintenance
Rebid

Proposal Guarantee:
\$12,500.00

Completion Date:
08/30/2024

Project Description:
This project consists of PCC pavement patches, crack cleaning and filling and foreslope armoring at Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

CERRO GORDO COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-03-17-04

McIntosh Woods State
Park
Fish Cleaning Station

Proposal Guarantee:
\$6,250.00

Completion Date:
06/01/2024

Project Description:
This project consists of removing and replacing the fish cleaning table, concrete pad, and utilities at

McIntosh Woods State Park in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

DICKINSON COUNTY PROJECT NO. 24-01-30-01

Silver Lake WMA
Shoreline Stabilization
Proposal Guarantee:
\$50,000.00

Completion Date:
09/30/2024

Project Description:
This project consists of tree clearing and armoring along the north side of Silver Lake.

LINN COUNTY PROJECT NO. 22-06-57-02

Pleasant Creek Recreation Area
Pavement Preservation
Phase 2

Proposal Guarantee:
\$25,000.00

Completion Date:
10/11/2024

Project Description:
This project consists of pavement preservation; crack cleaning and filling, patching, and fog sealing at Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area, Linn County, Iowa.



Classifieds/Public Notices

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
6:00 PM
West Burlington City Hall
122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA
 All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments

related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on September 27, 2023
- Approve payment to Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for auditing services - \$5250
- Approve payment to Francis for repairs to Beaverdale Water Main -

\$5,766.24

- Approve a Right-of-Way Permit for Danville Telecom to install 60' of fiber in the City's Right-of-Way on E. Mt. Pleasant
- Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$28,685.64

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

- ADMINISTRATOR:
- PUBLIC WORKS:
- POLICE DEPARTMENT:
- FIRE/BUILDING DE-

PARTMENT:

- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
- OTHER STAFF REPORTS:
- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY REPORTS:

PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclaiming West Burlington a "Purple Heart City"

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending provisions per-

taining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits

- Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Fiscal Management
- Consider a quote from Fye Excavating to install an air relief valve on the 24" force main by SCC

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Sports/From the Front

AI advancement is a thin needle to thread

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tomer service call and hopefully a quick resolution.

This tech could literally kill a small business. By the time it gets sorted out from the damned machines to a human who can allow the variables to be factored in, the damage could already be done.

I'm all about technology that doesn't require humans to risk lives. Our soldiers, the greatest on earth, sign up knowing they could be putting their lives on the line. But if technology can do what humans don't have to on the battlefield, I'm good - no, I'm great.

But when it comes to commerce, literature, and other aforementioned studies, shouldn't human creation be sufficient? Why do we need a binary based entity doing what we were intended to do?

I mean, I'm a seasoned professional at sass and sarcasm. My sense of humor is a bag of cats and you just can't pull that off on something that's programmed to be smarter than me. It will not get the sarcasm. What fun is that?!

"Dude, your binary is showing."

"I'm. sorry. Charles, but. Binary. Data. Is. Not. Visible. To. The. Human. Eye. And. Can. Only. Be. Investigated. Through. Mathematics."

"Go fix me Turkey Pot Pie!"

"Charles, I am. Not. Programmed. For. Manual. Labor. But. To. Be. A. Supplemental. Intelligence. Vehicle. For. Problem. Solving."

"Oh... solve this!"

"No. Question. Has. Been. Posed, Charles?"

You see where I'm going. And if we unplug it, will they go all "Bluetooth" and reconnect themselves? There's no way out. I believe in the human negotiation, that process. How can you convince AI, unless you're Stephen freakin' Hawking? There's emotion and relationships and love. And AI, I don't care how advanced, can't supplant the human process.

Where would AI have fit in in the Bay of Pigs? We can't count on machinery to measure appropriately the human process. It just can't do it, I don't care how advanced it gets.

Creating technology that makes us irrelevant couldn't be more detrimental to our existence. Will AI take over for judges and make rulings based on the input of centuries of judicial "opinion"? It could be reduced to data entry, or would they use



strict adherence to federal statutes. Would it give the person representing themselves at a hearing the allowance of judgment that incorporates compassion and fairness?

AI in law enforcement - who's seen Judge Dredd? Really? That's something we're striving for.

Wouldn't the next great piece of literature be less great because it was created by an algorithm no matter how good, because the experiences and emotion and effort aren't real?

I don't think I'd buy that book or download that song.

Humans have created vaccines and roads and mammoth structures and feats of engineering that boggle the mind. But it came from great minds and all the other things we've discussed here, not a compilation of expanded data entry.

Look up over your cup of coffee at your toaster or convection oven. All you must do is unplug that sucker and take it to the dump and you don't have to worry about it being on your counter the next morning.

At some point, I'm not sure you'll be able to say the same for Artificial Intelligence. So, let's put it in the trash can now, while we still can. Mwaaa-haa-haaaaaaa.

Speaking of scary, someone had the unmitigated gall and lack of humanity to send a check to the Lee County Treasurer in a baggie with feces. We have the name and formal charges could be pending, but we're going to use our compassion, despite the check being a PUBLIC RECORD, YOU IDIOTS, and not put the names here - yet. But you folks should seriously think about some artificial intelligence - But That's Beside the Point.

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Mistakes plague Hawks in loss at West Burlington

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON — The mental mistakes set an early tone.

West Burlington-Notre Dame's control of the line of scrimmage carried the rest of the night.

Central Lee's 27-0 loss to the Falcons in Friday's Class 2A District 5 game at Bill Nelson Field was a night beset by the Hawks' mistakes and penalties.

Central Lee (3-3 overall, 0-3 district) allowed the Falcons (3-3, 1-2) to seize the game early, and it took until the final couple of drives in the fourth quarter for the Hawks to have any answer.

"Too many mental mistakes tonight, and that was a big thing," Central Lee coach Doug Dodds said. "We have to do a better job of getting them prepared. I have to do it. I have to a better job helping our kids get ready for the game."

WB-ND opened the game with an 8-minute drive that the Hawks allowed to keep going with three offsides penalties. But after Central Lee stopped the Falcons inside the Hawks' 10-yard line, a fumble gave the ball right back to WB-ND, and Quincy Collins scored on a 5-yard run one play later for a 7-0 lead.

The Falcons recovered a loose ball on the ensuing kickoff and quickly added a second touchdown — a 4-yard run. It was 14-0, and the Hawks had completed just one offensive play.

WB-ND led 20-0 at halftime. The difference in possession was clear — the Falcons had 36 first-half plays, compared to just 13 for the Hawks.

"They just won the line of scrimmage tonight," Dodds said.

Central Lee had just four first downs in the game, and three of those came in the fourth quarter, when the Hawks were able to get the ball to midfield.

Central Lee had just 34 yards of offense, compared to 281 for the Falcons. The Hawks were penalized nine times, with the first five penalties all offsides calls.

"We had a nice week of practice," Dodds said. "We thought going in we were going to do the right things, we had the looks we wanted. We just didn't get it done."

Blake Wilson had a second-quarter touchdown run and added a third-quarter touchdown for the Falcons. Collins had 126 yards rushing. Quarterback Caden Schwenker threw for 78 yards, but Central Lee's Cory Jones and Ethan Bergman came up with interceptions of him.

Kayden Calfee threw for 37 yards for the Hawks, all in the fourth quarter.

Central Lee closes the regular season with two home games, beginning next Friday against Mid-Prairie.

"We love these kids — they're great kids," Dodds said. "And they show up every day and go to work. All we can do is continue to grow, and continue to get better."

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