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EMS just off budget



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Lee County EMS director Mark Long gives an update to Supervisors Monday morning in Fort Madison. The department is about 3% over budget through the first quarter.

TURNAROUND: Supervisor says "horror stories" of service have been rectified

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A report from Lee County EMS director Mark Long shows that calls are down slightly for the year with numbers reported through Sept. 30.

Long gave an update to Lee County Supervisors at Monday's regular meeting and said the county ambulance service will be looking at close to 5,000 calls for service in 2023.



SCHULZ

But Long said he does have a few minor concerns around payroll.

"We've had a few incidents with part-time staff. Some have retired and we're having to use full-time employees to cover those spots, so that's hurting us a little," Long said.

"And our maintenance costs are up. We've had to

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WEST POINT

Teen injured in Saturday bicycling accident in West Point

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – A 13-year-old boy from West Point was seriously injured Saturday morning while bicycling with a friend.

According to West Point Police Chief Brad Roberts, the boy was struck by the sideview mirror of a pickup truck while both were headed north on 5th Street at about 11:40 a.m.

Reports indicate that the boy allegedly swerved inadvertently into the lane of traffic and the collision knocked him from his bike and then he was run over by a trailer being hauled by the pickup. The trailer was hauling a fuel box with approximately 150-200 gallons of gasoline.

The truck was driven by Richard A. Trelstad, 52, of Fort Madison. He was not charged in the incident.

The boy suffered serious injuries

as a result of the accident and was transported by helicopter to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics by MedForce Air transport. No condition report has been released. Family has requested the name of the minor be left out of this article.

West Point Police, Lee County Sheriff's Department, MedForce Air Transport, Lee County EMS, and West Point Fire and Rescue responded to the incident.

EDITORIAL

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Isaacson's yarn on Musk is a must-read

I've read all of Walter Isaacson's biographies, like "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life," "Leonardo da Vinci," "Einstein: His Life and Universe," and "Steve Jobs." Isaacson is a first rate biographer and writer, so when I heard he had a new biography out, "Elon Musk," I jumped on it. The book is 670 pages long—ah, sweet comfort, entertainment and prolonged thought stimuli. Thanks to Kindle, I could hold it in one hand, take the book with me wherever I went, and balance a jug of coffee on my tummy while reading it.

Unlike Isaacson's other biographies, and unlike most biographies in general, Isaacson wrote this one in first person, i.e., he inserted himself into the book in the form of "I." Musk gave Isaacson permission to write his biography, allowing Isaacson to follow him around while working, in meetings, on family outings and mostly wherever he went; although Isaacson was not present when Musk met The Pope—yes, you can talk to The Pope when you're the richest man in the world. Musk even sought out Isaacson's advice on occasion—"Walter, do you think I should buy Twitter?" "It's risky, Elon."

That's the wrong thing to say to risk-taker Elon Musk. The higher the risk, the more he's energized. Risk is like a drug to Elon Musk, who has Asperger's Syndrome (a form of Autism). When Isaacson was done writing Musk's biography, Isaacson offered to let Musk read it. Musk refused.

Say what you want about the frolicking and game playing of billionaires, giving joy rides into outer space for their friends and anyone who can come up with the fare, while people here on earth starve

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JANET F. BUFORD

Janet F. Buford, 85, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 10:05 p.m. Saturday, October 14, 2023, at the Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, Missouri.

She was born on November 12, 1937, the daughter of Albert A. and Faye (Halferty) Schreiber. On January 25, 1959, she married Charles Warren Buford in Revere, Missouri. He preceded her in death on June 8, 2016.



BUFORD

Survivors include her two sons Jeff (Wendy) Buford of Donnellson, David (Lori) Buford of Bonaparte, one daughter; Mary (Bill) Allaman of Oquawka, Illinois, eight grandchildren; Travis (Kara) Buford, Jill (Troy) DeRoos, Tyler (Megan) Buford, Justin (Bobby) Allaman, Rachael Allaman, Nick (Amanda) Buford, Danielle (Ian) Homich and Holly Bevier, ten great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Charlie; one daughter: Carol Buford; one grandson: Zachary Bevier; three brothers and their spouses.

Janet was a graduate of Revere High School. She enjoyed gardening, working on the farm, going on four wheeler rides with her husband Charlie, being a caregiver to her family and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Dan Deatruck officiating.

Burial will be at Embury Cemetery, rural Donnellson.

Memorials have been established in her memory for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Embury Cemetery.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

LINDA PERRENOUD

Linda Perrenoud, 77, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 11:45 p.m. Thursday, October 12, 2023, at her home in Donnellson.

She was born on April 15, 1946, the daughter of Willard and Lelia (Becker) Shoemaker. On June 26, 1964, she married Terry Perrenoud in Donnellson, Iowa.



PERRENOUD

Survivors include her husband: Terry; two daughters: Michelle (Jennifer Blanchard) Perrenoud and Sheri (Tony) Clemenson; five grandchildren: Isabelle and Margret Clemenson, Jacqui, Katie and Garrett Blanchard; brother Leroy (Dorine) Shoemaker. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Sister: Betty Rider and brothers: Marvin, Ronald, David and Paul Shoemaker.

Linda was a 1964 graduate of Harmony High School. She enjoyed music, reading, sewing (she had made several blankets for her family and puppies), baking, cooking, gardening, playing cards, traveling and camping. Linda loved the holidays, especially Christmas Eve. She was the glue to her family and she enjoyed spending time with them most of all. Linda was truly a joy to be with.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2023, at the Lee County Fair Learning Center in Donnellson, Iowa. Please dress casual.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the PAW Animal Shelter.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

GERALDINE L. HAFFNER

Geraldine Louise "Jerry" Haffner Watkins, 92, of River Valley Place in Fort Madison, Iowa, formerly of Farmington, passed away at 12:18 a.m. Monday, October 9, 2023, at River Valley Place in Fort Madison.

She was born on April 24, 1930, the daughter of Carl and Irene Haffner in rural Farmington, Iowa. She was the first of seven children.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 59 years: Wendell; her sisters: Winona Mills, Larita Gibbs and Wanda Jane Wilken and one brother: Daniel Haffner.

Geraldine is survived by one brother: Joe (Linda) Haffner of Farmington, Iowa, and one sister: Romona Mills of Fort Collins, Colorado; two daughters: Judith Beger of West Point, Iowa and Sharon (Dave) Andrusyk of Palm Gardens, Nevada. She had five grandchildren including: Wendy (Loren) Caviness of Montrose, Iowa; Wyatt Coleman of Farmington, Iowa; Louisa Beger-McConnell of Fort Madison, Iowa; Amber Vincent of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Katherine (Wade) Warner of Selah, Washington and eleven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by several special nieces and nephews.

Geraldine lived in rural Lee County Iowa her entire life. She was a one - room school teacher, a Sunday School teacher, a farm wife, and an accomplished seamstress. She was a member of and active in the Sharon Presbyterian Church. She and her husband were instrumental in the designation of the Sharon Cemetery as a historical sight.

Her interests included traveling with Wendell, genealogy research, gardening and visiting with neighbors and friends.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Homes in West Point.

Burial will be at at Sharon Cemetery, rural Farmington, Iowa at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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For the Record/Iowa News

Campaign underway to thank poll workers

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate has launched an awareness campaign to thank Iowa poll workers for their work in helping Iowa's elections process run fairly and smoothly. Each election, more than 10,000 Iowans from every corner of the state step up to serve their communities as precinct election officials. The Iowa Secretary of State's Office is partnering with County Auditors in every corner of the state to help tell stories about the role poll workers play in our elections process and the impact these individuals have in their communities every day.

Iowa is in the top three in the nation for election administration by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Election Data and Science Lab. Local election officials, including poll workers, play an essential role in keeping Iowa's elections safe and secure. Poll workers check in voters, make sure they have the correct ballot, answer questions, and help ensure elections run smoothly in each precinct. They're needed in all 99 counties for the November 7 City-School Election.

"Iowa's elections are some of the safest and most secure in the country, thanks to Iowa's process that includes paper ballots, offline and secure systems, pre-testing of equipment, and post-election audits in all 99 counties," said Secretary Pate. "We also have a secret weapon: poll workers. We are thankful for the Iowans who have stepped up as poll workers and offered their time to serve their community and help their neighbors vote."

Iowans who want to contribute to their community and Iowa's elections can sign up to become a poll worker at Pollworker.Iowa.gov.

Voters who plan 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 Auditor's Office. October 18 is also the first day County Auditors can mail absentee ballots to voters who requested them. Absentee ballot request forms must be received by a voter's local County Auditor's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23. To request an absentee ballot or to find your polling site, visit VoterReady.Iowa.gov.

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Fort Madison Police Report

10/13/23 – 8:08 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 34th Street and Avenue L.

10/13/23 – 9:07 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue K.

10/13/23 – 9:49 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 400 block of 10th Street.

10/13/23 – 11:10 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

10/13/23 – 11:51 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2200 block of Avenue H.

10/13/23 – 3:19 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Mitchell Lynn Helmick, 37, of Fort Madison, in the 3500 block of Avenue Q, on a warrant for parole violation – controlled substance violation and charges of possession of a controlled substance – 3rd and possession of controlled substance – marijuana – 1st. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/13/23 – 3:53 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

10/13/23 – 4:00 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of 4th Street.

10/14/23 – 4:47 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

10/14/23 – 4:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

10/14/23 – 6:45 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 3000 block of Avenue O.

10/14/23 – 10:02 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage ac-

cident in the 3100 block of Avenue J.

10/15/23 – 3:21 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Kyle Wayne Rea, 27, of Fort Madison, in the 6100 block of Reve Court, on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct – loud noise. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/15/23 – 2:19 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of Avenue H.

Keokuk Police Report

10/13/23 – 2:25 p.m. – Keokuk police department arrested a 12-year-old male juvenile in the 2000 block of Orleans Avenue, on a charge of simple assault. He was released to a parent.

10/14/23 – 2:11 a.m. – Keokuk police department arrested Darcie Kim Lefler, 42, of Fort Madison, at S. 14th Street and S. 16th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/15/23 – 2:02 p.m. – Keokuk police department cited and released Chyna Rayne Popkin, 31, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/13/23 – 1:30 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Conrad Chavez Vangness, 27, of Mediapolis, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/13/23 – 1:34 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David James Kokjohn, 64, of West Point, at Hwy. 103 and 187th Street, Fort Madison, on a charge of 2nd offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

10/13/23 – 1:39 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Steven Wayne Reynolds, 40, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office,

on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/13/23 – 4:05 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dustin James Biddenstadt, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after weekend service.

10/13/23 – 6:15 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Gregory Paul Stanbridge, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 2500 block of 255th Street, Montrose, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/14/23 – 4:06 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Tiffany Lee McGlasson, 32, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant and charges of assault of a law officer/others – no injury, 2nd offense OWI, interference with official acts, driver's license denied/revoked – OWI, and voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/15/23 – 4:30 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of 100th Avenue, Farmington. According to the report, a vehicle left the road to the right, ran through a fence, and hit a tree. It was later determined that Larry Lee Whittemore, 34, of Wayland, was the driver. Minor injuries were suspected. Whittemore was cited for failure to maintain control. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

10/15/23 – 6:41 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Alan Edward Snyder, 49, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 1st offense OWI. He was taken

to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

10/15/23 – 7:38 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of 180th Street. According to the report, a vehicle was found wrecked and abandoned with damage to the windshield. It was later determined the driver was Michael William Blint, 48, of West Point. Possible injuries occurred. Blint was cited for no driver's license. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

10/15/23 – 3:03 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Trinity Leanna Evans, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/15/23 – 6:34 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Autumn Mae Lafortune, 41, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/15/23 – 11:35 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chevy Allen Frueh, 41, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/13/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls and one assist.

10/14/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one lift assist.

10/15/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one report of a gas odor leak.

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Sports

FRIDAY FOOTBALL RECAP

Central Lee boys end season with loss to Mediapolis

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

DONNELSON — It was a touchdown for the seniors.

Grant Myhre's weaving 22-yard touchdown run in the final two minutes of Central Lee's 51-7 loss to Mediapolis on Friday night was about getting the last points for the Hawks' senior class.

"I'm happy for the seniors that were able to contribute by getting a

first down and getting in the end zone at the end," Central Lee coach Doug Dodds said. "I mean, that was great to see for them. I mean, those guys have done a lot of work this year to get us to this point. I was happy for them. That's a little consolation prize."

It was a lone bright spot on a dark night for the Hawks (3-5 overall, 0-5 Class 2A District 5), who lost quarterback Cory Jones to a serious injury in the second quarter.



Jones, who was injured after being sacked deep inside Central Lee territory, was face down on the ground, motionless, after the hit. He was taken by ambulance to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical

Center in Fort Madison for evaluation.

Dodds said he didn't have an update on Jones after the game.

The Hawks, already down 28-0 at that point, were clearly shaken by

Jones' injury.

"That's a tough thing to come back from," Dodds said. "He's a senior leader. We really value and appreciate him as a person and a player. So I mean, that was tough."

The Hawks couldn't contain Mediapolis (6-2, 5-0). The Bulldogs led 37-0 at halftime before adding two more touchdowns in the second half.

Jackson Hutcheson rushed for three first-quarter touchdowns for the Bulldogs, who had

292 yards of offense.

"They're just a physical football team who can get athletes into space," Dodds said. "It's always tough to match up against that. I think their depth came into play a little bit tonight. We just got worn down — the war of attrition, as some might say, kind of caught up with us a little bit, I thought."

Jones' injury, combined with Kayden Calfee being out for the game after getting injured last week, left the Hawks without a varsity quarterback. Landon Lowenberg finished the first half as quarterback, and running back Chase Johnson ran the offense from the quarterback spot in the second half.

The Hawks opened the season strong with three non-district wins, but couldn't sustain the momentum into district play. Still, Dodds liked what developed in his first season as head coach.

"I'm very proud of our kids," Dodds said. "The leaps and bounds of improvement ... I know that people are going to look at the record at the end of the year and say, nah, but no, they're they've improved so much. Not only as football players but as people as the year went on, and that's exciting to see."

"We've improved so much. Just improvement all throughout the program. Our young guys, our older guys. We've got guys that can step in and do multiple jobs. We're proud of that."

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Sports/Illinois News

No. 3 Holy Trinity rolls Moulton-Udell in regional opener

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

FORT MADISON - It's certainly relaxing in the postseason to get in and get out, with no worries.

Holy Trinity's volleyball team did that in Monday's Class 1A regional first-round match against Moulton-Udell at Shottenkirk Gym.

The Crusaders' 25-7, 25-2, 25-2 win lasted just 43 minutes. In a season when every SEI Superconference South Division match was a grind, getting home early felt like a good break.

"It was nice," said senior Natalie Randolph. "I feel like we've been having a lot of late games, so this was nice."

The Crusaders (28-10), at No. 3 in the final 1A rankings released earlier in the day, wanted a clean match for the tournament opener, and outside of a few mistakes in the first set, they got that.

Moulton-Udell (0-19) had just seven players available, so the key for Holy Trinity was to not make any mistakes.

"I think it was more of a challenge for us," said sophomore Presley Myers, who had 14 kills. "We didn't want to play down a level. We wanted to play up, play consistent. Just play our game, keep our energy up."

"We've talked about unforced errors, and how we needed to clean them up," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "So we talked about how important it was to stay focused, and get the job done tonight. We didn't make a lot of errors."

"We didn't have a lot of let-up. I thought they stayed totally focused. They know this is important now."

Freesmeier has sensed that her team was ready for the postseason, and the Crusaders got that feeling last week.

"The other day at practice, we were playing Christmas music, because it's the best time of the year," Randolph said. "It was definitely exciting, we were all getting in the mood."

"We compare it to Christmas, we say it's the most wonderful time of the year," Myers said. "Postseason, for us, is the next level. We've been working for it all season."

The Crusaders only trailed once in this match — 1-0 in the first set — but had a few errors in the first set they knew needed to change.

"The first set, we kind of had some mistakes we didn't want," Randolph said. "In the locker room, we were like, let's clean that up, let's play our game. So it's really important to go into the postseason with a clean slate."

"Our mentality from the beginning was each set, get better," Myers said. "And we did that. So I think that was

really good."

Holy Trinity scored the first 19 points of the second set, with Randolph serving on 18 of those.

"It wasn't too exciting serving all of the time," said Randolph, who was 28-of-29 serving with eight aces. "But it's fun. It's fun no matter what."

Taegan Denning had a similar serving run in the third set, serving the last 16 points. Denning, who was 27-of-27 with four aces in the match, had two of those aces in that run.

Mary Kate Bendlage joined Myers with 14 kills, adding three digs and two blocks. Myers had one dig and eight blocks. Randolph had four kills, four digs and 25 assists. Denning had three kills, four digs and a block. Adalyn Kruse was 10-of-10 serving with three aces, and added a dig. Teagan Snaadt had two assists and 14 digs. Anna Bendlage had three kills, three assists, two digs and three blocks. Jenna Hellman served the final five points of the first set, and had two aces in that run.

The Crusaders advanced to play Danville (13-14) in Wednesday's quarterfinal. Other quarterfinal matchups are Notre Dame (25-14) at Moravia (19-8), Easton Valley (8-18) at Edgewood-Colesburg (27-13) and North Cedar (18-14) at Calamus-Wheatland (25-8).

Hancock deputies arrest Illinois man on shooting charges

HANCOCK COUNTY - Sheriff Travis Duffy reports that on October 14, 2023, at approximately 7:30 PM Hancock County Dispatch received a call from Memorial Hospital. Staff at Memorial had called to report that a male subject had driven himself to the emergency room after receiving multiple gunshot wounds at his residence near Webster, IL.

The male victim identified a suspect in the shooting when interviewed by deputies.

Terry R. Lansford (age 49 of Yates City, IL) was identified by the victim and later located at the scene, 2540 E. Co Rd 1850, by deputies and local law enforcement.

Deputies also learned that the victim's girlfriend was still inside the residence with the suspect. Contact was made with the female, and she was able to get out of the residence without the suspect being aware.

At approximately 9:50 PM deputies made entry into the residence and were able to take Lansford into custody without further incident. Lansford was transported to the Hancock County

Jail where he was lodged and charged with offenses resulting from the shooting incident. Further charges are expected to be filed as the investigation progresses.

The victim was flown from Memorial Hospital to St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, IL by Air Evac. The victim is in stable condition. We are not releasing the victim's name at this point in the investigation.

Sheriff Duffy would like the public to know that this was not a random incident and there is/was no threat to the public. All parties involved in this incident knew each other and the incident was isolated to that relationship between parties. The incident remains under investigation.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Carthage Police Department, Hancock County State's Attorney's Office, Hamilton, Police Department, Hancock County EMS, LaHarpe Police Department, Illinois State Police, Air Evac, and Memorial Hospital.

All persons arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Tuesday, October 17
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Tuesday, October 17,
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5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers,
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CONSENT AGENDA
1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:
• Minutes of October 3, 2023;
• Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor Store, 1414 48th Street, effective November 1, 2023 – Class E Retail;
• Resolution approving the Fiscal Year Ending 2023 Annual Urban Re-

newal Report;
• Claims dated October 12, 2023 and September Financial Report; and
• Payroll of October 6, 2023.
COMMUNITY REPORTS: Friends of the Library Update
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the City Code replacing Title 3, Chapter 7, with a new Dangerous Buildings Chapter and adding Title 3, Chapter 10, International Property Maintenance Code. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-35

3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second 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.
4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third 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.
5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approv-

ing the Mayor's signature on Change Order #3 for Public Improvement Project 2020-07, Highway 61 Reconstruction – 10th to 18th Street. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-36)
6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on an amended Procurement Policy for Federal Program Funding.
7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution setting public hearing for November 6, 2023 at 5:30 P.M., on the sale of 1730 Avenue H.
8. (Blank) MOVED

and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution to accept the revision of the 2017 STBG Application changing the scope of the surfacing and committing the additional funds for completion of the project. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2023-37)
OTHER
9. Council may go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (i.) to discuss the qualifications of an individual under consideration for a Transitional Assistant to the City Clerk, where said individual has requested the closed session.
10. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the recom-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

mendation of City staff for the Transitional Assistant to the City Clerk.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT - The next City Council meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, November 6, 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting
June 26, 2023
Lee County Conservation Center
2652 Hwy61
Montrose, IA 52639

1. Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.
 Roll Call: Alton x Polpeter x Moore x Patrick x Benjamin x
 Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl
 Supervisor: Absent
2. Approval of Agenda
 Motion by Alton to approve the agenda
 2nd: Patrick
 Motion Carried

3. Discuss and Take Action on Change Order for Pollmiller Trail
 Huebner explained the financial changes to the Pollmiller Trail project if the change order to add the addition to the trail was accepted. It would be going \$28,985.55 over the previously budgeted amount. Huebner suggested the Board take this out of the conservation trust fund. Marcus Clark, the project engineer, explained that adding the trail addition to the current project as a change order would be more cost effective. Moore asked if addition studies would have to be completed for this new portion of the trail. Clark responded that no additional studies will be needed as this portion of the trail will not be paid for with federal funds.
 Motion by Alton to accept the change order for the Pollmiller Trail project
 2nd: Benjamin
 Motion Carried
4. Discuss and Take Action on 2160 220th Street, Donnellson, IA 52625
 Huebner stated that

the Board needs to take formal action on selling the parcel of land to the landowner adjacent to the property for \$3,000, which was previously discussed by the Board in closed session.
 Motion by Patrick to accept the \$3,000 offer for the parcel at 2160 220th Street, Donnellson, IA 52625
 2nd: Polpeter
 Motion Carried
 5. Adjournment
 Motion by Alton to adjourn the meeting at 2:11 p.m. 2nd: Patrick
 Motion Carried
 Richard Moore, LCCB President
 Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison Community School District Work Session
10/02/2023 - 06:00 PM
Central Office,
Board Room
1930 Avenue M
Fort Madison,
Iowa 52627
MEETING MINUTES

Attendees
 Voting Members Dianne Hope, Director Josh Wykert, Board President Lois DiPrima, Director Brad Menke, Director Carol Ross, Director Mio Santiago, Vice President Paul Wilkerson, Director Non-Voting Members Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent Kim Harmon, Dir. of Curriculum, Sp. Ed & Student Services
 I. Call meeting to order

and determination of a quorum The meeting was called by order by President Wykert at 6:00 p.m.
 II. Consider approval of agenda Motion made by: Dianne Hope Motion seconded by: Brad Menke Voting: Unanimously Approved
 III. Fall Data Review
 The Board reviewed and discussed the Fall

assessment data.
 IV. Announcements
 i. Board Instructional Tour: October 12, 2023, 8:30 am
 ii. Regular Board Meeting: October 16, 2023, 6:00 pm - Central Office Board Room
 V. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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 Fort Madison Public Library

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FINANCIAL REPORT	PO Box 50
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JUNE 30, 2023 CITY OF DONNELLSON, IOWA	POPULATION: 885
DUE: December 1, 2023	

NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.

ALL FUNDS				
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c)	Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	267,269		267,269	259,472
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	267,269		267,269	259,472
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0	0
TIF Revenues	0		0	0
Other City Taxes	150,021	0	150,021	158,016
Licenses and Permits	2,160	0	2,160	1,450
Use of Money and Property	3,313	98	3,411	1,400
Intergovernmental	346,905	0	346,905	205,910
Charges for Fees and Service	69,727	605,062	674,789	663,925
Special Assessments	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	192,749	0	192,749	2,850
Other Financing Sources, Including Transfers in	96,265	228,946	325,211	332,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	1,128,409	834,106	1,962,515	1,625,023
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	159,950		159,950	160,677
Public Works	211,693		211,693	248,332
Health and Social Services	0		0	0
Culture and Recreation	138,160		138,160	137,289
Community and Economic Development	17,663		17,663	0
General Government	109,133		109,133	108,362
Debt Service	54,366		54,366	64,000
Capital Projects	0		0	0
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	690,965	0	690,965	718,660
Business type activities		602,682	602,682	616,735
Total All Expenditures	690,965	602,682	1,293,647	1,335,395
Other Financing Uses, Including Transfers Out	104,265	220,946	325,211	332,000
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	795,230	823,628	1,618,858	1,667,395
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	333,179	10,478	343,657	-42,372
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2022	440,144	283,444	723,588	637,504
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2023	773,323	293,922	1,067,245	595,132
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:				
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds	Personnel Trust Funds			
Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds			
Indebtedness at June 30, 2023		Indebtedness at June 30, 2023		
Amount		Amount		
General Obligation Debt	535,000	Other Long-Term Debt		33,630
Revenue Debt	3,158,314	Short-Term Debt		0
TIF Revenue Debt	0			
		General Obligation Debt Limit		2,221,239

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From the Front

County EMS 6% behind on revenues, 3% over on expenses

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replace three ambulance engines, two this year.”

He said the Ford engines are having trouble with lifters and one of the ambulances was under warranty, but it took six months to get the engine replaced. The two others were done in-house and took a week.

“That’s a double-edged sword,” said Jason Dinwiddie, the ambulance department’s second in command. “When it takes that long to get them back.”

Long said the department is 25% of the way through the fiscal year, but is at 28% of budget with regard to expenses. He said the department is just at 19% of projected revenue with 25% of the year complete.

He said there are about 65 accounts that have yet to be billed and that’s due to the service’s billing company providing documentation to Iowa Department of Health and Human Services for additional reimbursement under the Ground Emergency Medical Transport program.

That program provides additional funding to publicly-run ambulance services based on Medicaid calls.

The Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program is a voluntary program that allows publicly-owned or operated emergency ground ambulance transportation providers to receive supplemental payments that cover the difference between a provider’s actual costs per

GEMT transport and the Medicaid base payment, mileage, and other sources of reimbursement.

Providers receive cost-based, supplemental payments on a prospective basis for emergency ground ambulance transportation of Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Medicaid managed care (MCO) members under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (SSA) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) only.

“There are about 60 accounts that are waiting on that billing to come in,” Long said. “So I think we’ll turn that around sooner than later.”

He thanked the citizens of Lee County for approving the .75/\$1,000 EMS levy that has helped keep the service functioning.

Long also said the ambulance service has helped in eight counties that border Lee County with mutual aid calls, however he said Lee County has only requested mutual aid one time all year.

Supervisor Matt Pflug asked what impact will be seen when and if Insight opens a rural emergency hospital in Keokuk.

Long said he believes the call count won’t be affected that much because the hospital will be a trauma hospital where patients are stabilized and then transported out.

“They’re going to transport those patients out pretty quickly so we’re still going to see a lot of calls,” Long said. “Our Keokuk ambulance calls will be quicker because we can take them to that facility, but we’ll be called back to transport them. They won’t have their own ambulances like the

Fort Madison facility has.”

Supervisor Tom Schulz said the service has done a complete turnaround since they took over in 2021.

“Even before I got on this board, I was hearing horror stories about Lee County EMS. You have done a 180-degree turnaround. That’s a reflection of leadership, staffing, and support. It’s a different culture and that’s a good thing.”

Long said a lot of the credit goes to the staff for hanging in there while change took place.

“These aren’t the best living conditions for the staff, but they know things are happening and they’ve stepped up and done a great job.”

Long said the majority of comments he’s hearing are around the new Tahoe that supervisors are driving around in.

“People are questioning that vehicle because it can’t transport,” Long said. “But I tell them it is fully equipped with medical equipment and it allows us to react quicker.”

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said the idea isn’t new to Lee County.

“This is a service model that’s being used around the country and it works,” Seyb said. “I’ve gotten calls on this, too, and people need to understand that it makes us a better service and gives supervisors flexibility to react to major traumas and still keep ambulances in service.”

Timbuktu is topic of other good novel

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and scratch for a penny. Musk is the only person I know who is serious and doing something about colonization of Mars. Why is it important to him and not to major governments of the world? Musk sees life as we know it here on earth coming to an end, and maybe in the not too distant future. How? Well let’s see, there’s global warming, the possibility of another more serious pandemic, nuclear holocaust (we have fail-safe nukes that go off after everyone is dead, ensuring that even germs are scorched) and of course there’s a never ending chance of a major meteor strike. You laugh. People in the know (astrophysicists) say that it’s more unlikely that it hasn’t happened. Gulp. If we want the human race to survive, Musk believes, we have to have other world colonization (and here’s the kicker), even if it’s in the form (some believe) of AI robots, an extension of evolution. I told you this book is thought provoking.

The other book that tripped my trigger (paper back this time) is “The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World’s Most Precious Manuscripts,” by Joshua Hammer. We here in the “sophisticated” world toss the name “Timbuktu” around like it’s some hick town in the middle of nowhere. Timbuktu is actually a thriving city in Mali in Northern Africa. Also contrary to what we may believe, villages in Northern Africa were not just filled with illiterate black people, unfamiliar with the modern world or the written word. In actuality, Timbuktu was a hotbed for scholars, intellectuals and scribes dating back to pre-Christian times. Hundreds of thousands of manuscripts on a variety of writing material from animal skins, to bark, to papyrus were stored in Timbuktu. Because of all the fighting in the Middle East, both historically and present time, these precious documents ran the risk of being destroyed. “The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu” is the thrilling, and highly intellectual story, of the race to preserve these documents, the written word, and the history of Timbuktu. I know you will enjoy the read, as I did. Don’t let all the Middle East names bog you down. Just plow through to Timbuktu.

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