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Candidate forum Wed.

MAYOR/AT-LARGE COUNCIL: Five candidates on ballot for two spots

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Partners will be hosting a candidate forum on Wednesday, October 25th in the council chambers 811 Ave E. The plan is also to live stream it, as well as record it for later viewing. The Forum is scheduled to begin at 5:30 and end no later than 7:00 pm. We will have a moderator asking questions and keep track of time. All candidates will have an opportunity to answer the questions as they pertain to that seat- example: if a question is directed at the mayoral candidates only those three will answer, etc. As Wards with seats up for re-election: 1, 2, 3, &

5 are running unopposed, they will not be on the panel. The focus will be on the Mayor and At-Large open race.

None of the candidates will receive questions prior to the forum. Audience members will have the opportunity to write their questions out upon arrival and have their questions asked, as time allows, but all questions will be evaluated and asked by the moderator during the forum's scheduled time.

We look forward to helping inform the general public about who is running and helping them make an informed decision when it comes to voting for the leaders of our community.

BLOODHOUND PREVIEW

Hounds gasp for playoff air Friday

Fort Madison needs a win, some mathematical magic to make Class 3A playoffs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison is hanging onto a playoff berth by a thread. Ranked 20th in the latest IHSAA RPI Index, the Hounds are 2.4% out of the top 16 teams, which is the determining factor for teams outside the two automatic bids per district.

Head Coach Derek Doherty has said for the past five years Fort Madison is 0-0 and trying to go to 1-0. But even he has looked into the math a little bit.



"We're on the bubble and a few things that need to happen. If they happen, we'll get in. It's another year of we're right there. Win or you're done. And just because you win, you might not get in," Doherty said.

We have to focus on our job Friday night because all the other stuff doesn't matter unless you get the job done there and that will be a tough task in itself."

The task is perennial rival Washington. The Hounds travel to Case Field to take on the Demons (2-6, 2-2 in Class 3A District 4). Washington has suffered lopsided losses and lopsided wins with the two coming over Burlington and Mt. Pleasant.

Junior Logan McDole and sophomore Kael Williams account for most of the damage on offense. McDole has six passing touchdowns and three rushing scores, while Williams has found the endzone seven times on the ground and is averaging about five yards a carry. Senior Case Evans has caught a few defenses napping and has 84 yards on just seven carries for a 12-yard average and one score.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Students from the two Fort Madison Elementary Schools participated in the annual Walk-A-Thon Wednesday afternoon at Fort Madison High School. The Walk-A-Thon helps fund PTO activities at both schools.

SOLAR FIELD

IUB approves ratemaking rules for Alliant's Wever project

Order says Alliant's efforts to consider other sources were sufficient

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) issued an order today approving an application for advance ratemaking

principles for four solar generating projects in Iowa filed by Interstate Power and Light Company, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy (Alliant). The decision follows an IUB rehearing and a settlement agreement reached by the parties in the proceeding.

On August 25, 2023, Alliant filed an amended non-unanimous stipulation and settlement agreement in Docket

No.RPU-2021-0003. The parties to the settlement are Alliant; the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice; and the Environmental Law & Policy Center and Iowa Environmental Council, referred to as the Environmental Intervenors.

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WEATHER

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

NORMA RUSSELL

Norma Russell, 71, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, October 9, 2023, at Arbor Court in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Norma was born on March 14, 1952, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Norman and Marilyn (Sebree) Russell. She graduated from Keokuk High School and completed her college degree at the University of Iowa. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Keokuk, and was in band during high school. Norma was employed at the water treatment plant in Fort Madison, Sheaffer Pen in Fort Madison, and finished her working career at FEMA in Texas. She enjoyed spending her free time with her Dachshund dog, which she loved dearly.

Norma is survived by her aunt Raymonia Muff of Hamilton and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Norma is preceded in death by her infant sister, Mary Agnes and her parents. No services will be held at this time.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Carol Soice for expenses.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



RUSSELL

KENNETH E. BASHAM

Kenneth E. Basham, 67 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Sunday, October 8, 2023 at New London Speciality Care, New London, Iowa. He was born September 9, 1956 in Galesburg, Illinois, a son of Donald and Ruth (Swanson) Basham. Kenny was a 1977 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He worked at Fruehauf, Gleason Corp., and later Truck Repair.



BASHAM

He is survived by his siblings: Mike (Connie) Basham and Robert Basham, both of Fort Madison, Linda Basham-Lane of Argyle, Iowa and Kathy (Jeff) Stone of Kahoka, Missouri; one aunt, Helen (Jim) McCormick of Illinois; two uncles, Edward Swanson of Colorado and Bernard (Becky) Swanson of Galesburg; numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother-in-law Dale Lane, and one nephew Tony DeBuhr.

Per his wishes, a private family celebration will be held at a later date. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Basham family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

DANIEL P. DUNN

Daniel Patrick Dunn, age 62, passed away unexpectedly at home on October 8, 2023, after a long history of diabetes and other health complications. He was born in Hastings, MN, and moved to the Fort Madison area when he was eleven.



DUNN

Dan graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1979. He was employed throughout his career by Sheaffer Pen Company, Fruehauf Trailer Corporation, and then Goodyear, which later became Continental.

An avid Green Bay Packer fan, Dan loved taking trips up north to visit family and friends in Wisconsin. His other passions included woodworking, hunting, fishing, and relaxing at the Cabaret.

Dan is survived by a son, Matthew (Arielle) Dunn, and a daughter, Michelle (Brett) Rogers. He is also mourned by his father, Patrick Dunn, and siblings; Nancy (Ted) Meierotto, Kristi (Marc) Alexander, John (Deborah) Dunn, and Thomas (Skye) Dunn, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Karen Dunn.

His family will greet friends 10:30 - 11:30 am Friday, October 27, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, followed by a Celebration of his Life beginning at 11:30 am Friday. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be left at or mailed to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Dunn family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

DCI helping with Ottumwa murder

OTTUMWA - On October 16, 2023, at approximately 10:46 p.m., officers with the Ottumwa Police Department were dispatched to 301 S. Ward Street on the report of a stabbing. Responding officers located an injured male outside the home. The

male, identified as 34-year-old Samuel Gallegos-Ramirez of Ottumwa, was transported to the Ottumwa Regional Health Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

An autopsy will be conducted at the Office of the Iowa State Medical Examiner to determine the cause and manner of death for Mr. Gal-

legos-Ramirez.

The Ottumwa Police Department and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation continue the investigation. No charges have been filed. There is no known ongoing threat to the public.

No additional information is being released at this time. Updates will be provided as warranted.

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For the Record/Scene Around Town



Photo courtesy of Hannah Hoenig/FMHS

Fort Madison High School students have been showing their school spirit at every assembly! Students are encouraged to wear their Class Color and they earn points by showing their school spirit and winning the student council planned games. Student Council has been planning the assemblies recently, and we have had a great increase in school spirit and student attendance! Pictured here is the freshman class holding up the letters, "FRESHMAN".



JoJo Vincent was selected to the Iowa All-State Cheerleading Squad. 30 cheerleaders were chosen from all around Iowa to perform during the IHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/18/23 - 11:28 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Avenue I.

10/18/23 - 11:47 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2600 block of Avenue H.

10/18/23 - 12:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1500 block of Avenue B.

10/18/23 - 2:08 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue Q.

10/18/23 - 2:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested David Wayne Hand, 56, of Fort Madison in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on an active warrant and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/18/23 - 3:17 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Anthony James Greeson, 19, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue L on a charge of domestic assault abuse. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/18/23 - 10:59 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of 2nd Street.

10/19/23 - 1:17 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 2nd Street.

Keokuk Police Report

10/18/23 - 10:38 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 13-year-old female juvenile in the 2000 block of Orleans Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

She was released to a parent.
10/18/23 - 9:52 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Carla Renee Waetzig, 48, of Keokuk in the 700 block of Exchange on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/18/23 - 11:58 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Charles Heston Smith, Jr., 43, of Keokuk in the 1300 block of Main Street on a warrant for violation of a no-contract order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/18/23 - 2:11 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 3400 block of Avenue Q. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Manuel Frank Salazar, 77, of Fort Madison was headed eastbound on Avenue Q when he noticed a fried and stopped in the roadway to back up. When he backed up he struck a Fort Madison Police cruiser driven by Carsen Scott Kuesel, 31, of Fort Madison. Salazar was cited for unsafe backing. No injuries were reported in the incident.

10/19/23 - 12:53 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Charles Heston Smith, Jr., 43, of Keokuk in the 1300 block of Main Street, on a judgment hold and violation of a no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

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

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/18/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call.

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Local News/From the Front

IUB reminds low-income residents to seek help with utilities

DES MOINES – The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) is reminding Iowa electric and natural gas customers who are struggling to pay utility bills to make payment arrangements with their provider before the annual winter moratorium on service disconnections begin on Wednesday, November 1.

Iowa's winter moratorium law prevents utilities from disconnecting customers' electric or natural gas utility service for nonpayment between November 1 and April 30 when that service is used for home heating.

Limited financial energy assistance in Iowa is available through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The annual application period runs from November 1 through April 30. Households with a resident 60 years of age or older, those who are disabled, and those in crisis are eligible to apply now. Visit your local community action agency outreach office to apply for this and other programs.

Iowa law protects qualified applicants who are the head of a household from being disconnected from natural gas or electric service from November 1 through April 1. Although qualified applicants cannot be disconnected during the annual winter moratorium, the IUB urges all LIHEAP-certified customers

to continue paying toward their energy bills through the winter to avoid accumulating high debt and face potential utility service disconnection after April 1. Customers currently disconnected must contact their utility provider to make payment arrangements to restore service.

LIHEAP is designed to help low-income homeowners and renters pay a portion of their primary home heating costs through a one-time payment made directly to the utility or heating fuel vendor. LIHEAP is administered by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Community Access Division, Community Action Agencies. During 2022, more than 100,000 Iowa households received LIHEAP funding to assist with a portion of their heating costs, with an average statewide heating assistance benefit of approximately \$765.

Customers who are unable to reach an agreement with or have concerns about their utility company or service may file a complaint about their utility by contacting IUB Customer Service staff at 877-565-4450 or customer@iub.iowa.gov.

FM woman saving cats on east side

FORT MADISON – A local woman has taken on corralling about 20 cats in her neighborhood and is working with PAW Animal Shelter to get the animals medical attention including being spayed or neutered.

Noelle Stanbridge, said she the animals are in danger in the neighborhood and she wants to get them seen by a veterinarian and then release them back into the neighborhood.

Stanbridge is capturing the animals to get them to the shelter. Shelter director Sandy Brown confirmed that an account has been set up at the shelter called 613 Avenue F cats.

"I was approached by this person asking for advice on how to get people involved to help save these cats. I suggested they canvas the area, ask for donations to help get the area cats spayed/neutered," Brown said.

"Adult spay/neutered cats would be returned to the area while kittens and young adults could be adopted or relocated. This will drastically cut down in the number of unwanted kittens. PAW would be happy to loan traps, give advice and set up appointments with our low cost spay/neuter clinic.

"It was mentioned that people will often not give money to people going door to door. So I told them people could donate to the 613 cat vetting by sending it to PAW and earmarking it for the 613 Ave F cats."

Stanbridge has been trapping the animals but said other efforts are underway to get rid of the cats and she's trying to pull them together and get them taken care of and adopted.

All money donated to the fund will go directly to the care of the animals as they are brought in to the shelter.

Law allows Alliant to seek ratemaking on large projects

IUB - Continued from Page 1

In today's order, the IUB found that Alliant had considered other sources for long-term electric supply and that the proposed generating facilities – Duane Arnold Solar I, Duane Arnold Solar II, Creston, and Wever – are reasonable when compared to other feasible alternative sources of supply. Iowa Code section 476.53 requires the IUB to approve advance ratemaking principles for renewable generation facilities once the utility has met the statutory require-

ments. The order affirms that Alliant provided the information necessary to meet the statutory requirements under Iowa law.

In the order the IUB approved 11 advance ratemaking principles for the four solar generating facilities and approved the settlement agreement subject to modifications. Alliant has 20 days to accept the advance ratemaking principles approved in the order.

Under Iowa Code 476.53, a rate-regulated

public utility can seek advance ratemaking principles when it intends to construct (or acquire) an electric power generating facility with a nameplate capacity of at least 300 megawatts, or a combined-cycle electric power generating facility, or an alternate energy production facility, to help serve its customer base.

Alliant filed its initial application for advance ratemaking principles on November 2, 2021, in Docket No. RPU-2021-0003

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Sports/Iowa News



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HTC senior Mary Kate Bendlage signs a letter Wednesday in Fort Madison with Mt. Mercy University to play volleyball for the Mustangs.

Bendlage signs intent to play at Mt. Mercy college

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
Pen City Current Editor

FORT MADISON – Mary Kate Bendlage has got a lot off her plate.

Most seniors thinking about graduation and college and life after high school have a lot on their plate, but the senior outside hitter for Holy Trinity just cleaned her plate by signing with Mt. Mercy University to play volleyball and continue her education.

Bendlage signed her national letter of intent with Mt. Mercy's head coach Deb Marlin and the HTC student body in attendance Wednesday morning. The Crusader will be a pin hitter working from the outside for the Mustangs.

"They are taking me as a pin hitter. They train those on both sides of the pin so we're ready for any given scenario," Bendlage said.

"I visited quite a few other schools, but I didn't attend any other open gyms other than Monmouth College."

Bendlage has 266 kills on the year and she is just 13 short of 1,000 for

her career at Holy Trinity. The senior has started 156 matches.

HTC Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said Mt. Mercy is the right place for Bendlage.

"The most important thing is that she go to a place where she's going to be successful and happy. I think Mt. Mercy is a great fit for her. It's a great program and Coach Marlin is highly respected," Freesmeier said.

"It didn't surprise me. I'm excited for her and her future."

Bendlage is a multi-sport athlete competing in basketball and volleyball for HTC, and in soccer in the shared program with Fort Madison High School. But she said volleyball is where her heart is.

"I had multiple offers and could have gone volleyball or basketball. But volleyball is No. 1 in my heart and my first love and it's what this school is all about it," she said.

"There's a legacy here, and knowing that legacy, I wanted to follow it. Mt.

Mercy was a pretty easy decision. I attended a couple open gyms there this summer. Debbie and Jaxson (Klosterman) are very inviting. They run a similar program to ours so it won't be that big of an adjustment. I look forward to the opportunities that will come."

She said the decision not only made her happy, but her family as well.

"They've always known I was a home body, so they figured I wouldn't go too far. When I made the decision to commit it was a great relief that it was over. It's done and I don't need to worry about it anymore going forward."

The Mustangs are 17-6 under coach Marlin this year and are currently 4th in the Heart of America Conference.

The No. 3-ranked Crusaders (29-10) have advanced to the semifinals of Class 1A Region 8 district play and will host rival Burlington Notre Dame (26-14) Monday night at 7 p.m.

State jobless rate clicks up to 3%

IOWA: Participation rate continues to decline

DES MOINES, IOWA – Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate ticked up to 3.0 percent in September, up from 2.9 percent last month but down from 3.1 percent a year ago. Meanwhile, Iowa's labor force participation rate decreased slightly from 68.7 percent to 68.6 percent in September as college students left the workforce to return to school.

The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent in September, and the national labor force participation rate remained at 62.8 percent.

The number of unemployed Iowans increased to 52,800 in September from

50,200 in August. The total number of working Iowans decreased to 1,688,200 last month. This figure is 4,200 lower than August but 22,000 higher than one year ago.

"National economic uncertainty continues to impact sectors like leisure and hospitality and professional and business services, but other industries are continuing to hire," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "If the warning signs turn out to be right, IWD will be well-positioned to match skilled workers with the employers who need them to grow. Through our Reemployment Case Management program, we have the right resources in the right place to help displaced workers find new careers as soon as possible."

Classifieds/Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 5, 2023, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Kathie Mahoney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Carissa Crenshaw, Tyler Walker, Shelley Oltmans, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant, and Michael Greenwald were present. Roslyn Garcia and John Helenthal were absent. Staff in atten-

dance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Water Pollution Control Manager Tom Wills, Chief of Police Zeth Baum, Bridge, Cemetery, Park, and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, and Fire Chief Gabe Rose.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Informed of local events.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Amanda Rogers from Best You Coalition gave an update on projects coming up. Stephanie Pilkington requested stop signs be added on Johnson Street at 16th and 17th.

Motion made by Cren-

shaw, second by Tillman to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.

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

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting & Council Workshop of September 21, 2023;

- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of September 21, 2023;

- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's report for August 2023;

- **RESOLUTION NO. 308-2023:** Approving a Liquor License for Off Premise Outdoor Service for Lucky's Irish Pub & Grub, 528 Blondeau Street, Class C Retail Alcohol License, October 13-14, 2023 (pending dram);

- **RESOLUTION NO. 309-2023:** Approving a Liquor License for Southside Boat Club, 625 Mississippi River Drive, Class F Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – effective October 31, 2023;

- Special Event Permit for Lucky's Irish Pub & Grub, 528 Blondeau Street, 2nd Annual Fall Fling, October 13-14, 2023;

- Special Event Permit for Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Road, Fun Run, Saturday,

October 8, 2023, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.;

- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5365-5367;

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. granting

of easement for Decker Manufacturing in Kindustry Park. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on September 26TH, 2023.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell gave overview.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:44 p.m. for a permanent encroachment for ADA ramp on the public sidewalk along the 10th side of building at 928 Main Street for Alcohol & Drug Dependency Services of Southeast Iowa.

A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on September 27th, 2023.

COMMENTS: Broomhall gave overview.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:44 p.m.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed

RESOLUTION NO. 310-2023: "A RESOLUTION GRANTING A PERMANENT ENCROACHMENT FOR AN ADA RAMP FOR ALCOHOL & DRUG DEPENDENCY SERVICE OF SE IOWA, 928 MAIN STREET." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 5:45 p.m. to dispose of municipality owned real property at 604 Grand Avenue by the City of Ke-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

okuk, Iowa. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City one September 13, 2023.

COMMENTS: Broomhall gave overview, Crenshaw inquired of timeframe and Tillman questioned taxes on property.

No further comments were received, Mayor Mahoney closed the public hearing at 5:48 p.m.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 311-2023: "A RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF MUNIC-

IPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 604 GRAND AVENUE BY THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Tillman to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.08.010(b) Council compensation.

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

Motion to approve failed 2-5.

Motion made by Crenshaw, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 312-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH IMPACT 7G TO ASSIST IN THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR CLEANUP AT ELKEM CARBIDE PROPERTY." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Crenshaw to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 313-2023: "A RESOLUTION SETTING DEPOSIT FOR VICTORY PARK RESTROOMS."

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

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Walker to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 314-2023: "A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR GRADING PLAN PREPARATION CLOSED LANDFILL." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 315-2023: "A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY & PREPARATION DRAWING FOR CLOSED LANDFILL." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Walker to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 316-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING STREET FINANCING REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 317-2023: "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE VACATION & DISPOSAL OF PLATTED UNIMPROVED PORTION OF H STREET & THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 72, MASON'S LOWER ADDITION, CITY OF

KEOKUK, LEE COUNTY IOWA." Motion made by Oltmans, second by Crenshaw to amend moving public hearing to November 2, 2023, due to General Manager for Keokuk Waterworks, David Bogner not available to attend the October 19, 2023, council meeting. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried to amend dates of public hearing.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 318-2023: "A RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL AND TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE AT 517 S. 7th STREET INTERESTS OF THE CITY BY SEALED BID AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC NOTICE." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 319-2023: "A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A DESIGNATED CITY OFFICER TO SIGN NOTICE TO REDEEM TAX SALE." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tillman, second by Oltmans to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 320-2023: "A RESOLUTION SETTING DEPOSIT FEE FOR CAMPGROUND ELECTRICITY." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 321-2023: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF A STORAGE BUILDING BY THE KEOKUK SADDLE CLUB ON LEASED LAND AT JOYCE PARK." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walker, second by Tillman to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 322-2023: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SIDEWALK CAFÉ ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDE TO ADJUST BARRIER HEIGHT." (6) AYES, (1) NAY – Oltmans. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Carroll reported on conference and public works projects; Broomhall informed anyone is welcome to attend meetings such as Board of Adjustment etc.; Baum reported on Civil Service testing, hiring and Skill Bridge.

Motion made by Oltmans, second by Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Heartland Co-op, east of Wever.

PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting July 13, 2023 Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Hwy61 Montrose, IA 52639

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call: Alton_x_Pollpeter_x_Moore_Patrick_x_Benjamin_x_ Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Pawling, Risser, Jacobs Supervisor: Holmes

1. Approval of Agenda Pollpeter requested adding Extern Presentation to the agenda

Motion by Alton to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Extern Presentation

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

2. Extern Presentation Jessica Lunde gave a presentation on her summer extern project for Lee County Conservation-funded by Climax Molybdenum. Jessica job shadowed the naturalists and completed a project that identified 39 tree species in Pollmiller Park. She created signs for each with QR codes linked to pages with more information on each tree. The next step will be to have the signs made and installed at Pollmiller Park.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 13th and June 26th, 2023

Motion by Benjamin to approve the minutes

2nd : Pollpeter Motion Carried

4. Public Input No public input

5. Approval of Bills Motion by Benjamin to approve of the bills

2nd: Alton Motion Carried

6. Approval of Financial Report Motion by Alton to approve the financial report

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

7. Take Possible Action to Approve Admin & Outreach Coordinator Step Increase Huebner state that Veihl was due for her year 2 step increase. Motion by Alton to approve Veihl's step increase

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

8. Discuss and Take Action on Bids for Denning Tree Removal Alton stated that she went out to Denning to see where the trees would be removed. Huebner stated it was the trees where the old homestead was. Alton asked if every tree would be removed. Pawling stated that the DNR wanted all of the trees removed but select trees would remain.

Two bids were received for the tree removal- Halls Excavating for \$18,945 and Cullen Construction & Excavating for \$19,875. Pollpeter asked if either company's work was preferred. Pawling responded that both companies had done quality work in the past.

Motion by Pollpeter to accept the lowest bid from Halls Excavating

2nd: Alton Motion Carried

9. Staff and Director Reports Risser gave the education report, highlighting a

successful 4-day Outdoor Adventure Camp, Salvation Army presentations, and the acquisition of 4 baby garter snakes from Alamakee County to become program snakes.

Oldfield gave the parks report, highlighting 572 camping nights, 34 cabin nights, 4 shelter reservations, and nearly 2,000 beach admissions. The staff had also been busy cleaning up after the derecho.

Huebner gave the director report, highlighting upcoming events - Chatfield Playground Ribbon Cutting, a Mushroom Hike, Christmas in July, and the Queisner Fishing Derby. She also mentioned the fundraising success the Foundation was having for the Outdoor Classroom - enough has been raised to begin a ground-breaking in the Fall.

10. Board Member Comments Alton mentioned the sunflowers in bloom at Denning. Patrick gave compliments to Davis for the excellent work as the new Park Ranger. He also brought up LCC being a part of the Lee Co Fair Senior Day next year. Pollpeter shared the idea of giving out a conservation person of the year award.

11. Adjournment Motion by Alton to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

2nd: Benjamin Motion Carried Richard Moore, LCCB President Heather Huebner, LCCB Director

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From the Front



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Fort Madison's Hayden Segoviano gets dumped from above on a play in the first half of Friday's game against Mt. Pleasant. Segoviano would get banged up on the play and may not be available Friday night in the regular season finale at Washington.

Hounds battle injuries for chance to get to playoffs

HOUNDS - Continued from Page 1

Evans is also stringent on defense with 52 tackles, 50 of them have been all by himself. Senior Chase Griener has 30 tackles and four sacks. Washington has seven sacks total on the year.

"It's Washington. These guys are going to be playing with their hair on fire. They don't respect Fort Madison and I don't mean that in a negative way. They just expect to beat us," Doherty said.

"The quarterback is good and he likes to be all over the field. So we've got our hands full. When you break down film, and we've got eight films now, they've shown up in everything from spread to two-back to pro, to a flex bone. So they're varied in formations and do a lot of things.

Fort Madison will counter with Marcus Guzman at quarterback and possibly some time in the secondary on defense. The junior went in at halftime, in a "Remember the Titans" move by Doherty last Friday against Mt. Pleasant and helped shut down the Panthers' passing game.

Doherty said there may be a little more of that this week as the Bloodhounds gasp for some playoff air.

Fort Madison may get tailback Hayden Segoviano back this week after the senior dinged up his arm in the first half last week and sat out the remainder of the game. But they will be without senior Henry Wiseman and junior Brody Cashman, both lost for the season with ACL injuries. Wiseman and Cashman account for seven of Fort Madison's nine receiving touchdowns on the year. Only Leif Boeding has two other TD catches.

Senior Teague Smith is still just playing on the defensive side of the ball after playing the last three seasons in the offensive backfield and linebacker.

Doherty said injuries have plagued the Hounds this year, but it's part of the game. "We've been banged up and lost key players. These kids just keep coming back and fighting. Maybe resilience is a better word than adversity just because of who these kids are."

Doherty said this is the worse year he's had and he attributes that to lack of depth and scheduling.

"We've got great players. But I've said it before, we've got a lot of kids walking the halls who should be doing something this fall and they aren't," Doherty said.

He said players like Henry Wiseman, who plays all three sides of the game, and loves it, get physically pushed because there's no one to give him a breather.

Guzman is playing with a banged-up knee but had a solid game Friday and has racked up 1,241 yards through the air with eight touchdowns and eight picks. He's also the leading rusher for the Hounds with 482 yards and 11 scores.

Boeding, Henry Morris, Caleb Bolander, and Cade Denning are the ones running routes now. Segoviano was taking a lot of flips from Guzman out of the backfield and has close to 300 yards receiving.

Junior Triston Marshall stepped into the backfield after Segoviano went down, as well as filling the gap on defense. Segoviano is second on the Hounds in tackles from his linebacker spot with 40. Marshall rolled up three sacks Friday and now has five on the year and 11.5 tackles for loss.

"We had some ideas with some two-back stuff earlier on and he was perfect for it, and we ended up needing him. He wants to be a running back and he will do whatever we ask of him. All our kids are like that and we love that about them," Doherty said.

"And then he had one heck of a defensive night with three sacks. That put him up toward the top of the district in just one night for stats. So great night for Triston."

Game time is 7:30 p.m. in Washington. The livestream link for the game is <https://www.youtube.com/live/jrB7kwdJl0w?si=nu-MeyDqptFK625c> and will be on the air starting with the Pen City Current pregame at approximately 6:45.

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