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Liegois new city manager

HIRED: Chariton City Manager will take over in Fort Madison in January

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A Chariton woman has accepted the position of Fort Madison City Manager after a resolution accepting the candidate was accepted by the Fort Madison City Council Tuesday night.

Laura Liegois, the City Administrator in Chariton, accepted the position last week after an offer sheet was presented to her last week.

Liegois (pronounced Lee-jus) has been in her position at Chariton for the past four years after being hired in June of 2019. She's originally from Muscatine and has her own consulting business called Municipal Connections. Her company



LIEGOIS

did public relations work for Fort Madison when it rolled out the new city trash collection bins.

She was the solid waste manager in Muscatine for 10 years prior to accepting the position with Chariton. Chariton is located on U.S. 34 about 130 miles west of Fort Madison.

According to the resolution approved Tuesday night, Liegois' starting salary will be \$128,000 annually for the first six months and then upon successful review at six months, that rate is scheduled to increase to a maximum of \$132,000. The salary package includes 80 hours of vacation

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HTC boys lose another heartbreaker

OVERTIME: Crusaders fall 59-55 in overtime thriller in Mediapolis

JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

MEDIAPOLIS — Holy Trinity boys basketball coach John Hellige said his team wasn't going to be looking back after Tuesday's 59-55 overtime loss at Mediapolis.

But Hellige knew his team had missed a chance at what would have been a good road win in SEI Superconference South Division play early in the season.

The Crusaders put together an impressive fourth-quarter comeback, but couldn't finish off the Bulldogs.

"The old adage is the rear-view mirror is smaller than the windshield," Hellige said. "So we've got to put this behind us. It's a disappointing loss against a very well-coached Mediapolis team."

The Crusaders, employing a 1-2-2 zone in the second half, went on a 16-0 run to take a 51-47 lead with 4:49 to play in the fourth quarter, but they would score just two points the rest of the quarter and only two in the overtime.

"We really had them going and tried to step on their throat there to put them away," Hellige said. "We just couldn't do it. Hats off to Mediapolis for coming back the way they did."

Holy Trinity took a 53-51 lead with 13 seconds left in the fourth quarter, but Mediapolis' Jackson Hutcheson was fouled with 4.7 seconds remaining. Hutcheson made both free throws to send the game to overtime.

Mediapolis scored first in the overtime on Will Luttenegger's basket at the 2:35 mark. Luke Hellige's baseline drive tied the game, then the Bulldogs (2-1 overall, 2-1 division) responded with a baseline jumper from Ben Wolter.

The Crusaders had a chance to tie the game, but lost the ball out of bounds with 43 seconds remaining. Mediapolis worked

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Loose ball

Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Luke Hellige (31) beats Jackson Hutcheson (15) for the rebound during their game against Mediapolis High School, Tuesday Dec. 5, 2023 at Mediapolis. Mediapolis won 59-55.



Photo by John Lovretta/ Speical to PCC

High visibility enforcement planned for holidays

DES MOINES - It's hard to have a happy holiday if you're arrested for drunk driving. The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is teaming up with law enforcement across Iowa to urge drivers to think twice before drinking and driving. December 15 – January 1, 2024, drivers will see officers working on a special high-visibility

enforcement campaign to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving from.

More parties and festivities celebrating the season bring out more drunk drivers. In 2022, preliminary data shows 35% of Iowa's fatal crashes involved an impaired driver. Last December almost 1100 drivers were charged

with OWI on Iowa roads. About 25% of those were 2nd and 3rd offenses. Impaired drivers pose a danger to other drivers and themselves. GTSB and law enforcement urge drivers to always plan before heading out to a celebration.

"Drunk driving isn't just dangerous,

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JOHN M. FARMER

John Michael Farmer, 72, of Montrose, IA died Thursday, November 16, 2023 at his home.

John was born on February 14, 1951, in Mexico, MO the son of William Claywell and Mabel Pearl Adams.



FARMER

He had proudly served in the United States Marines during the Vietnam War.

John had served in Law Enforcement for 40 years, most recently for the Lee County Sheriff Department.

In his spare time, he enjoyed taking tractor rides, going antiquing, attending auctions, and seeing if he can pick up a bargain antique.

John then enjoyed restoring his antique treasures. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle. The most important activity in his life was spending time with his family.

He is survived by a daughter, Ashley Shearer (Eric) of Keokuk, three sons, Jason Farmer (Nicole) of Washington, IA, Nathan Farmer (Dawn) of Montrose, IA, and Brandon Farmer of Vinton, IA and ten grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and twelve siblings.

John had deeded his body for medical research at the University of Iowa Hospital, in Iowa City.

There will be no services at this time.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Montrose is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

DESIREE M. VRADENBURG

Desiree M. Vradenburg, 42, of Keokuk, passed away on November 30, 2023, at her home in Keokuk.

Desiree was born on July 24, 1981, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Patrick and Melodie (Rowlette) Vradenburg. She graduated from Keokuk High School in 1999 and was employed in home health care, mostly at Bridgeway in Keokuk. She enjoyed watching old movies and loved animals, especially her pets. Desiree was her mother's caretaker and oversaw her care in their shared home.



VRADENBURG

Desiree is survived by her mother Melodie Vradenburg of Keokuk; her brother Joshua (Lori) Vradenburg of Warsaw, Illinois; her sister Danielle (Bill) Boring of Keokuk; her uncle Art (Cheryl) Vradenburg of Keokuk; six nieces and several cousins.

Desiree is preceded in death by her father Patrick, all four grandparents, and her aunts Gretchen Rowlette and Patty Vradenburg.

A private family service will be held.

Memorials may be directed to P.A.W.S. Animal Shelter.

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

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

BARBARA E. OTTE

Barbara E. Otte, 86, of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 6:06 PM at the West Point Care Center.

She was born on September 12, 1937 in Ft. Madison to Henry and Elsie Krumpleman Niggemeyer. On November 16, 1963 she married Fred Otte in Ft. Madison. Barb was a member of Sacred Heart Church, the Altar & Rosary Society and the FMCH Auxiliary and she also loved going on walks. She worked as a secretary at the Iowa State Penitentiary and also Hy-Vee for many years.



OTTE

Survivors include her husband, Fred Otte of Ft. Madison and one son, Dean (Sonya) Otte of Davenport. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, five brothers, two half brothers and a half sister.

The funeral mass will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Gary Beckman officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Holy Family Parish and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

SHARON K. SUTTON

Sharon Kay Sutton, 83, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Burlington, Iowa.



SUTTON

Sharon was born July 26, 1940 in Dallas City, the daughter of Don and Joan (Curtis) Hancock. On August 15, 1959 she married Ron Sutton.

Besides Ron survivors include one daughter: Kelly (Craig) Petersen of Burlington, Iowa; two grandchildren: Curt Petersen and Kayla (Brian) Danielson; three great-grandchildren: Peter, Edward and David Danielson; two half-sisters: Terry Poston and Jerri Hancock and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister and brother-in-law: Darla and Jerry Newberry and one nephew: Michael Newberry.

Sharon was a 1958 graduate of Dallas City High School. She stayed at home while her daughter was young. She later worked for the United States Postal Service, where she retired from. She was an amazing seamstress, an avid reader and a lover of cats.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with interment to follow at Harris Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for PAW's Animal Shelter. Memorials may be left later at the service or sent to the Sharon Sutton Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330

To leave an online condolence for family, please visit Sharon's obituary at bank-sandbeals.com.

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

11/30/23 - 12:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 33rd Street.

11/30/23 - 1:51 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue N.

11/30/23 - 5:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 32nd Street and Avenue L.

12/01/23 - 1:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested James Eugene Martindale, 59, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for violation of probation.

12/01/23 - 6:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of personal injury accident on Richards Drive.

12/02/23 - 2:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny theft in the 3200 block of Avenue H.

12/02/23 - 2:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of Avenue E.

12/03/23 - 12:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 6000 block of Avenue O.

12/03/23 - 3:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue G.

12/03/23 - 6:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

12/04/23 - 5:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Steven Clifford Lefler, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue Q, on warrants for cruelty to animals and failure to have rabies vaccination.

12/04/23 - 9:17 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Margery Dawn Hawkins, 58, of

Fort Madison, in the 1600 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/04/23 - 9:34 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Lora Ann Hickey, 56, of Keokuk, in the 6000 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 3rd degree theft greater than \$750 less than \$1500. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/04/23 - 2:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Justin Russell Raszler, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on 3 warrants for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Keokuk Police Report

10/30/23 - 8:52 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a two-vehicle accident at North 7th Street and Fulton Street. According to the report a 17-year-old juvenile female struck the rear quarter panel of a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old female of Keokuk. The 17-year-old was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, driving while suspended and failure to provide insurance. No injuries were reported.

11/28/23 - 12:09 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street and McKinly Avenue in Keokuk. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ricky Allen Edwards, 57, of Hamilton backed up and struck a vehicle behind him driven by Nicole Marie Gronewald, 32, of Hamilton. Edwards was cited for unsafe backing.

11/30/23 - 6:31 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Courtney Lynn Gargus, 29, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

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11/30/23 - 8:43 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 17-year-old female juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 100 block of Royal Road, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana 1st and minor use of tobacco/vapor products. She was released to a parent.

12/01/23 - 1:18 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Brittany Renea White, 25, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 17th Street, on a charge of violation of a protection order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/01/23 - 1:27 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Darrien Isaiah Leeper, 25, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 17th Street, on charges of violation of no contact order and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

12/01/23 - 12:51 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Shaina J. Kroeger, 34, of Hamilton struck the rear end of a vehicle driven by Patrick Andrew Smith, 40 of Burlington. Kroeger was cited for failure to stop in assured clear distance.

12/01/23 - 9:52 p.m. - Keokuk police cited Christine Lynne Elliott, 35, of Keokuk in the 1400 block of Main Street on a charge of driving under suspension.

12/02/23 - no time listed - Keokuk police arrested a 17 year old female juvenile in the 1700 block of Fulton Street on

a charge of driving under suspension.

12/02/23 - 12:56 a.m. - Keokuk police cited Jeanie Naomi Frakes, 42, of Elvaston, Ill., on a charge of possession of marijuana.

12/02/23 - 2:34 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 1200 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jenice Christine Ott, 59, of Keokuk was backing and struck a vehicle driven by Jessica Renee Cramsley, 38, of Keokuk, who was also backing out of a stall. No injuries were reported. Ott was cited for no insurance.

12/02/23 - 5:04 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 900 block of Franklin Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jason Lewis Smith, 45, of Kahoka, was backing from his driveway and struck a legally parked vehicle. Smith was cited for unsafe backing. No injuries were reported.

12/02/23 - 11:21 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 17-year-old female on a charge of driving under suspension.

12/03/23 - 2:45 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Bryce Nathaniel Baxter, 27, of Keokuk, in the 3300 block of Main Street on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

12/03/23 - 9:45 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Joseph Matthew McVeigh, 44, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Franklin Street, on a warrant for failure to appear.

12/04/23 - 4:20 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Dereck Franklin Kent Harwood, 41, of Keokuk, in the 1800 block of Main Street, on a charge of

1st degree theft greater than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/04/23 - 4:24 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Sierra Renee Helenthal, 31, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

12/05/23 - 5:32 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Courtney Allen Kellum, 39, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Mississippi Drive, on charges of driving while barred and being a felon in control of a firearm. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/30/23 - 2:51 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jes Damon Rohrbach, 40, of Missouri, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on charges of eluding - speed 25 over the limit, driving while barred, failure to obey stop sign/yield row, driving on the wrong side of 2-way hwy. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/30/23 - 9:37 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Keyton William Lyons, 23, of Des Moines, in the 3000 block of Hwy. 61, Montrose, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to obey stop sign/yield row, and provide proof of financial liability. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/01/23 - 12:22 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Edward Ramlow, 48, of Fort Madison, in the Avenue M area of Fort Madison, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/02/23 - 7:33 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Roberta Lynn Elston, 57, of Montrose in the 3500 block of Hwy. 218, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

12/02/23 - 8:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Paul Douglas Bowden,

39, of Montrose, at North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

12/03/23 - 3:25 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jerome Paul Watson, 29, of Mt. Pleasant at the junction of Hwy. 16 and Hwy. 61, on charges of OWI -3rd offense and open container. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.

12/03/23 - 6:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jacqueline, Michele Value, 38, of West Point, on a charge of violation of a no contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

12/03/23 - 6:05 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Levi Joseph Edward Value, 40, of Donnellson, in the 1500 block of 245th Street, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

12/04/23 - 10:27 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Brett Allen Michael Montgomery, 30, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/05/23 - 5:38 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Mariah Giselle Maldonado, 26, of Keokuk, in the 3300 block of 275th Avenue, Montrose, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

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

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

12/02/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one controlled burn.

12/03/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls.

12/04/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls and two lift assists.

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Sports/From the Front

Kemper wins 100 lb. title at Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG – Hailey Kemper led the Fort Madison Lady Hounds to a fifth-place tie at the Williamsburg Invitational over the weekend.

Fort Madison finished with 117 points tied with Vinton-Shellsburg. East Buchanan won the event with 186 points followed by Independence, South Tama County, and Ottumwa.

Kemper rolled through her 100 lb. bracket racking up three falls in four matches. Her toughest match came against Iowa Valley -Marengo's Kylie Loffer. That match went all three periods with Kemper coming away with an 8-2 decision. Kemper scored an escape from a down start in period 2 and then scored a takedown with :30 left in the period for a 3-0 lead. Loffer would get out of the situation in about 10 seconds for a two-point reversal and the period ended with Kemper up 3-2.

The Bloodhound junior 2023 state qualifier then racked up five quick points in the third period and was able to keep Loffer at bay for the 8-2 win. That moved her into the championship match with Lily Webster of Colfax-Mingo. Webster had a 4-0 lead midway through the second period, but scored a dynamic reversal at 1:07 and turned that into a pin for the title.

Kemper was ranked 9th in the state in the latest Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association rankings. Webster was 8th.

Mara Smith (125 lbs.) and Chloe Sokolik (130.) both capture 3rd place in

their respective brackets. Smith fell to Central DeWitt's Grace Patterson in the semifinals despite leading in the first period 3-2 after an escape in the final :40 seconds of the first period. Smith chose to start down in the second period and suffered a pin :22 seconds into the period. The loss moved her into consolation wrestling where she pinned Arlo Steck in a busy match at 3:01. The two were tied after 1, both scoring near falls and takedowns in the first minute of action. Smith would then pin West Delaware's Anna O'Rear in :56 to nail the 3rd place finish.

Sokolik got a first round bye at 130 lbs. and then fell to Independence's 7th-ranked Havana Griffith by fall with nine seconds left in the first period of the semis. Sokolik scored three points on an escape and a takedown before Griffith regained control. The senior got a medical forfeit in her first round of consolation wrestling and then knocked off Olivia Schminke of Vinton Shellsburg by fall at 1:42 and then recorded a fall over Harper Johnson of Liberty in just 25 seconds to put her in the third place rematch with Griffith. Griffith scored an early takedown, but Sokolik scored the reversal after 1:20 of wrestling and converted the reversal into a pin 10 seconds later.

Emma Berry finished 4th at 105 lbs. and the Hounds got a 5th-place finish from Kat DiPrima at 135 lbs.

Complete results from the event are listed below. 100 lbs. - Hailey Kemper's place is

1st and has scored 28.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) won by fall over Piper Madren (Grinnell) (Fall 0:42). Quarterfinal - Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) won by decision over Kylie Loffer (Iowa Valley, Marengo) (Dec 8-2). Semifinal - Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) won by fall over Taylor Cavanh (Iowa City, Liberty) (Fall 2:28). 1st Place Match - Hailey Kemper (Fort Madison) won by fall over Lily Webster (Colfax-Mingo) (Fall 2:58) 105 lbs. - Emma Berry's place is 4th and has scored 12.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Emma Berry (Fort Madison) received a bye () (Bye). Quarterfinal - Alaina Terhune (Independence) won by fall over Emma Berry (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:29). Cons. Round 2 - Emma Berry (Fort Madison) received a bye () (Bye). Cons. Round 3 - Emma Berry (Fort Madison) received a bye () (Bye). Cons. Semi - Emma Berry (Fort Madison) won by medical forfeit over Anya Rivera (Williamsburg) (MFF). 3rd Place Match - Alaina Terhune (Independence) won by fall over Emma Berry (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:35) 115 lbs. - Annah Blanchard's place is unknown and has scored 3.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Olivia Primrose (Vinton-Shellsburg) won by fall over Annah Blanchard (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:16). Cons. Round 1 - Annah Blanchard (Fort Madison) won by fall over Linda Diaz (Muscatine) (Fall 1:37). Cons. Round 2 - Rylee Rice (WACO, Wayland) won by fall over Annah Blanchard (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:48) 125 lbs. - Mara Smith's place is 3rd and has scored 22.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) won by fall over Baylee Boyd (Grinnell) (Fall 0:20). Quarterfinal - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) won by fall over Alyssa Eckhardt (Midland) (Fall 0:47). Semifinal - Grace Patterson (Central DeWitt) won by fall over Mara Smith (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:22). Cons. Semi - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) won by fall over Arlo Steck (Colfax-Mingo) (Fall 3:01). 3rd Place Match - Mara Smith (Fort Madison) won by fall over Anna O'Rear (West Delaware, Manchester) (Fall 0:56) 130 lbs. - Chloe Sokolik's place is 3rd and has scored 20.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) received a bye () (Bye). Quarterfinal - Havana Griffith (Independence) won by fall over Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:51). Cons. Round 2 - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by medical forfeit over Kaylin Becker (Williamsburg) (MFF). Cons. Round 3 - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by fall over Olivia Schminke (Vinton-Shellsburg) (Fall 1:42). Cons. Semi - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by fall over Harper Johnson (Iowa City, Liberty) (Fall 0:25). 3rd Place Match - Chloe Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by fall over Havana Griffith (Independence) (Fall 1:49) 135 lbs. - Kat Diprima's place is 5th and has scored 17.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Kat Diprima (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kennedy Bevans (Independence) (Fall 3:05). Quarterfinal - Halle Bormann (Clear Creek-Amana) won by decision over

Kat Diprima (Fort Madison) (Dec 2-1). Cons. Round 2 - Kat Diprima (Fort Madison) won by fall over Maliah Johnson (West Delaware, Manchester) (Fall 5:29). Cons. Round 3 - Kat Diprima (Fort Madison) won by fall over Jaydee Bircher (Ottumwa) (Fall 5:29). Cons. Semi - Shannon Finn (Williamsburg) won by fall over Kat Diprima (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:45). 5th Place Match - Kat Diprima (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kennedy Bevans (Independence) (Fall 4:24) 145 lbs. - Tatum Peters's place is 7th and has scored 11.0 team points.. Champ. Round 1 - Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) won by medical forfeit over Harper Nicholson (Solon) (MFF). Quarterfinal - Sadie Burke (Vinton-Shellsburg) won by fall over Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:10). Cons. Round 2 - Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kenleigh Trumblee (Independence) (Fall 5:29). Cons. Round 3 - Layna DeMoss (Benton Community) won by fall over Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:57). 7th Place Match - Tatum Peters (Fort Madison) won by fall over Claire Anderson (Wapello) (Fall 1:26) 155 lbs. - Mady Emmett's place is unknown and has scored 4.0 team points.. Champ. Round 1 - Mady Emmett (Fort Madison) won by fall over Olivia Hansen (Clear Creek-Amana) (Fall 1:48). Quarterfinal - Madison Edens (Central DeWitt) won by fall over Mady Emmett (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:39). Cons. Round 2 - Parker Robinson (West Delaware, Manchester) won by fall over Mady Emmett (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:17) 190 lbs. - Taylea Palar's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Ellie Fangman (Independence) won by fall over Taylea Palar (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:05). Cons. Round 1 - Avery Kellen (Solon) won by fall over Taylea Palar (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:22). Junior Varsity results: JV-1 - Lucille Zimmerman's place is 2nd and has scored 12.0 team points. JV-8 - Iris Arevalo's place is 2nd and has scored 14.0 team points. JV- 20 - Alaina Schwerin's place is 2nd and has scored 14.0 team points. JV - 21 - Natalie Wright's place is 4th and has scored 4.0 team points.

FMPD, LCSO to raise visibility near holiday season

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it's illegal," says Impaired Driving Program Administrator Todd Olmstead. "Drivers have a choice to make; follow the law and respect their fellow drivers by refraining from drunk driving or make the choice to drive drunk, put others at risk, and risk their own mortality. We need a commitment from every driver to keep the roads free of drunk drivers so that everyone can have a safe holiday."

There are plenty of options to help impaired drivers get home safely, such as designating a sober driver or calling a taxi or rideshare. If available, use your community's sober ride program. Remember: a few dollars spent on a ride is a lot cheaper than an OWI conviction, which can cost up to \$10,000. Plan before you head out for the evening. If you see an impaired driver on the road, do not hesitate to contact law enforcement.

The Fort Madison Police Department and Lee County Sheriff's department would like to remind all motorists to drive safely and defensively throughout the season. During this time of year, there are more motorists on the roads than usual and the weather can change in minutes. When celebrating with alcohol, always have your designated driver with you, or call a taxi to get home safely.

The FMPD and LCSO along with law enforcements throughout the state of Iowa, in conjunction with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, will be out in force in the month of December through New Year's Eve, enforcing all of Iowa's traffic laws, with an emphasis on OWI's, speeding, seatbelt violation and texting while driving.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
MOUNT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
Mount Pleasant, Iowa,
October 11, 2023**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 307 East Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the roll being called there were present Steven K. Brimhall in the Chair and the following named Councilmembers.

Present: Engberg, Crull, McWilliams, Griffith, Batty
Absent: White

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council approve the following consent agenda items with one roll call motion vote:

the minutes of the September 27, 2023, City Council meeting;
the payment of bills totaling \$777,638.73.
the report of officers including the following receipts for September- \$330,252.74 General Fund; \$144,892.93 Road Use Tax Fund; \$270,150.18 Local Option Sales Tax; \$41,926.85 TIF; \$91,454.49 Debt Service; \$7,702.98 Capital Projects; \$1,795.00 Trust & Agency; \$199,137.69 Sewer Revenue Fund; \$31,592.42 Solid Waste Fund; \$760.38 Library Fund; \$4,673.57 Library Gift Fund. And the following disbursements for September - \$302,484.53 General Fund; \$101,931.83 Road Use Tax Fund; \$28,720.00 TIF; \$5000.00 Debt Service Fund; \$18,893.36 Sewer Plant Improvement Fund; \$141,941.20 Capital Projects Fund;

\$893.44 Trust & Agency Fund; \$63,846.38 Sewer Operation & Maint. Fund; \$12,418.33 COVID Relief/ARP Fund; \$35,553.68 Solid Waste Fund; 35,057.82 Library General Fund; \$3,782.80 Library Gift Fund.

Resolution No. 2023-71 approving the following transfers for the month of September - \$31,057.00 from General Fund to Library Fund for 1/12 operating expenses; \$89,903.00 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Sinking Fund for 1 /12 SRF debt; \$75,000 from Sewer Revenue Fund to Sewer Operation & Maint. Fund for operating expenses.

Renewal of a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for The Topsy Traveler's LLC at 220 W. Monroe Street; Outdoor Sound Permit Application for Midwest Central

Railroad and Midwest Old Threshers Halloween events in October.

Renewal of a Class B Retail Alcohol License for Pilot Travel Centers LLC at 1300 Grand Avenue.

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

5:31 p.m. A Public Hearing was held as advertised to amend the accessory building and shipping container ordinance. 5:32 p.m. Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried to close Public Hearing. No oral or written arguments were heard.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council read for the first time the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, APPENDIX D, OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT

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PLEASANT IOWA, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS AS ACCESSORY BUILDINGS TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND TO PERMIT THE INSTALLATION ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN THE SIDE YARDS OF LARGE LOTS:

Roll call vote 5-0.

Councilmember White arrived at 5:38 p.m.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Griffith that the Council approve the hire of Jean Wiley and Sons to remove and replace metal sheeting on one of the airport hangar doors. The cost of the repair is \$8,360.60. Motion approved, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign an Engagement Letter with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. to provide services to amend the City's Urban Revitalization Plan.

Motion approved, 6-0.

Councilmember Crull moved and Councilmember Engberg seconded that the Council approve an amendment to the Shive Hattery Engineering Services Agreement for increased costs due to overrunning of the scheduled construction due to lack of bidders, supply issues, and COVID interruption. The result of the amendment is an increase of \$33,839.95. Motion approved, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-72:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FYE 2024 GENERAL AVIATION VERTICAL IN-

FRASTRUCTURE (GAVI) PROGRAM TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT HANGAR ROOF REPLACEMENT

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-73:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADAM J. FLAKE AS A FIRE FIGHTER WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-74:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MATTHEW J. PIERCE AS A FIRE FIGHTER WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

It was moved by Councilmember McWilliams and seconded by Councilmember Crull that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-75:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TYSON S. KREISS AS A FIRE FIGHTER WITH THE MOUNT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Roll call vote 6-0. Resolution adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Councilmember Griffith motioned and Coun-

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cilmember Batty seconded that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Healthy Paws Veterinarian Care, PLE to provide impound services to stray animals. Motion approved, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. to meet in a regular session on Wednesday,

October 25, 2023.
Steven K Brimhall,
Mayor
ATTEST: Lori Davis,
City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Minutes for the
Lee County
Conservation Board
Meeting
October 19, 2023**

Board Met Virtually Via
Teams
Called to order at 12:01

p.m.
Roll call: Alton_X_
Pollpeter_X_ Moore_X_
Patrick_X_ Benjamin_X_
Staff Present: Huebner,
Veihl

Supervisor: Absent
1. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Benjamin
to approve the meeting
agenda
2nd: Alton
Motion Carried
2. Discuss and Take Action on Pollmiller Shower House Project

Huebner explained to the Board that there has been a stall in the Pollmiller Concessions/ Shower House building due to the septic. She is working with the project engineer and Lee County sanitarian on this portion of the project but does not believe they will come to a resolution in time to have the project complete in the current fiscal year. She would like to shift gears and complete

the shower house in the campground this year, instead, This project is already engineered and has septic completed. This will also ensure the park never has time without a shower house. Huebner will still be working on the original project and hopes to complete it in the future. The Board agreed that this would be a good change in order to still complete a necessary project this year.

Motion by Benjamin to move forward with the Pollmiller Campground Shower House Project
2nd: Alton
Motion Carried
3. Adjournment
Motion by Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.
2nd: Patrick
Motion Carried
James Patrick, LCCB
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Sports/From the Front

Liegois helped city with trash can rollout

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immediately and access to the city's regular health and retirement benefits package.

In her time at Chariton Liegois accomplished many projects including:

- The first housing addition in the City of Chariton community for the past thirty years.
- Upgrades and long-term planning for parks and recreation. This included a \$565,000.00 splash pad, themed for the City of Chariton and in partnership with a local youth leadership group for the project. The splash pad received \$385,000 in grants.
- Dedication to improving the quality of health with a \$3.5 million upgrade to the Chariton Sewer Plant with a UV disinfectant system and other upgrades for long-term use. This project received an Iowa Economic Development Grant of \$500,000.

•Improvement of Chariton's Main Street Community with a \$2.6 million downtown square sidewalk project with pedestrian placemaking areas in three alleys.

Liegois is scheduled to start working for the city on Jan. 22, 2024. However, Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said she has offered to have regular calls starting this week to get her up to speed on city business prior to the start date.

Her contract requires her to live within city limits 6 months after starting the position, but Liegois told the council she was already in talks with the realtor and is starting the process of moving her family to town.

"Thank you for the opportunity to come to Fort Madison. We're excited about everything and we're starting to make our plans of what we need to do to move to the city," Liegois said over zoom.

"I look forward to seeing you all soon.

"It'll be fast and furious in the next few weeks as I finish up my duties here in Chariton and get ready to head to your community, which will be my new home."

Mohrfeld said he would do all he could over the next quarter to help Liegois adapt to the community and the city operations.



Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Layne Rung (14) goes after the ball during their game against Mediapolis High School, Tuesday Dec. 5, 2023 at Mediapolis. Mediapolis won 59-55.

Photo by John Lovretta/ Special to PCC

Hellige goes for 31 in Crusader loss

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to drain the shot clock, then Hutcheson's basket right before the shot clock responded clinched the win.

"We probably could have fouled there," John Hellige said. "The thought process was tough defense, run the shot clock down, and then run a play to get a tying or winning shot."

Mediapolis, which led 27-26 at halftime, pulled away

in the third quarter with a 20-9 run before the Crusaders (2-2, 1-2) rallied.

"Today we didn't bring the energy defensively that we should have," Hellige said. "For whatever reason, we struggled with communication out there. Guys were getting around us, and we were leaving shooters open."

Luke Hellige led Holy Trinity with 31 points. Layne Rung and Conner Gehling each had 10.

The Crusaders play at New London on Friday.

HTC stays perfect with win over Mepo

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

MEDIAPOLIS — The yells could be heard over the sound of the final buzzer.

Natalie Randolph and Mary Kate Bendlage looked at each other as time ran out in Holy Trinity's 59-52 win over Mediapolis and shouted with the joy that comes with a big early-season road victory.

"We thought this was going to be probably one of the toughest games in the conference, and we came out with the win, and it was so exciting," Randolph said.

The Crusaders (4-0 overall, 3-0 SEI Superconference South Division) outscored the Bullettes (2-1, 2-1) 20-8 in the fourth quarter, solving Mediapolis' pressure defense and getting high-percentage field goals out of it.

"I think we were both dead tired, but I think our girls had a little more will," Holy Trinity coach Tony Johnson said. "We're so even, both teams. We could play 10 games, and probably each of

us wins five. We're pretty equal, but we outlasted them."

The Crusaders used their own pressure to keep Mediapolis scrambling in the fourth quarter.

"I think we're really starting to come together," said Randolph, whose 3-pointer to start the fourth quarter was the first spark for the Crusaders. "At the beginning of the season, you're going to have ups and downs. After the Danville game (a 48-42 win last Tuesday), we've wanted to lock in on our defense, and I think we really did that tonight. We just tried to stay together and stay fired up through the whole thing, and I think that really helped."

Bendlage, who led Holy Trinity with 27 points, hit her own 3-pointer with six minutes to play that put the Crusaders up 47-46. It was the first of four consecutive field goals for the senior, a stretch that gave Holy Trinity a 53-50 lead with 4:12 to play.

"I was proud of both of them (Randolph and Bendlage)," Johnson said. "It's great to have Natalie back this year — she's a calming presence. Good,

bad or even, she stays level with her make-up."

Randolph was a little angry after a foul was called on her in the first half that led to a technical foul on the Holy Trinity bench. With the Crusaders down 26-19 after the two technical free throws, Randolph forced a turnover on Mediapolis' next possession and roared to the other end, getting a layup and drawing a foul. Randolph and Bendlage then came up with two field goals in the final 30 seconds of the half to cut Mediapolis' lead to 28-25 at halftime.

"There are just some things you can't control out there," Randolph said. "It was a pretty physical game."

Presley Myers had 12 points for the Crusaders. Myers, Randolph and Bendlage were three of the biggest keys to Holy Trinity's run to a second-place finish in the Class 1A state volleyball tournament, and that momentum has carried over into the basketball season.

"You can't teach how that winning mentality is," Johnson said. "They've been down in front of big crowds in volleyball, and they've roared back."



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