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## Ballot box has intrigue

**FORT MADISON/WEST POINT:** Mayor and council seats up for grabs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Elections are just three weeks away and the ballot box is pretty full in Lee County. The majority of races up for election are uncontested but there are several interesting contested races in the mix.

Fort Madison may have the most interesting races. Two-term mayor Matt Mohrfeld is seeking a third term and is being challenged by Rodney Hoskins II and Fort Madison businessman Jerry Reuther. A candidate

forum has been set for October 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Fort Madison City Council Chambers.

Hoskins has appeared on the mayoral ballot twice before and hasn't really mounted a substantial challenge in either run. Reuther is coming out of nowhere as a first-time candidate seeking the mayor's seat.

Fort Madison also has a race in one of the at-large council seats. Kevin Rink is seeking his third full term on the council after being first elected in 2015. He's be-

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## State absentee requests start Oct. 18

**EARLY VOTING:** All ballots need returned to county auditor by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7

Submitted article

DES MOINES – Iowans who want to participate in early voting can begin casting ballots for the 2023 City-School Election on Wednesday, October 18.

This marks the start of the absentee voting period and the first day Iowans can vote in person at their county election office.

October 18 is also the first day County Auditors can mail absentee ballots to voters who requested them.

More than 5,500 Iowans have requested an absentee ballot so far. The deadline to request one to be mailed is 5:00 p.m. CT on Monday, October 23.



FRAISE

“We want to see every Iowan participate in the upcoming City-School Election, and the best way to be successful in voting is to have a plan for how you want to vote,” said Secretary Pate.

“Iowans have several secure ways to vote, including early and in-person at their county auditor's office. Iowans should make a plan early and take the necessary steps to ensure their voice is heard this November.”

Iowans can vote in person at their county auditor's office beginning Wednesday, October 18. Iowans can also vote absentee by mail or in person at the polls on Election Day.

Absentee ballot request forms are available at [VoterReady.Iowa.gov](http://VoterReady.Iowa.gov). You can also track the status of your request and ballot at that site.

County auditors must receive your absentee ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 7.



Photo courtesy of Jim Lynk

### A gentle pass

The American Heritage liner passes by the Viking Cruise lines headed north just north of the Fort Madison Burlington Northern Santa Fe bridge Wednesday morning.

### FMAAA

## FM's first-ever Brews & Brushes set for downtown Oct. 21

LORI ILLNER-GREENE  
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Area Arts Association is hosting a new paint by number event in downtown.

The event called Brews and Brushes is set for Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at five locations in the 700 and

800 blocks of downtown Fort Madison.

Reservations are limited to the first 60 people who sign up.

What is it? “Think pub crawl with paint,” says Lori Illner Greene, the FMAAA Art Center Director.

“Our events committee has been wanting to bring a fun and completely different activity to Fort Madison for people to do.

The Art Center of Burlington has been doing their Pint by Number for the last few years and it sells out each time they do it. It is a great way to support the local Art Center while having fun. Everyone has a great time connecting with others while socializing, laughing it up while paint-

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### WEATHER

THU 12 Oct.....Cool with chance of showers and storms, 73° F/59° F  
FRI 13 Oct.....Cool with showers and storms, 67° F/50° F  
SAT 14 Oct.....Mostly cloudy, chilly, chance of showers, 55° F/44° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

LUCKY FOR LIFE 10/10.....3 6 19 35 44, Lucky Ball: 18  
MEGA MILLIONS 10/10.....3 8 17 46 63, Mega Ball: 7 Megaplier: 4  
PICK 3 MIDDAY 10/10.....5 0 4  
PICK 3 EVENING 10/10.....9 3 9  
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# For the Record/Lee County News

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

10/10/23 - 11:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 36th Street.

10/10/23 - 3:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street.

10/10/23 - 5:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue K.

### Keokuk Police Report

10/04/23 - 1:05 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of Orleans Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Laura Lou Clement, 59, of Keokuk, was stuck in traffic in the 1900 block of Orleans Avenue when a vehicle driven by Amy Lynn Kelly, 44, of Keokuk, reversed and struck Clement's vehicle. No injuries were reported. Kelly was cited for failure to provide proof of financial liability

and unsafe backing on highway. Both vehicle were driven from the scene.

10/10/23 - 3:14 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Crystal Nicole Thomas, 38, of Keokuk, in the 2000 block of Main Street, on charges of 4th degree theft greater than \$300 less than \$750 and unauthorized credit card use less than \$1500.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

10/10/23 - 11:32 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cody Dale Kussman, 35, of Fort Madison, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for pre-trial release violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/10/2023 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and one motor vehicle accident.

## LCC to host game-handling workshop Sunday

MONTROSE - Lee County Conservation is excited to partner with local DNR Officer Hunter for a new, unique event - Field to Freezer: A Wild Game Workshop on Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 PM at Wilson Lake Park!

Officer Hunter will demonstrate how to break down and process various wild game, from deer to squirrels. This event will be a great way to gain confidence going into the field, so you'll be able to make the most of a harvest!

It will be a hands-on experience to develop your backcountry skills. During this workshop you'll learn about how to properly care for meat in the field and why it's so important to do so. We will also cover the foundations of skinning, quartering, and at home butchering.

After attending this workshop, participants will know the basics of processing their hunting harvest and readying it for the freezer. Animals will be provided by our local Iowa DNR.

Kindly note that actual animals will be used in this demonstration and could be disturbing to some participants.

About Lee County Conservation: Lee County Conservation manages 29 individual parks, wildlife areas, historic sites, and water recreation access points - encompassing some 2634 acres across the county. The mission of the Lee County Conservation Board is to promote conservation of local natural resources and to provide parks and conservation areas, outdoor recreational opportunities, and environmental education for the public.

## Denmark God's Portion Day this Saturday

DENMARK - This weekend marks the 76th Annual God's Portion Day in Denmark.

The day will begin with the 10 a.m. church bell ringing and opening of vendor booths in the city park. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m.

The largest pumpkin and corn contest entries are due at the men's booth by 10:30 a.m.

After the parade, the Fort Madison Middle School band plays in the park and then a chicken noodle or Maid Rite lunch either drive thru or walk-thru will be served with seating available in the park or inside the church. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.


At 11:55 p.m. the winners of the pumpkin and corn contest will be announced and then the flag raising, prayer and live auction will start in the shelter house.

Master of Ceremonies this year is Darrin Wright and the parade grand marshals are Dean and Sue Mabeus.

This year's parade committee is comprised of Sarah and Nathan Weisinger, Lindsay and Jay Lampe, and Michelle and Ben Heckart. Treasurers are Whitney and Grant Weisinger and assistant treasurers are Stephanie and Jared Heckart.


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## IUB resumes hearings for Summit carbon capture pipeline project

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) today issued an order that addresses the remainder of the public evidentiary hearing dates regarding the petition for a hazardous liquid pipeline permit by Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC (Summit Carbon), for its proposed carbon capture pipeline. The public hearing will resume at 10 a.m. November 6, 2023, at the Cardiff Event Center in Fort Dodge.

On August 22, the IUB began the public hearing proceeding in the Summit Carbon docket (HLP-2021-0001) for the presentation of evidence and the cross-examination of witnesses, which continued until the IUB suspended the hearing on October 5. Throughout the seven weeks of testimony, the IUB has consistently stated the hearing would continue until every witness has testified.

Based on the information provided by remaining witnesses or their attorney, the IUB scheduled the hearing to resume November 6-8 to hear testimony from non-intervening eminent domain landowners and other witnesses who have yet to testify. Summit Carbon will begin its rebuttal testimony, if any, on November 9. The hearing will not occur on November 10 in observation of Veterans Day.

The IUB will then continue the hearing on November 16 and 17 to complete Summit Carbon's rebuttal testimony. The rebuttal testimony will be based upon testimony already presented by the other parties in this case.

If the remaining witness testimony does not last through November 8 as scheduled, Summit Carbon is required to have its rebuttal witnesses available to begin testifying.

The IUB cannot issue its final decision on Summit Carbon's permit application until the hearing has concluded. Once the hearing has ended, the IUB will review all the evidence, testimony, exhibits, and comments filed in the docket record and issue a final decision through an order filed in Docket No. HLP-2021-0001.

Summit Carbon filed its petition for a hazardous liquid pipeline permit on January 28, 2022.

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# Obituaries/Opinion

## Letter to the Editor

### *We Must Get Back to the Business of Fighting for the American People*

Congress is now in a state of suspended animation.

In January, Matt Gaetz and his followers threatened Speaker Kevin McCarthy's leadership by raising the ominous possibility of triggering the motion to vacate the chair, or oust him from his role as Speaker, at any moment.

For background, the motion to vacate the chair is a parliamentary procedure that was created for severe situations to remove the Speaker of the House.

When Matt Gaetz filed the motion to vacate the chair this week, he single-handedly stopped the regular order of the House and the 11 Republicans that declined to table the motion, essentially voted to stop our progress as a governing body led by Republicans.

Under Speaker McCarthy's leadership, House Republicans re-opened the people's House after nearly three years. Speaker McCarthy passed appropriations bills covering over 70% of discretionary spending and two trillion in spending cuts, passed legislation to give the largest pay raise to service members in two decades and clawed back billions from the Biden Administration's woke agenda.

House Republicans passed energy legislation, HR 1, to lower food and fuel costs for average Americans, passed the strongest border security, HR 2, to secure our border, stop fentanyl and human trafficking. We passed the Parents Bill of Rights, ended the pause in repayment of college loans and passed legislation prohibiting biological boys from participating in girls' sports.

But now we are essentially at a

standstill. We cannot hold committee hearings, investigate the Biden family corruption, issue subpoenas or work to secure the border and reduce crime.

And no one, not even the President, can continue to ignore the chaos and crisis happening at our southern border. There have been OVER 6 MILLION illegal crossings of our southern border and in FY23, fentanyl seizures exceeded the FY22 seizure total by over 10,000 pounds.

It is maddening.

Since our work in the House is now paused, we are not only putting our government in a precarious position, but we are also reversing the progress that we made to secure our porous borders.

We have to get the People's House running again, if not for our regular order, then for the security of our nation.

As a governing body, we must unite the Conference and work to select a new Speaker. In the coming days, as Members jockey to become Speaker, rest assured that I am going to keep our District and state in mind.

Specifically, I am going to see where the candidates for Speaker stand on bio-fuels, energy issues, conservation efforts and the environment. I am also going to ask their opinions on healthcare and reducing prices at the pharmacy counter.

We need to get back to the business of fighting for the American people, so while I am profoundly disappointed in the filing of the motion to vacate the chair and I believe it was completely irresponsible and immature, I realize that we must move forward and get the People's House working again.

*Mariannette Miller-Meeks currently represents Iowa's First District in the United States House of Representatives.*



MILLER-MEEKS

## OBITUARIES

### BONNIE J. MUELLER

Bonnie J. Mueller, 80, of Muscatine, IA and formerly of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 1:31 PM at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf.



MUELLER

She was born on May 28, 1943 in Ft. Madison to Willis and Lelia Tollman Eschman. On September 5, 1964 she married David G. Mueller and he passed away on July 5, 2011. Bonnie worked at Sheaffer Pen Company in her early years. She then worked in the cafeteria at Aquinas and later retired from Shopko. She loved to shop, especially for her grandchildren. Bonnie enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, sewing and crocheting. She loved reading the newspaper and knew all about what was going on as she clipped articles and news releases.

She also enjoyed spending time and visiting with her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Craig (Deb) Mueller of Bettendorf and Brian (Cindy) Mueller of Muscatine; six grandchildren; Betsy, Megan, Ryan, Tanner, Alex and Tyler; nine great grandchildren, Meaghan, Xaidyn, Shane, Rylynn, Evan, Scarlet, Remington, Eleanor and Hattie; one brother, Rod Eschman of Burlington; one sister, Letha Barnes of Paxton, IL; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, Bob.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Reverend Dean Graber officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## A woman's healthcare needs are *unique.*



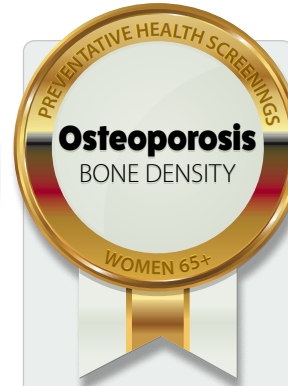
Partner with your healthcare provider for your unique needs and **Get Screened!**



There are important preventative screenings all women need to ask their healthcare provider about - like mammograms. Breast cancer is still the number one cancer diagnosis for women in Iowa. Early detection leads to more successful treatment options. The recommendation is for women over the age of 40 to have an annual mammogram.



A pap test detects cervical cancer, abnormal cells in the cervix, the lower part of the uterus, often before cancer appears. Cervical cancer is highly curable if detected early. Women twenty-one and over should be screened.



Women over the age of fifty should know their risk for osteoporosis. A bone density test tells you how strong your bones are. Weak bones puts you at a higher risk of breaking a bone. Finding and treating the disease early can keep you living a more active life.

Find out more about preventative screenings - [www.greatriverhealth.org/prevention](http://www.greatriverhealth.org/prevention)



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# Sports

# Elston, Carter sweep Harvest Hustle at Speedway

BY BRIAN NEAL  
Lee County Speedway



DONNELLSON - One hundred fifty-three driver's signed in for night two of the 12th Annual Harvest Hustle at the Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa on Saturday, October 7th, which was presented by Roberts Tire Center.

The 20-lap Donnellson Tire & Service Stock Car feature took to the track first on this night, with Kaden Reynolds and Johnny Spaw drawing the front row. Reynolds used his front row starting spot to his advantage by jumping out into the lead on lap 1 over Spaw and Jason Bahrs. The Stock Car feature was plagued with seven cautions throughout the 20-lap event. On every restart Reynolds was able to grab the lead, as the rest of the field battled for positions behind him. Reynolds would hold the top spot until disaster struck him on lap 17, as he slowed in turn 2 with a flat tire he suffered after getting into the guardrail in turns three and four the lap before. Spaw inherited the lead and held off eighth place starter Dustin Vis to claim his first win of the season at the track.

Up next was the 15-lap A.I.R.S. Cars feature, with Doak Allen and Brian Gade leading the field to green. After two cautions before a lap was scored complete, Allen grabbed the lead on the third attempt of a start, with Bart Miller and Dennis Etten close behind. Miller tried the middle groove to work around Allen over the next 6 laps, but Allen was able to hold him off

each lap. That was until lap 8, when Miller was finally able to make the pass. Miller then held off Allen over the final half of the race to claim his second win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Tyler Maschmann came back from his involvement in an earlier caution to finish 3rd, Etten was 4th, with Gade rounding out the top 5.

Carter VanDenBerg and Patrick Phillips drew the front row for the 20 lap Roberts Tire Center SportMod feature, with VanDenBerg jumping out into the lead on lap 1 over Jim Gillenwater and Phillips. VanDenBerg then held the top spot until lap 7, when Brayton Carter went three wide coming off turn 2 to grab the lead. and was able to pull away to claim his second win of the weekend. VanDenBerg was 3rd, Shane Paris started 9th and finished 4th, with Sean Wyatt coming home in 5th.

The 25-lap Iowa Corn Growers Association Late Model feature was up next, with Tommy Elston and Jesse Bodin leading the field to green. Elston would grab the lead on lap 1 over Bodin and Chuck Hanna. Lapped traffic came into play on lap 12, as Bodin was looking for a way to get around Elston for the top spot. With five laps to go Bodin was able to get up beside Elston in turns 1 and 2, but Elston was able to hold him off to keep the lead. Then coming to the white

flag a lapped car would impede Bodin, which allowed Elston to hold on for his second win of the weekend and the season at the Lee County Speedway. Jeremy Pundt came from 10th to finish 3rd, CJ Horn finished 4th after starting in 12th, with Vance Wilson charging from 19th to come home in 5th.

Up next was the 20 lap J&J AG Auto and Truck Modified feature, with Bill Roberts Jr. and Eric Barnes drawing the front row. Before a lap was scored complete two cautions, which happened to be the only two of the race, slowed the action. On the third attempt of a start Roberts Jr. moved out into the lead over Kurt Kile and Barnes. While Roberts Jr. worked to hold off Kile for the lead, Ethan Braaksma, who started 12th, was slicing his way towards the front. On lap 6 Braaksma slid past Roberts Jr. to take over the top spot. From there Braaksma cruised to an easy win, which was his first of the season at the track. Matt Werner started 8th and finished 2nd, Roberts Jr. was 3rd, Barnes was 4th, with Robby Reed rounding out the top 5.

Cody Cleghorn and Preston McDonald led the field to green in the 16 lap Hobby Stock feature. But it was third place starter Daniel Wauters who grabbed the lead on lap 1 over Tom Killen Jr., who started 6th, and Cleghorn. Killen Jr. would challenge

Wauters over the entire 16 lap feature, which went caution free. But Wauters would hold him off for his first win of the season at the Lee County Speedway. Bradly Graham came from 8th to finish 3rd, Calvin Dhondt was 4th, with Eric Knutson finishing 5th.

The final feature to take to the track was the 15 lap Sonny's Super Market Sport Compacts, with Barry Taft and Kimberly Abbott making up the front row. Abbott would edge out Taft at the line to lead lap 1, with Taft edging Abbott out to take the lead on lap 2. But Abbott was able to get back by Taft to grab the top spot back on lap 3. Abbott, Taft and Jeffery DeLonjay battled three wide for the lead, with DeLonjay edging out into the lead on lap 6. DeLonjay then held off Abbott and Taft over the final laps of a caution free race to score his first win at the track. Chuck Fullenkamp was 4th, with Dyllan Bonk coming from 13th to round out the top 5.

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**  
Saturday, October 7, 2023 - Roberts Tire Center Harvest Hustle Night 2  
Iowa Corn Growers Association Late Models  
A-Feature: 1. 54-Tommy Elston, Keokuk, IA; 2. 2JR-Jesse Bodin, Silvis, IL; 3. 52J-Jeremy Pundt, Donnellson, IA; 4. 01-CJ Horn, Cedar Rapids, IA; 5. 212-Vance Wilson, Quincy, IL; 6. 77-Josh Foster, Fairfax, IA; 7. 21-Jason Oenning, Ursa, IL; 8. 50-Kayden Clatt, Edina, MO; 9. 33-Nick Marolf, Moscow, IA; 10. 7-Andy Nezworski, Blue Grass, IA; 11. 11-Darin Weisinger Jr., Mendon, IL; 12. 88-Evan Miller, Silvis, IL; 13. 63-Luke Pestka, Robins, IA; 14. 25JR-Clay Simpson, Mt. Vernon, IA; 15. 5J-Matt Jones, Monmouth, IL; 16. 11S-Josh Schneiderman, West Burlington, IA; 17. 4-Dekota Job, Burlington, IA; 18. 67-Greg Niemoller, Papillion, NE; 19. 157-Clint Morehouse, Colona, IL; 20. 32D-Jeffery DeLonjay, Quincy, IL; 21. 13A-Austin Poage, Hannibal, MO; 22. 39-Kyle Hollenbeck, Burlington, IA; 23. 84-Sam Halstead, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 24. 65-Chuck Hanna, Port Byron, IL; 25. 93-Jay Johnson, West Burlington, IA (DNS)  
Heat 1: 1. 01-CJ Horn; 2. 33-Nick Marolf; 3. 88-Evan Miller; 4. 21-Jason Oenning; 5. 63-Luke Pestka; 6. 77-Josh Foster; 7. 212-Vance Wilson; 8. 157-Clint Morehouse; 9. 13A-Austin Poage  
Heat 2: 1. 7-Andy Nezworski; 2. 2JR-Jesse Bodin; 3. 50-Kayden Clatt; 4. 5J-Matt Jones; 5. 67-Greg Niemoller;

6. 11S-Josh Schneiderman; 7. 4-Dekota Job; 8. 93-Jay Johnson (DNS)  
Heat 3: 1. 54-Tommy Elston; 2. 65-Chuck Hanna; 3. 84-Sam Halstead; 4. 52J-Jeremy Pundt; 5. 25JR-Clay Simpson; 6. 11-Darin Weisinger Jr.; 7. 39-Kyle Hollenbeck; 8. 32D-Jeffery DeLonjay  
J&J AG Auto and Truck Modifieds  
A-Feature: 1. 12J-Ethan Braaksma, Newton, IA; 2. 93-Matt Werner, Geneseo, IL; 3. 5R-Bill Roberts Jr., Burlington, IA; 4. 1-Eric Barnes, Colona, IL; 5. 5-Robby Reed, Kingsville, MO; 6. 77-Kurt Kile, Nichols, IA; 7. 88-Jarrett Brown, Ainsworth, IA; 8. 57V-Mike Van Genderen, Newton, IA; 9. 40-Dakota Simmons, Douds, IA; 10. 26J-Jadin Fuller, Memphis, MO; 11. F7-Patrick Flannagan, Cedar Rapids, IA; 12. 93M-Michael Jaennette, Kellogg, IA; 13. 99-Charlie Mohr, Bettendorf, IA; 14. 4B-Dustin Smith, Long Grove, IA; 15. 43S-Scott Simatovich, State Center, IA; 16. 28D-Matt Diaz, Quincy, IL; 17. 56-Dustin Kroening, Hebron, IL; 18. 71-Dennis LaVeine, West Burlington, IA; 19. 23-Jerame Mowery, Milan, IL; 20. 2R-Jerry Reese, Memphis, MO; 21. 46-Brian Reed, Palmyra, MO; 22. 43-Creston Williams, Atkins, IA; 23. 50-Denny Eckrich, Tiffin, IA; 24. 95-Wayne Kniffen, Ft. Madison, IA (DNS)  
Heat 1: 1. 5R-Bill Roberts Jr.; 2. 12J-Ethan Braaksma; 3. 71-Dennis LaVeine; 4. 5-Robby Reed; 5. 88-Jarrett Brown; 6. 50-Denny Eckrich; 7. 99-Charlie Mohr; 8. 28D-Matt Diaz  
Heat 2: 1. 93-Matt Werner; 2. 2R-Jerry Reese; 3. 26J-Jadin Fuller; 4. 57V-Mike Van Genderen; 5. 43S-Scott Simatovich; 6. 56-Dustin Kroening; 7. 23-Jerame Mowery; 8. 46-Brian Reed  
Heat 3: 1. 77-Kurt Kile; 2. 1-Eric Barnes; 3. 40-Dakota Simmons; 4. 93M-Michael Jaennette; 5. F7-Patrick Flannagan; 6. 4B-Dustin Smith; 7. 43-Creston Williams; 8. 95-Wayne Kniffen (DNS)  
Donnellson Tire & Service Stock Cars  
Sonny's Super Market Sport Compacts  
A-Feature: 1. 00-Johnny Spaw, Cedar Rapids, IA; 2. 20V-Dustin Vis, Martelle, IA; 3. 96-Jason Bahrs, Colona, IL; 4. 30C-Abe Huls, Carthage, IL; 5. 71-David Brandies, Wilton, IA; 6. 12N-Gage Neal, Anamosa, IA; 7. 22R-Todd Reitzler, Grinnell, IA; 8. 22-Tanner Allen, Springville, IA; 9. 57VG-Rowdee Van Genderen, Newton, IA; 10. 35-Leremy Jackson, Unionville, IA; 11. 06-Jerry Jansen, Plainville, IL; 12. 37-Zack Rawlins, Kellogg, IA; 13. 14X-Austin Schrage, Knoxville, IA; 14. 77W-Drew Burk, Milan, IL; 15. 23W-Keegan Wells, Wilton, IA; 16. 3T-Tonia Stevens, Guernsey, IA; 17. 05-John Oliver Jr., West Burlington, IA; 18. 3D-Jason Cook, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 19. 4JR-Russell Damme Jr., Sumner, IA; 20. 08-Bronson Spaw, Cedar Rapids, IA; 21. 1-Kaden Reynolds, Cedar Rapids, IA; 22. 14-Derrick Agee, Huntsville, MO; 23. 8M-Austin Meiners, Polk City, IA; 24. 27-Matt Picray, West Liberty, IA; 25. 12-Chad Krogmeier, Burlington, IA; 26. 196-Austin Schuring, Laurel, IA  
Heat 1: 1. 8M-Austin Meiners; 2. 32-Tom Cannon; 3. 30C-Abe Huls; 4. 77W-Drew Burk; 5. 27-Matt Picray; 6. 35-Leremy Jackson; 7. 12-Chad Krogmeier; 8. 08-Bronson Spaw; 9. 22R-Todd Reitzler  
Heat 2: 1. 96-Jason Bahrs; 2. 71-David Brandies; 3. 1-Kaden Reynolds; 4. 00-Johnny Spaw; 5. 22-Tanner Allen; 6. 57VG-Rowdee Van Genderen; 7. 06-Jerry Jansen; 8. 23W-Keegan Wells; 9. 196-Austin Schuring  
Heat 3: 1. 20V-Dustin Vis; 2. 12N-Gage Neal; 3. 14-Derrick Agee; 4. 05-John Oliver Jr.; 5. 4JR-Russell Damme Jr.; 6. 3D-Jason Cook; 7. 37-Zack Rawlins; 8. 14X-Austin Schrage; 9. 3T-Tonia Stevens  
Roberts Tire Center SportMods  
A-Feature: 1. 01-Brayton Carter, Oskaloosa, IA; 2. 117-Dylan VanWyk, Oskaloosa, IA; 3. 7V-Carter VanDenBerg, Oskaloosa, IA; 4. 13C-Shane Paris, Muscatine, IA; 5. 12S-Sean Wyatt, Danville, IA; 6. T23-Tony Olson, Cedar Rapids, IA; 7. 53-Logan Anderson, Eddyville, IA; 8. 10G-Jim Gillenwater, Keokuk, IA; 9. 11R-Braden Richards, Madrid, IA; 10. P65-Patrick Phillips, Macomb, IL; 11. 25-Cody Agee, Huntsville, MO; 12. 00X-Shaun Slaughter, Iowa City, IA; 13. 99-Kyle Boyd, Ottumwa, IA; 14. 20-Nicholas Profeta, Keokuk, IA; 15. 82-Peter Stodgel, Fowler, IL; 16. 68-Brandon Symmonds, Keokuk, IA; 17. 37-Rob Jennings, Boone, IA; 18. 7R-Tom Ruble, Ft. Madison, IA; 19. 72-Travis Scholbrock, West Union,

IA; 20. 10C-Marshall Cramer, Hannibal, MO; 21. 24L-Chris Spalding, Montgomery City, MO; 22. 00-Kyler Girard, Moberly, MO; 23. 25CB-Jared Miller, West Branch, IA; 24. 48J-Jim Powell, Hannibal, MO; 25. 17-Brandon Lennox, New London, MO (DNS); 26. 57-Brandt Ames, Mt. Pleasant, IA (DNS); 27. 8-Tom Lathrop, Ottumwa, IA (DNS); 28. 22R-Kevin Rasdon, Bennett, IA (DNS)  
Heat 1: 1. 10G-Jim Gillenwater; 2. T23-Tony Olson; 3. 00-Kyler Girard; 4. 13C-Shane Paris; 5. 11R-Braden Richards; 6. 53-Logan Anderson; 7. 25-Cody Agee; 8. 72-Travis Scholbrock; 9. 82-Peter Stodgel; 10. 22R-Kevin Rasdon  
Heat 2: 1. 17-Brandon Lennox; 2. 7V-Carter VanDenBerg; 3. 24L-Chris Spalding; 4. 68-Brandon Symmonds; 5. 25CB-Jared Miller; 6. 7R-Tom Ruble; 7. 48J-Jim Powell; 8. 10C-Marshall Cramer; 9. 8-Tom Lathrop  
Heat 3: 1. 01-Brayton Carter; 2. 117-Dylan VanWyk; 3. 12S-Sean Wyatt; 4. P65-Patrick Phillips; 5. 00X-Shaun Slaughter; 6. 99-Kyle Boyd; 7. 57-Brandt Ames; 8. 37-Rob Jennings; 9. 20-Nicholas Profeta  
Hobby Stocks  
A-Feature: 1. 92-Daniel Wauters, Tipton, IA; 2. 1K-Tom Killen Jr., Des Moines, IA; 3. 2G-Bradly Graham, Victor, IA; 4. 69-Calvin Dhondt, Kellogg, IA; 5. 12K-Eric Knutson, Slater, IA; 6. 77-Cody Cleghorn, Des Moines, IA; 7. 88H-Kale Hemsley, Sigourney, IA; 8. 6XP-Preston McDonald, Keota, IA; 9. 52-Billy Stanford, Wapello, IA; 10. 86R-James Roose, Columbus Junction, IA; 11. 25-Dean Kratzer, Ft. Madison, IA  
Heat 1: 1. 69-Calvin Dhondt; 2. 88H-Kale Hemsley; 3. 1K-Tom Killen Jr.; 4. 92-Daniel Wauters; 5. 77-Cody Cleghorn; 6. 25-Dean Kratzer  
Heat 2: 1. 12K-Eric Knutson; 2. 2G-Bradly Graham; 3. 6XP-Preston McDonald; 4. 52-Billy Stanford; 5. 86R-James Roose  
Sonny's Super Market Sport Compacts  
A-Feature: 1. 32D-Jeffery DeLonjay, Quincy, IL; 2. 71-Kimberly Abbott, Camp Point, IL; 3. 57-Barry Taft, Argyle, IA; 4. 48-Chuck Fullenkamp, West Point, IA; 5. 2B-Dyllan Bonk, Hannibal, MO; 6. 13B-Josh Barnes, Keokuk, IA; 7. 24M-Jacob Houston, Burlington, IA; 8. 20C-Caleb Giese, Morning Sun, IA; 9. 17-Darin Smith, Wapello, IA; 10. 94X-Justin Stevenson, Burlington, IA; 11. 2-Michael Grossman, Keokuk, IA; 12. 7X-Rob Harding Jr., Gibson, IA; 13. 00-Rick DeFord, Lewistown, IL; 14. 00Z-Zack Wilson, Astoria, IL; 15. 01D-David Prim, Elvaston, IL; 16. 22R-Shane Vancil, Salem, IA; 17. 18L-Blaine Lambert, Carthage, IL; 18. 69JX-William Michel, Columbus Junction, IA; 19. 21T-Alex Tippis, Grandview, IA; 20. 36-Ryan Downard, Rio, IL; 21. 11E-Ethan Prim, Elvaston, IL (DNS); 22. 7C-Spencer Coats, La Grange, MO (DNS)  
Heat 1: 1. 00-Rick DeFord; 2. 57-Barry Taft; 3. 20C-Caleb Giese; 4. 2-Michael Grossman; 5. 2B-Dyllan Bonk; 6. 22R-Shane Vancil; 7. 36-Ryan Downard; 8. 21T-Alex Tippis  
Heat 2: 1. 32D-Jeffery DeLonjay; 2. 71-Kimberly Abbott; 3. 24M-Jacob Houston; 4. 00Z-Zack Wilson; 5. 94X-Justin Stevenson; 6. 11E-Ethan Prim; 7. 7C-Spencer Coats  
Heat 3: 1. 13B-Josh Barnes; 2. 17-Darin Smith; 3. 7X-Rob Harding Jr.; 4. 48-Chuck Fullenkamp; 5. 18L-Blaine Lambert; 6. 69JX-William Michel; 7. 01D-David Prim  
A.I.R.S. Cars  
A-Feature: 1. 501-Bart Miller, Clarence, IA; 2. 01-Doak Allen, West Burlington, IA; 3. 61-Tyler Maschmann, Mechanicsville, IA; 4. 23-Dennis Etten, Wyoming, IA; 5. Brian Gade, Clarence, IA; 6. 77J-Jeff Durst, Davenport, IA; 7. B07-Brian Stock, Blue Grass, IA; 8. 29-Owen Hayes, Monmouth, IA; 9. 42-Bruce Yoerger, DeWitt, IA; 10. 17-Neal Kohlmorgan, Keokuk, IA; 11. 727-Justin Stock, Clarence, IA; 12. 52-Kevin Pearson, Iowa City, IA; 13. 55J-Wesley Jones, Monmouth, IL; 14. 51-Matthew Hirst, Davenport, IA; 15. 68-Travis Heier, Anamosa, IA; 16. 86-Dan Jordan, Scotch Grove, IA (DNS)  
Heat 1: 1. 01-Doak Allen; 2. 501-Bart Miller; 3. 51-Matthew Hirst; 4. 61-Tyler Maschmann; 5. 29-Owen Hayes; 6. 17-Neal Kohlmorgan; 7. 55J-Wesley Jones; 8. 727-Justin Stock (DNS)  
Heat 2: 1. 77J-Jeff Durst; 2. 5-Brian Gade; 3. 23-Dennis Etten; 4. 42-Bruce Yoerger; 5. B07-Brian Stock; 6. 68-Travis Heier; 7. 52-Kevin Pearson; 8. 86-Dan Jordan

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

September 18, 2023  
The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, September

18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Tom Schulz, and Matt Pflug

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the

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meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda with two

corrections, there are two step increases for the Sheriff's Office and one reclassification. Motion carried.

Public Input: William and Christopher Blanchard asked the Board if they

would consider taking ownership of property owned by Christopher at 407 Timea

Street in Keokuk. Seyb expressed reluctance to accept this because the County

is not in the real estate business.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve an amendment to Exhibit

A of a Haul Road Agreement with Alliant Energy. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion on the Fort Madison apartments.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to table approval of adding an employee to the Maintenance Department, and

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waiting on a firm retirement date from Maintenance Director Kirk Nafziger to make a decision. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve replacing a Sheriff Deputy. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Consent Agenda that

included the September 11, 2023 Board minutes and the claims for payment for the week. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a step increase for Andrew

Markham, Sheriff Deputy, from \$26.39/hr. to \$28.93/hr., effective 9/16/23; a

step increase for Austin Wagenhauser, Sheriff Deputy, from \$26.39/hr. to

\$31.48/hr., effective 9/20/23 and a temporary reclassification for Jason

Dunagan, from part-time Court Security Officer to full-time Correctional

Officer, from \$20.73/hr. to \$25.13/hr., effective 9/25/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Mehmert

Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township, a Manure Management Annual Update for Ball Family

Enterprises in Charleston Township, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for

the month of August 2023 and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the

month of August 2023. Committee Reports:

Schulz reported on a Keokuk EMS Building Committee

meeting, a Landfill Commission meeting and an educational seminar

sponsored by the Iowa State Association of Counties on the new property tax bill passed by the Iowa

Legislature last year. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board

meeting. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Board meeting, a RUSS Board meeting and a Juvenile

Detention Board meeting. Pflug reported on an Employee Safety Committee meeting.

Seyb reported on a Childcare Coalition meeting.

At 11:15 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the

meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September

25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman

Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

**CLAIMS PAID  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

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AssuredPartners, costs	3636.00
Auto Zone, svcs	380.96
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Bates Sntatn, svcs	400.00
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N Booten, exps	313.34
J Booth, exps	509.00
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King-Lynk Fnrl, svs ..... 1200.00	
P Knustrom, exps ..... 454.50	
Kohlmorgan Hlg, svs ..... 1712.50	
BKrmr Rsbrg, exps ..... 94.00	
J Lamm, svs ..... 275.00	
Lee Co Atty, exps.. 456.69	
Lee Co Treas, costs ..... 7056.52	
Liberty Util, gas..... 16.32	
Madison Apts, fuel ..... 300.00	
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properties located at 5811 and 5909 Avenue O, 6135 and 6139 Reve Court, and two parcels of land bounded by Business Highway 61, Highway 61, Reve Court and 5909 Avenue O, to B-3, Service and Wholesale Business District, legally described as follows:

EXHIBIT "A"  
 THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 20 ACRES OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED 90 ACRE TRACT LYING NORTH OF HIGHWAY 61, TO-

**PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-105**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 "ZONING" OF THE FORT MADISON MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, and B-2, GENERAL RETAIL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO B-3, SERVICE AND WHOLESALE BUSINESS DISTRICT  
 Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:  
 SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 10 "Zoning" of the Fort Madison Municipal Code by changing the zoning district designation of

TOGETHER WITH ALL EASEMENTS AND SERVIENT ESTATES APPURTENANT THERE-TO EXCEPTING THERE-FROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 67 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LEE COUNTY, IOWA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT OF REFERENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1, THENCE SOUTH 89° 39' 15" EAST 218.60 FEET ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF U.S. ROUTE 61 AS NOW ESTABLISHED TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND; THENCE SOUTH 89° 39' 15" EAST 178 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 20' 45" EAST 134 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 03' 30" WEST 178.05 FEET; CONTAINING 0.54 ACRES MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ROADWAY OF SOUTHERLY 50 FEET AND OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

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AND THAT PART OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 74, PAGE 732 IN THE OFFICE OF THE LEE COUNTY RECORDER, BEING IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, AND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 67 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LEE COUNTY, IOWA, AS SHOWN ON THE ACQUISITION PLAT EXHIBIT

“A” ATTACHED TO THE IOWA DOT STATE LAND PATENT RECORDED IN BOOK 2017, PAGE 5444 IN THE LEE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE AND ATTACHED HERETO. SAID PARCEL IS DESCRIBED AS PARCEL “B” AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE SOUTH 00' 37' 39" EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER 1272.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 67° 03' 35" EAST, 724.8 FEET TO

THE CENTERLINE OF AN EXISTING DRAINAGE DITCH; THENCE SOUTH 01° 05' 09" EAST (SOUTH-RECORD) ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 356.29 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF

SOUTH 20 ACRES OF A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED IN BOOK 48, PAGE 599 IN THE OFFICE OF THE LEE COUNTY RECORDER; THENCE SOUTH 89° 41' 57" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 742.6 FEET (45 RODS, 1 FOOT-RECORD) TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED IN BOOK 74, PAGE 732 IN THE OFFICE OF THE LEE COUNTY RECORDER;

THENCE NORTH 01° 02' 41" WEST ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE 48.30 FEET; THENCE NORTH 67° 03' 35" EAST, 75.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 3.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. NOTE: THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 IS ASSUMED TO BEAR SOUTH 00° 37' 39" EAST.

DIRECT ACCESS BETWEEN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND AND U.S. 61 WILL BE PROHIBITED. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

AND

LOTS FIVE (5) AND SIX (6) REVE SUBDIVISION PLAT 1, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEE COUNTY, IOWA AS SHOWN ON THE FINAL PLAT PREPARED BY GERALD L MOUGHLER, DATED DECEMBER 4, 2002.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not

affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 5th day of October, 2023.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor, City of Fort Madison, Iowa

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/s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

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ing by number. It's an easy activity and a win/win for the downtown establishments because you can order food and beverages along the way if you want."

The Elks Club will be holding a fiesta night with enchiladas available, the Lost Duck has many menu options, and Boozy Rae's offers charcuterie boards.

The painting to be used for the October Brews and Brushes is based on an original artwork created by local artist and longtime FMAAA Member, Carlene Atwater. Atwater was inspired by all the nostalgia surrounding the Fort this year to develop an image of soldiers firing a cannon towards the river at sunset. As the staff designer at the FMAAA Art Center, Atwater simplified her painting to create a paint by number.

People who participate check in at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Ave G by 4 p.m. on the 21st, the afternoon of the event to get their painting board and color key. Participants are then directed to a starting location and will visit each of The Lost Duck, the Elks Club (back bar room), River Rocks (the Kingsley Inn) and Boozy Rae's porch along their assigned route to complete their painting with specific colors at each location.

Alternatively, the Art Center will have all paint colors on hand for those who overlook a color along the way. The four locations are easily walkable as they are adjacent to each other on Avenue H, just east of the City parking lot, with Boozy Rae's right around the corner at 7th Street and Ave G.

Participants end back at the Art Center to get their pictures taken with their finished paintings, receive some fun participation awards, and to turn in the paint boards their painting is taped to so it can be reused for the next time. Registration is \$20 per person and can be done in person at the FMAAA Art Center or online at [fortmadisonart.com](http://fortmadisonart.com).

# Kruse, Peitz vie for West Point Mayor

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ing challenged by Jerry Hamelton. Hamelton lost to Rink in 2019 790-646. Hamelton also applied to be appointed to the city council several times in the second ward, the most recent a year ago December, He lost out in that process to Tom Schulz and then Angela Roller. Schulz won a Lee County Supervisor's seat and vacated his council seat.

Also on the ballot unopposed in Fort Madison is Richard Thele -1st Ward and Angela Roller -2nd Ward. Roller is finishing her appointment to the council and now will appear on the ballot unopposed. Donna Amandus is running unopposed for 3rd Ward. Amandus had indicated she wouldn't be running for another term when she was planning on moving out of the area, but has since reconsidered.

Dustin Yager is running unopposed in the

5th Ward after being appointed to finish out Chad Cangas' vacated seat.

West Point has some energy in the ballot box this year as well. With the appointment of Joe Loving as Mayor following the death of Paul Walker, the seat is now up for election. Loving didn't file papers for the seat, but said he may reconsider in the future. However Gary Peitz and Philip Kruse have filed to serve as mayor for the next four years.

There's also a race for council with current councilmembers Bruce Wellman, Brian Meierotto and Will Stuekerjuergen filing for re-election to the five-member council. Raymond Krogmeier, Wendy Vonderhaar and Larry Bucholz are also on the ballot, leaving a six-person race for five seats.

Franklin is looking at no filed candidates

for mayor or the five council members. Stan Thomas was elected mayor in 2021 along with councilmembers Jesse Day, Delbert Kramer, Melanie Kramer, Tom Moeller and Jerry Sanders.

In Houghton, Gale Thompson is seeking another term as mayor and running unopposed. The town runs with five councilmembers that currently include Jay Henrich, Kurt Lowenburg, Marty Bentler, Cheryl Brock, and Russell Schwartz. Terrell and Andy Wilson are on the ballot for council this year. Schwartz did not file nomination papers this year.

In Donnellson there are two at-large council spots and Jeremy Marshall is the only candidate on the ballot.

Matt Mullins is the lone candidate for mayor in Montrose. Jeff Junkins and Darcie Uhlmeier are also on the ballot for the two council seats up for grabs. Mullins won his first election in Montrose in 2021 with 64 votes. Junkins and Uhlmeier both won in 2019. Junkins was first elected in 2015.

St. Paul has no opposed races. John Dingman is on the ballot for Mayor, while Rod Cox, Marty Bentler, Ted

Moeller, Paul Kenel and Brent Pieper are on the ballot for City Council.

Keokuk has a contested race for mayor with incumbent Kathie Mahoney being challenged by Xai Coffman. Second Ward is unopposed with Tyler Walker the only candidate on the ballot.

No candidate filed for 4th Ward, while 5th Ward's Dan Tillman is unopposed, and Roger Bryant is unopposed for 6th Ward. Shelley Oltmans will seek one of two at-large seats. Devon Dade and Christopher S. Dailey are also on the ballot for an at-large seat.

In the school elections, Central Lee has three candidates for three seats. Matthew Doty, Bill Young and Mark Hulsebus have all applied to sit on the board.

Fort Madison has four candidates for four seats including Amy Thacher, Keith Hehr, and Kelly Nelton, along with incumbent Josh Wykert the current board president.

In Keokuk, there are three candidates for four at-large seats including Seth Anderson, Laurie Mendenhall and Kim Wyatt.

Polls in Lee County are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 7



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