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BROADBAND NEWS

State grants bring more broadband work to county

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The work to build out broadband service in rural Lee County got another chunk of good news Tuesday.

According to a release from the Iowa Department of Management, Lee County stands to see another substantial investment in broadband infrastructure with close to \$20 million in grants awarded to Mediacom and Mediapolis Telephone Co. for projects in northeast Lee County and south Lee County for projects totaling close to \$28 million.

The awards were part of a \$148 million Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant program through the former Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer, now the Department of Management under Gov. Reynolds' state restructuring this year.

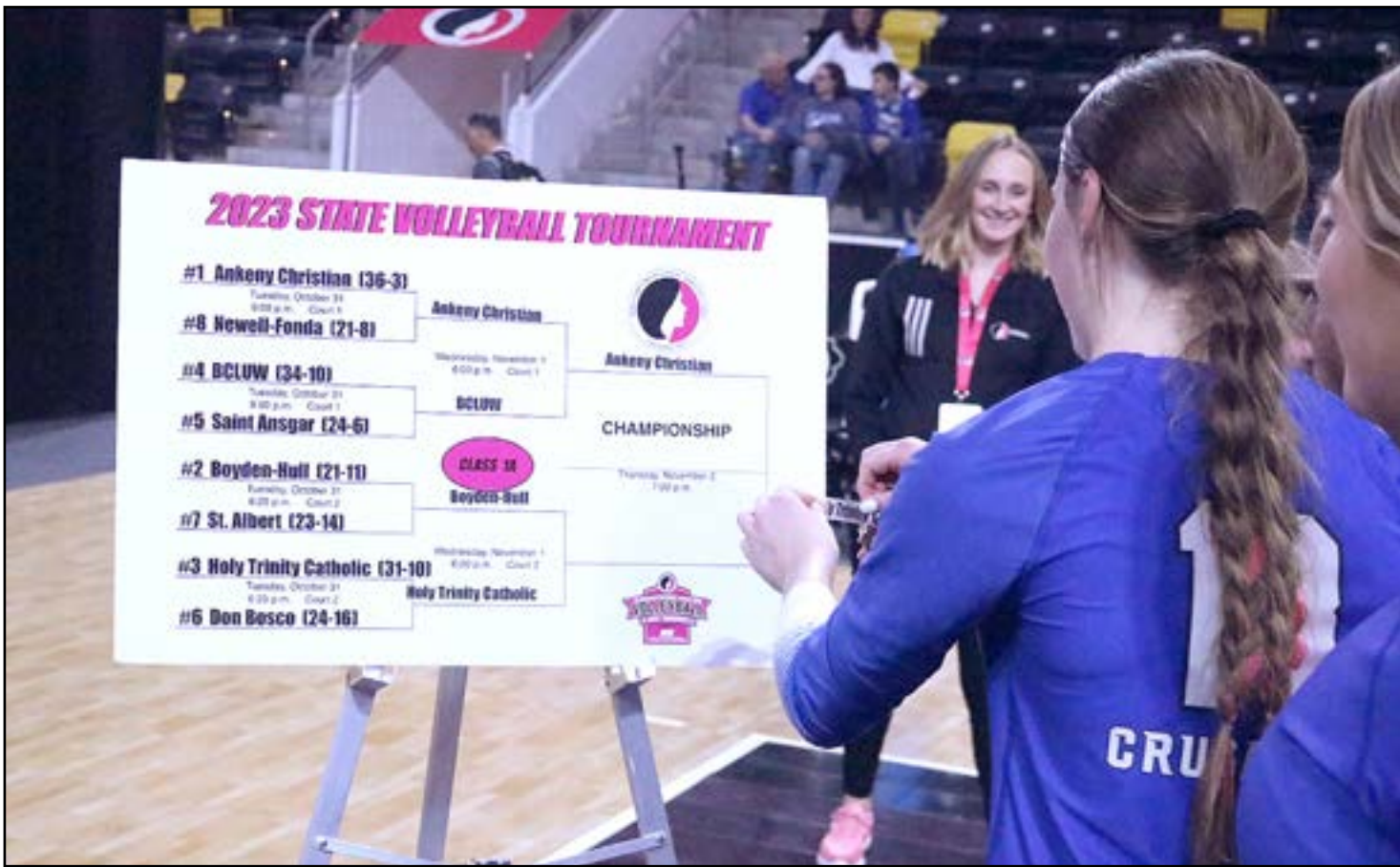
This round of grant funds will be used to incentivize broadband infrastructure build out in the newly established Broadband Intervention Zones (BIZ). Through feedback from 55 public meetings in Iowa communities, 96 BIZ zones were created across the state. These are areas deemed to be in the most need for broadband infrastructure expansion.

Funding for this branch of broadband work, or a Notice of Funding Opportunity, is the eighth won and is (NOFO) made possible through the U.S. Department of Treasury's Capital Projects Fund.

According to Mike Norris, Executive Director of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning and administrator of Southeast Regional and Economic Port Authority, the funds could be used to serve at least 1,500 addresses in the county.

The county under the leadership of Norris, Lee County Economic Development Group, SIREPA, and the Lee County Board of Supervisors, worked to get ITQs, or Intent to Qualify applications, devel-

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, senior Mary Kate Bendlage adds the HTC sticker to the Class 2A title bracket after the Crusaders recorded their second sweep of the IGHSAU State Volleyball tournament Wednesday over No. 2 Boyden-Hull. HTC will face No. 1 Ankeny Christian Thursday at 7 p.m. Thursday. Below, freshman Adalyn Kruse shows some emotion after scoring on a kill in the second set to give HTC a 18-10 lead over Boyden-Hull enroute to a sweep in state semifinal action Wednesday night in Coralville.

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

CORALVILLE — It will be the longest day.

"Oh my gosh," Holy Trinity sophomore Presley Myers said. "All the feels."

The third-seeded Crusaders will play for the Class 1A state volleyball championship after Wednesday's 25-17, 25-17, 25-21 semifinal win over second seed Boyden-Hull, but they'll be the last ones playing at Xtream Arena when they play Ankeny Christian at approximately 7 p.m.

Then again, it's been the Holy Trinity Late Show all week, so what's one more day of waiting?

All the feels, indeed.

"Anxious," libero Teagan Snaadt said. "Excited."

"It feels amazing," senior hitter Natalie Randolph said.

"We've been talking about getting to the state tournament all year. Now that we're here, we want to win the championship."

It's been the routine all week for the Crusaders (33-10) —

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MARVIN G. MOELLER

Marvin Gerhard "Marvie" Moeller, 87, of Houghton, Iowa, passed away at 10:34 a.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2023, on the family farm.

He was born on February 16, 1936 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Albert J. and Mary (Scharpman) Moeller. On October 8, 1960, he married Dorothy Ann Kruse at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton. She preceded him in death on July 12, 1999. On December 28, 2005, he married Glenda Rose Smith - Ferguson. She preceded him in death on September 10, 2022.



MOELLER

Survivors include his children: Marty (Deb) Moeller, Linda (Sam) Gaylord and Laura (Justin) Cole; step-children: Kim Ferguson and Chad (Sue) Ferguson; grandchildren: Mitch (Kathryn) Moeller, Makenzie (Kameron) Cooper, Colton Thompson and Megan Thompson; great grandchildren: Beau, Pierson and Addilynn Berry, Margaret "Maggie" Moeller and Layne Cooper; brothers: Paul (Sharon Walden) Moeller and Greg (Lana) Moeller; sisters: Vera (Lonnie) Glasscock and Eileen (Robert) Barnett; sisters-in-law: Joyce Moeller and Kay Wesley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives: Dorothy and Glenda; brothers: Dennis, Victor, Kevin, Larry and Darrell Moeller; sister: Marilyn Boecker.

Marvie was a graduate of St. John's High School. He served in the United States Army Reserves. He was owner and operator of Marvie's 66 Service Station in Houghton since 1959. He farmed on his family farm most all of his life. Marvie was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and was strong in his faith. He was also a member of the Houghton Knights of Columbus and the Three Rivers Tractor Club. He loved farming, restoring his antique tractors, playing cards and socializing with his friends. He also enjoyed tractor rides, having morning coffee at the Houghton Store, socializing at the Rural Life Club and spending time with his family.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 3, 2023, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2023, at St. John's Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2023, at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery.

Memorials have been established in his memory for Houghton Knights of Columbus.

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



OBITUARIES

MAX L. CUNNINGHAM

Max LeRoy Cunningham, 83, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Birkwood Village in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Max was born September 1, 1940, at home, near Sciota, Illinois, the son of Kemper and Olka (Tharpp) Cunningham. On August 14, 1976 he married Carol Hartman Gapen at the First Christian Church in Dallas City. She survives.



CUNNINGHAM

Mr. Cunningham was a 1958 graduate of LaHarpe High School and served in the U.S. Army following high school. He worked as a truck driver all of his life. He began his career with Truck Transport before beginning a 32 year career with Winegard Company in Burlington. He received an award for driving 2 million miles safely. Following his retirement he drove truck for many local farmers. His CB Handles were Streak & Squirrel.

He was a member of the NRA, LaHarpe American Legion and a 43 year member of Burlington Moose Club. He enjoyed participating on the Yellow Rose Saloon's Pool Team and was an avid collector of guns.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two children: Theresa (Tammy Hayburn) Middleton of Monmouth, Illinois and Rod (Patty) Cunningham of Coal Valley, Illinois; two grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one sister: Paula Cunningham of West Burlington.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister: Carol Kurth.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Maxine Dennison officiating. Burial with Military Rites by the LaHarpe American Legion will follow in Crane Cemetery, near Lomax.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home.

A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe American Legion. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Max's obituary at bank-sandbeals.com.



Pen City Current obituary policy

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

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For the Record/From the Front

County gets about 13% of state broadband grant

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oped for the Broadband Intervention Zones established with the state in anticipation of state and federal broadband grants. That work helped set the foundation for the grants, Norris said.

“In total, Lee County received approximately 13% of the \$148 million awarded – a very large proportion for one county,” Norris said.

“The awards are a direct result of the countywide broadband development process, investment by Lee County, and great partnerships that led to the development of the Broadband Intervention Zones. The Zones then opened the door to the applications and awards.”

The Mediacom award could serve approximately 700 addresses in southern Lee County. Mediacom requested \$29 million for their multi-county project to serve a total of 4,466 addresses, but the company was awarded \$19.1 million, which could potentially affect the project going forward.

Under the Mediapolis Telephone project, about 850 addresses in an area encompassing the rural areas north of Fort Madison to Hwy 16 could be served.

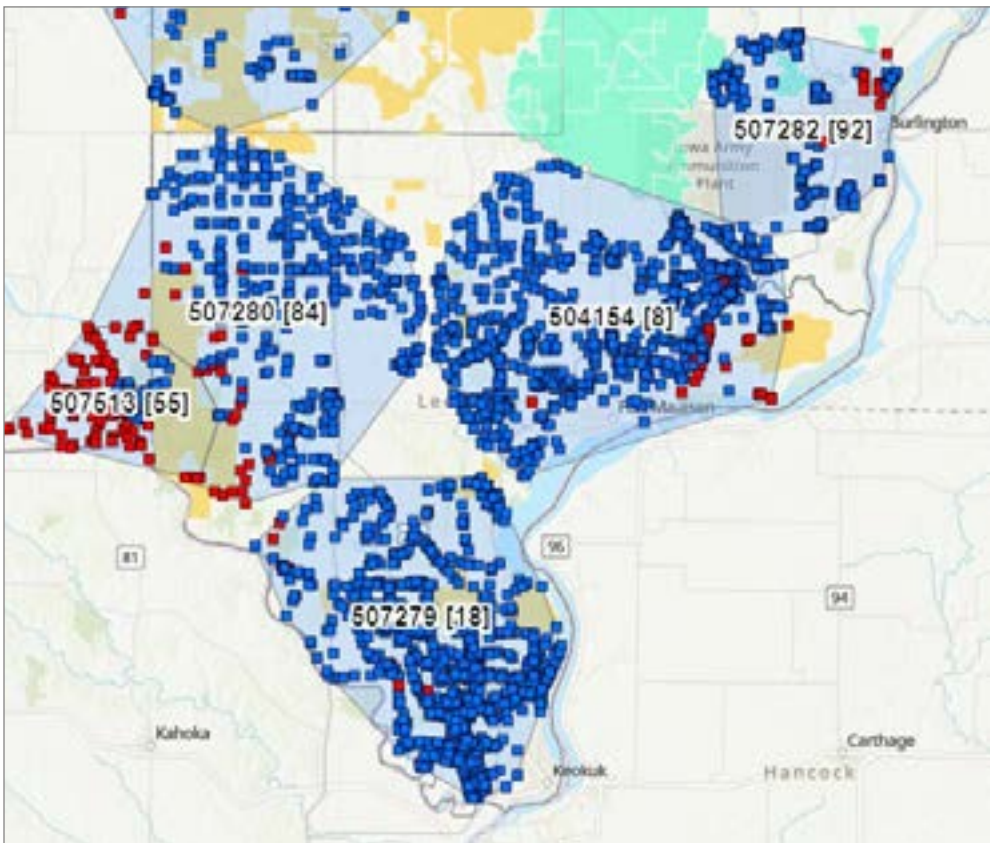
Norris said the projects will fit nicely with the work Danville Telecom and SIREPA have done with Lee County ARPA funds and private investment from Danville Telecom to establish a redundant fiber transmission backbone loop in the south part of the county.

“The Danville/SIREPA project will add the redundant fiber transmission which both projects can use to backhaul data and keep services going if a transmission fiber is cut, or to add capacity,” Norris said.

That project will also serve an additional 120 addresses in and around Wever. All three projects plan to bring the number of new unserved and underserved addresses in the county to about 1,670 if all the projects come to fruition.

Norris said the new projects, combined with the work of Danville Telecom and SIREPA, will address almost 66% of the underserved addresses in Lee County over the next two years.

The Lee County Board of Supervisors voted to put \$1.9 million in ARPA funds into the Danville Telecom project.



For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/30/23 – 12:40 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

10/31/23 – 8:27 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

10/31/23 – 8:39 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brian James Abel, 38, of Fort Madison at the police station on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, 3rd-degree theft, and possession of controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/31/23 – 8:51 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Colton James Blint, 19, of Fort Madison at the police station on active warrants for drug paraphernalia and controlled substance violations. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

10/31/23 – 9:24 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrest-

ed Michael Dean Hagmeier II, of Fort Madison, at the police station on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/31/23 – 10:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

10/31/23 – 1:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jennifer Elizabeth Hersherberger, 36, of Fort Madison in the 500 block of Avenue D, on active warrants for probation violation and voluntary absence from custody.

Keokuk Police Report

10/30/23 – 9:24 p.m. – Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident on the Keokuk/Hamilton Bridge. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Gage Russell Flatten, 32, of Keokuk was being pursued by a Hancock County deputy westbound on the bridge. Another vehicle driven by

Dallas D. Horton, 43, of Hamilton, experienced vehicle trouble and signaled intent to pull to the side when he was struck by Flatten's vehicle. Flatten was cited for operating a non-registered vehicle and failure to provide insurance. Flatten was also transported by Lee County EMS for suspected minor injuries. Both vehicle were towed.

10/31/23 – 11:59 p.m. – Keokuk Police arrested a 14-year-old female juvenile in the 800 block of Palean Street on a charge of providing a false identification to a police officer.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/30/23 – Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

10/31/23 – Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

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

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Iowa News

Bird announces settlement for deceptive practices

DES MOINES— Today, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird announced a settlement with Summit Software Systems, Inc. and its owner Robert Boligan for their deceptive business practices. The Attorney General's office alleged that the company used deceptive methods to solicit Iowa homeowners facing foreclosure and failed to provide the services they promised.

Summit sent misleading mailers to Iowans that offered foreclosure prevention services and access to "housing counselors." Not only did Summit allegedly fail to deliver all services, but the mailers hid the company's identity and gave the false impression that Summit was affiliated with the government. Summit and Boligan allegedly disregarded consumer safeguards and violated Iowa law by collecting money before services were performed and failing to provide a full written contract, required disclosure, cancellation, or other notices. Approximately 3,285 Iowans received the mailers with 15 Iowa households paying Summit and Boligan a total of \$30,626.03.

"Iowans facing foreclosure are already struggling enough," said Attorney General Bird. "For a company to trick them out of money on top of that is just flat wrong. My office is committed to protecting Iowans from fraud, and we are so glad to be able to return Iowa families their hard-earned money."

The settlement stops the alleged illegal and deceptive business practices, blocks the company and Boligan from doing any future mortgage foreclosure business in Iowa, and requires Summit to fully reimburse all affected Iowans. The Iowa Attorney General's office will send checks to affected Iowans in the second quarter of 2024.

The Iowa Attorney General's office reminds Iowans facing foreclosure that they can contact Iowa's safe and free mortgage counseling resource—Iowa Mortgage Help.

Water temperature dropping at area fishing holes

DES MOINES - The following is this week's fishing forecast for Southeast Iowa provided by the Department of Natural Resources.

Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature was near 60 degrees on Tuesday, but will be dropping fast. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappies are out in deeper water along the edges of the trees. They are scattered in smaller schools; moving around is needed to find them. Bluegill - Fair: Bluegills are hanging around the habitat in 3-4 feet of water. Use bobber and worm or small jigs tipped with a waxworm. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Most bass are hanging in deeper water around trees or coming in shallow near the edge of deeper water.

Emma Young Pond

Rainbow Trout - Excellent: 1000 rainbow trout were stocked on Oct. 21. Water is clear and the vegetation is under control. Rainbow Trout - Excellent: This little two-acre pond with fairly easy access. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Lake Belva Deer

Water clarity is a little over three feet and temperature is 60 degrees. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing has slowed. Fish in deeper water, 8-10 feet down in the trees along the old creek channel and around the edges of the timber. The continued cooler weather might bring them in shallower after a while, but not yet. Channel Catfish - Slow: The cold weather forecast will probably get the catfish going into winter mode. Largemouth Bass - Slow: The unstable weather patterns seem to be pushing to bass into deeper water.

Lake Darling

The recent warm days and nights has warmed the water to 60 degrees on Oct. 26. Black Crappie - Slow: Crappies are still out deep. Bluegill - Fair: Fish the rock piles with about 4-5 feet of water over them. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass seem to be in deeper water and the cooler weather will probably will keep that trend going.

Lake of the Hills

Lake of the Hills was stocked with 2,000 rainbow trout on Oct. 21. Bluegill - Good: Anglers are catching some 6-7-inch bluegills while fishing for the trout. Bluegills were stocked last year and are growing nicely. Rainbow Trout - Excellent: These trout were ready to bite right off the truck. Good numbers of the tagged fish were caught fairly quickly.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperature was close to 60 degrees but will be dropping with cooler weather. Lost Grove Lake has Eurasian Watermilfoil; be sure to clean all vegetation off your boat and trailer before leaving the boat ramp area. Bluegill - Fair: Prior to the weather changes, they were hanging out in 5-6-feet of water, along the edge of the flooded brush. Cooler temps will likely push them deeper. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Look for bass in 8-10-foot of water around trees. Jigs seem to be work best.

Marr Park Pond

Good crowd for the fall trout stocking on Oct. 21. Bluegill - Good: Use a worm and bobber for the best action. Rainbow Trout - Excellent: Still plenty of trout available. Use small jigs or bobbers and Powerbait or waxworms or red worms seem to be working the best.

Pollmiller Park Lake

Water temperature was 60 degrees on Oct. 24 and clarity was a little over 10 feet. Bluegill - Fair: Bluegills were in 8-10-feet of water and around either the cedar tree piles or some of the old trees underwater. Redear Sunfish - Fair: The redears are in less than five feet of water feeding on snails before the cold weather sets in.

For more information on the above lakes and rivers call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430. Coralville Reservoir

The lake level is 682.5 feet. Black Crappie - Good: Try bright jigs or minnows over brush or along rock bluffs. Most fish are 9- to 11-inches.

Diamond Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: Best bite is mornings and evenings. Most fish are 8- to 9-inches. Channel Catfish - Good: Many 2-4 pound fish were caught this week.

Grundy County Lake

Bluegill - Fair: Nice-sized fish are being reported; use small worms.

Hannen Lake

Black Crappie - Fair: 8- to 10-inch fish are starting to be picked up with the cooling weather.

Iowa Lake (Iowa Co.)

Black Crappie - Fair: Look for suspended fish over deeper water. Minnows work best. Bluegill - Fair: Try worms under bobbers near the shoreline. Some bigger fish are out deeper. Channel Catfish - Good: Evening bite is best; use stink bait and worms. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try squarebill crankbaits and plastics.

Kent Park Lake

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Try fishing on top of or along the weeds; most fish are 12- to 15-inches.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES

West Burlington Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 6, 2023

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Pro-Tem Lees presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Newberry, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Teater

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Jesse Logan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Newberry, seconded by Crowner, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA
• Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on August 16, 2023

• Approved a request to change the date of the second City Council meeting in September from September 20, 2023, to September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

• Payment to French-Reneker Associates for engineering services related to Mt. Pleasant Street Resurfacing - Phase 2 - \$602.30

• Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the

Gear Ave. Trail Extension - \$7,160

• Payment to Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for auditing services - \$15,750

• Payment to Dell Technologies for budgeted FY 2023 desktop computers - \$7,350.70

• Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$385,860.79

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

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State Representative Matt Rinker will give an update on recent Legislation

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
No inquiries.

Kathy Vanover, 413 W. B. Ave., addressed the Council with concerns related to vehicles speeding on West Burlington Ave.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Consider a Resolution approving the acquisition of Real Estate from Westland Mall Realty Holdings LLC, for the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project

Westland Mall Realty Holdings LLC. has agreed to donate right-of-way east of the ring road along Gear Ave. for the purpose of extending the Gear Ave. Trail from the Hwy 34 off-ramp north to Huston Street.

The property is identified in the Right-of-Way Acquisition Plat included with the Warranty Deed attached to the proposed Resolution.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution accepting the acquisition of Real Estate from Westland Mall Realty Holdings LLC, for the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project and authorizing the Warranty Deed and Plat to be recorded with the Des Moines County Recorder. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider contribution toward the Greater Burlington Partnership "Partnering for the Future Campaign"

Council discussed a request from the Greater Burlington Partnership to increase funding support for the 2024-2028 "Partnering for the Future Campaign" from \$25,000 to \$50,000 over the next five years.

The Campaign for 2024 - 2028 will focus on three main initiatives which include: Growing the Workforce, Growing Business, and Growing Population. City Administrator Mandsager expressed his reluctance to increase the contribution without including the Westland Mall area as a specific priority.

Mandsager felt the mall area could potentially be an important redevelopment project that could contribute to accomplishing the goals of the Campaign.

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to increase funding from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the 2024-2028 Partnering for the Future Campaign, with \$5,000 per year coming from TIF and \$5,000 per year coming from Hotel/Motel Tax. DEFEATED. by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner and Young

Nays: Newberry, Johnson, and Lees

Johnson said he would be willing to contribute

\$5,000, but wouldn't consider more unless redeveloping the mall area and promoting West Burlington was specifically included as one of the goals or he could see their efforts increase in that area. Young felt the contribution was a good value for the City and would help promote the entire area. Crowner didn't see how the Partnership could list redeveloping the mall area as a specific development goal for the Campaign. All agreed that having the Chamber involved in any discussions of redeveloping the mall area would be beneficial.

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Newberry, to continue with a contribution of \$5,000 in 2024 and consider increasing it after one year if efforts are increased to promote West Burlington. DEFEATED. by the following votes:

Ayes: Johnson
Nays: Newberry, Crowner, Lees, and Young

Moved by Crowner to contribute \$40,000 over five years with \$20,000 coming from TIF and \$20,000 coming from Hotel/Motel Tax. Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Newberry, seconded by Johnson, to table the request and schedule a Work Session with the Chamber. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider a Resolution adding Brian Newberry to the Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Young, to approve a Resolution adding Brian Newberry to the Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Abstained: Newberry
Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Fiscal Management

Moved by Young, seconded by Crowner, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Fiscal Management. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Liquor Licenses

and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Newberry, to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider Change Order #1 and Pay Estimate #3 related to the Mt. Pleasant Street Resurfacing Project - Phase 2

Council considered Change Order #1 from Norris Asphalt Paving Co. to decrease the contract price for Phase 2 of the Mt. Pleasant Resurfacing Project by \$15,702, which represents quantity changes and reduces the contract from \$720,247.86 to \$702,545.86. Council also considered Pay Request # 3 from Norris Asphalt Co. for \$8,827.64. French-Reneker-Associates had recommended approval of both requests.

Moved by Young, seconded by Johnson, to approve Change Order #1 and Pay Request #3 from Norris Asphalt Paving Co. related to Phase 2 of the Mt. Pleasant Street Re-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

surfacing Project. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURN

Moved by Newberry, seconded by Young, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
October 4, 2023**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ron Teater, Kathy Newberry, Andy Crouner, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:
John Johnson

ALSO PRESENT:
Police Chief Jesse Logan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Police Sergeant Eldon Melssen, and Police Sergeant Nathan Dunham

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on September 27, 2023

- Payment to Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP for auditing services - \$5250

- Payment to Francis for repairs to Beaverdale Water Main - \$5,766.24

- Right-of-Way Permit for Danville Telecom to install 60' of fiber in the City's Right-of-Way on E. Mt. Pleasant

- Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$28,685.64

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

- ADMINISTRATOR:

- PUBLIC WORKS:

- POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:

- OTHER STAFF REPORTS:

- COUNCIL REPORTS:

- COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Burlington Public Library - FY23 Annual Report

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Teater read a

Proclamation Proclaiming West Burlington a "Purple Heart City".

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

No inquiries.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits

Moved by Crouner, seconded by Newberry, to approve the final reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Lees, and Young

Consider the final reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Fiscal Management

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the final reading of an Ordinance amending provisions pertaining to Fiscal Management Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Lees, and Young

Consider a quote from Fye Excavating to install an air relief valve on the 24" force main by SCC

Moved by Crouner,

seconded by Young, to approve a quote from Fye Excavating to install an air relief valve on the 24" force main by SCC for \$55,733. Public Works received two quotes to install an air relief valve on the 24-inch Force Main on Gear Ave. by SCC. Fye Excavating provided the low quote of \$55,733 to hot tap the force main, install tapping saddle, install the air relief valve, and install a 60-inch manhole with an accessible hatch. The current valve is no longer working. It was installed in 1982-1983, and is the same age as the Force main. Public Works Director Brissey informed Council that the valve can be reused when improvements are made to the force main. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Lees, and Young

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
ADJOURN

Moved by Crouner, seconded by Lees, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Newberry, Crouner, Lees, and Young

Approved
Ron Teater, Mayor
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

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State Volleyball

Title match Thursday at 7 p.m.

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go to class, get out of school early, head to the arena, play the last match of the day.

The waiting is the hardest part.

“Not sure if there will be much class going on in our minds,” Randolph said, laughing.

The Crusaders have swept through the week on their side of the bracket, and while the score of this one looks like another bit of broom work, they needed a big rally to take the final set. They were down 20-15 before a roaring run that staggered, and finally eliminated, Boyden-Hull.

“It was definitely about staying calm,” said Randolph, who had a block and five kills during that run, including a kill to start it and another one on match point. “We didn’t want to get too frustrated. We just wanted to play our game.”

“It was just the confidence that we knew we could come back,” Snaadt said. “We know we can come back, no matter how many points we were down.”

“These kids are playing their best right now,” Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. “Even when we get down, I don’t count them out.”

“Because we’re dangerous.”

The Crusaders are at this point because of their ability to control matches this postseason, to have opponents chasing points. They never trailed in the first set, scoring nine of the last 11 points. They opened the second set with a 6-1 run.

And when they trailed in the third set, they kept finding a way to chip at Boyden-Hull (23-12), with enough points here and there to not let the Comets get too comfortable.

“We just made some mistakes instead of taking it upon ourselves to make a move,” Freesmeier said. “But we just gutted it out.”

“When we got to those last few points, I knew we had the momentum,” Randolph said.

Holy Trinity’s defense has been smothering throughout the postseason, and they came up with big saves in this match.

Snaadt got a hand under a kill attempt in the first set, leading to a Randolph kill and a 21-15 lead. In the second set, a Taegan Denning lunge led to a Mary Kate Bendlage lunge that saved another point and led to an Adalyn Kruse block for a 12-4 lead.

Bendlage led the Crusaders with 21 digs. Snaadt and Randolph each had 15. The Crusaders also had nine blocks, including four from Myers and three from Kruse.

“We have so much effort on the court,” Randolph said. “When our blocks are in a great position, it’s easy for our defense to get reads.”

“It’s just knowing I can get to everything if I set my mind to it, and just hustle to everything,” Snaadt said.

Now the Crusaders get top-ranked Ankeny Christian (38-3) with a chance to win the program’s second state championship.

“I said after the regional final this never gets old,” said Freesmeier, making her 22nd appearance at state as a head coach. “The championship game, it’s just different. But, you know, I think that these kids, they’ll be ready. I mean, they’ve got the skills, they’ve got the mindset. So we’ll come in tomorrow and play and see what happens.”

“You know, we had a goal at the beginning of the season,” Myers said. “And it’s crazy that we’re getting this close to reaching our goal.”

“We’re ready to play,” Randolph said.

The longest day awaits.

“All the feelings,” Snaadt said.

“It was a fast season, and we have one more game,” Freesmeier said. “And it’s the biggest game of the year.”

“We’ve been playing late at night this whole week,” Myers said. “And so I think we’re really comfortable with that right now.”

“And I think it’s going to be a good, good day.”

HOLY TRINITY STATISTICS

Kills — Natalie Randolph 11, Mary Kate Bendlage 10, Presley Myers 10, Adalyn Kruse 4, Taegan Denning 3, Anna Bendlage 2.

Assists — Randolph 15, A.Bendlage 13, Teagan Snaadt 2, Kruse 2, Denning 2, MK Bendlage 1.

Digs — MK Bendlage 21, Randolph 15, Snaadt 15, Denning 6, Kruse 4, A.Bendlage 3, Myers 1.

Blocks — Myers 4, Kruse 3, Randolph 1, A.Bendlage 1.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, sophomore Presley Myers tips a ball over the net from the middle hitter in the second set Wednesday. Holy Trinity rolled over Boyden-Hull Wednesday in the Class 1A semifinals of the IGHS AU State Volleyball tournament. Below, Savanna Nilles of Boyden-Hull attacks over Holy Trinity’s defense in the third set Wednesday at the IGHS AU state volleyball tournament in Coralville. The Crusaders swept Boyden-Hull to advance to the state title match Thursday at 7 p.m.



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