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## Valentinetti performs Friday

**CHRISTMAS:** Tickets still available for Carthage's Legacy Theater show

CARTHAGE - The smooth sounds of Sal Valentinetti are coming to The Legacy Theater in Carthage on Dec. 16 for a 7 p.m. show. Sal brings his crooned ballads and holiday favorites to this special Christmas show.

Sal Valentinetti, coming from Long Island, New York, started in music by playing the baritone horn, base trumpet, tuba, and trombone. Ironically, his voice was discovered by accident. During a horn lesson in high school, the instructor asked him to choose a song to play.

He couldn't think of the name of the song his grandmother used to play for him, so he started singing the lyrics to Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife." His instructor immediately urged him to start singing lessons, and Sal started to take his new-



VALENTINETTI

found talent seriously.

In 2016, NBC's hit show America's Got Talent was taken by storm with Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti. His audition went viral and reached over 100 million views on YouTube.

Since his success on AGT, Sal has been touring the country and selling out venues of all sizes – from intimate jazz clubs to Madison Square Garden. Seats for this show would make a great early Christmas gift, or consider a gift certificate for future shows. Tickets are available at The Legacy Theater box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop in at 1160 Buchanan in Carthage, call the office at 217-357-9479, or order online.

### WESTERN ILLINOIS



## Davis named new WIU head coach

MACOMB, Ill. — Paul Bubb thought his joke fell flat.

Bubb, Western Illinois University's athletics director, had just called the man he wanted to be his new head football coach and compared him to a character from a TV commercial.

Bubb asked Eastern Illinois offensive coordinator Joe Davis, one of the three finalists for the WIU job, if he was familiar with actor Dean Cain, who plays "Mayhem" on the Allstate commercials. Bubb told Davis he looked a lot like "Mayhem."

"There was a little bit of silence on the phone and I thought, 'Oh, man, I just lost my candidate,'" Bubb said.

Davis, though, got the joke.

"He responded, a little bit reluctant, 'Yeah, I got this friend who tells me that all of the time,'" Bubb said.

Davis played off that joke when he was introduced as WIU's new head coach.

"We're going to try not to make too much mayhem here this afternoon," he said, smiling.

WIU is heading into a new era in a football program whose better days seem long ago, but really aren't. The Leathernecks haven't won a game since a 38-31 victory over Illinois State on October 30, 2021, a 24-game losing skid that has taken a lot of attention from a program that was last in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs in 2017.

The two coaches since then — first Jared Elliott, then Myers Hendrickson — were tasked with building teams in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, a league top-heavy with the best teams in FCS — North Dakota State and South Dakota State have combined to win five of the last six national

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Courtesy photo

Denmark United Church of Christ will be holding their annual live nativity from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday night in Denmark.

### IOWA NEWS

## Bird joins effort to keep Dakota Pipeline flowing

DES MOINES—Today, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird led a 26-state coalition in a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, urging the Corps to allow oil and gas to flow through the Dakota Access that has safely operated from North Dakota to Illinois for over six years. The

letter also opposes the Corps's proposed alternatives—requiring shutting down, digging up, or building more than 100 extra miles—which will cause significant financial losses, harm to the States, and unnecessary challenges for farmers.

For more than six years, Dakota

Access has safely transported crucial oil across the country. It creates thousands of jobs and generates property tax revenue that supports essential services including schools, hospitals,

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### WEATHER

THU 14 Dec..... Sunny & cool, 49° F/ 30° F  
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 SAT 16 Dec..... Cool with chance of rain, 46° F/ 31° F

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# Obituaries/Illinois News

## OBITUARIES

### LILLIAN D. LUNG

Lillian Dorothy Lung, 98, of Colusa, Illinois, passed away Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:44 PM at the Birkwood Village of Fort Madison, Iowa, with her family by her side.

She was born August 18, 1925 in Adrian, Illinois, daughter of Clarence and Essie (Beckett) Vass.



LUNG

She graduated from Carthage High School and worked at Schaeffer Pen in Fort Madison, Iowa, where she met Robert Elery Lung of Colusa, Illinois. They courted for two years and were married on September 15, 1949.

Lillian later worked for the Nauvoo-Colusa School District as a Cook for 31 years. She also had a part-time cleaning business, helped Robert on the family farm, delivered papers for the Burlington Hawkeye on the weekends, and raised their 4 children.

Lil's favorite pastime was her garden, flowers, and yard. Her yard was her sanctuary which she treasured and spent most of her time in. She made many memories teaching her daughter and grandchildren how to bake, cook, can and sew. She belonged to the Burnside Christian Church, where she was involved with many luncheons, dinners and ladies aid.

Lil was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lung, two brothers, Clarence Jr and Dick Vass and two sisters, Virginia Meinhardt and June Hageman.

Lil is survived by her three sons, Gary and Debbie Lung of Saint Charles, Missouri, Rick and Linda Lung of Quincy, Illinois, Steve Lung and Krissie Campbell of Blandinsville, Illinois, and one daughter, Dixie and Torrey Roe of Fort Madison Iowa, 13 grandchildren. Heidi and Martin Menke, Bettendorf, Iowa, Nikki and Will Ripley of Bettendorf, Iowa, Natalie Bundee of Davenport, Iowa, Sean and Christie Lung of Eldridge, Iowa, Dylan Lung of Indianapolis, Indiana Dalton Lung of Saint Charles, Missouri and Devon Lung of Saint Charles, Missouri, Katie and Kyle Ludwig of Liberty, Illinois, Erin and Mike Baker of Quincy, Illinois, Colleen and Aerik Steward of Quincy, Illinois, Melea Lung of Keokuk, Iowa, Jacob and Halie Todd of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Jessica and Josh Damon of Fort Madison, Iowa and Casey and Danielle Elliott of Blandinsville, Illinois; 19 great-grandchildren: Miles, Nolan, Madalyn, Alexandra, Olive, Ruby, Johanna, Will, Charlotte, Ethan, Evan, Piper, Charley, Mylee, Brylee, Camden, Harper, Braxton and Hadlie and one brother: Robert Vass of Adrian, Illinois.

Visitation with the family will be held from 10:00 a.m. until noon Saturday, December 16, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. The funeral service for Mrs. Lung will follow at noon with Pastor Charlie Ferguson and Pastor Mark Nichols officiating. Burial will be held at Byler Cemetery, rural Dallas City. A luncheon will be at the Burnside Christian Church after the committal service.

A memorial fund has been established for the Burnside Christian Church. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Lillian's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.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.

## OBITUARIES

### NANCY L. BUTLER

Nancy Lou Butler, 77 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Friday, December 8, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House. She was born November 2, 1946 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a daughter of Francis Wayne "Pete" and Lenora (Silveries)



BUTLER

Butler.

Nancy was a 1964 graduate of Fort Madison High School. She worked in the lab at DuPont for years before retiring in 2001. Later she worked as an aide for the Fort Madison School District. She loved yard sales, thrift stores, and shopping. She enjoyed doing embroidery and ceramics. She was a great aunt and loved to take care of her great nieces and nephews. She loved her dog, Emmy, and her cat, Lukus.

She is survived by her siblings: Jack (Margaret) Butler of Colorado, Jyll (Paul) Sly of Nauvoo, Illinois; and Susan "Susie" Butler of Fort Madison; nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Nancy's family will greet friends and celebrate her life from 1:00 - 3:00 pm Monday, December 18, 2023 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Contributions are being accepted to help pay for her final expenses. Checks may be made to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Butler family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

## Kibbe train display sets dates



Courtesy photo

The Kibbe Museum in Carthage will be open on four special dates with model trains owned by Galen Wollbrink on display.

CARTHAGE - A large model train set will be on display at Kibbe Hancock Heritage Museum in Carthage on four special dates during December and January.

For the past several years, model train displays of Galen Wollbrink have been set up at the museum for public viewing beginning with the Carthage Christmas Open House. The displays include villages, people, cars and parks with many active parts.

Four additional days allow visitors into the museum when Wollbrink will be on hand to show the trains

in action. Those days are Sunday, Dec. 10, Sunday, Dec. 17, Saturday, Dec. 30, and Sunday, Jan. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. on each day.

There is no charge to enter the museum or see the displays. All the other exhibit rooms at the museum are open for viewing.

Aside from these dates, the museum is now closed for winter. It will reopen for the season on April 1, 2024.

The museum is located at 306 Walnut in Carthage, one block south of Rt. 136. See information on Facebook at Kibbe Museum Carthage, or call 217-357-9552 and leave a message.



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# Sports

## HOLY TRINITY BASKETBALL

# Holy Trinity boys sending message in Superconference

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

BURLINGTON — Holy Trinity boys basketball coach John Hellige liked how his team finished Tuesday's 66-57 win over Notre Dame.

His son, Luke, liked how the Crusaders started the game.

They were both right.

It was a fast start and what John Hellige called a "gritty second half" for the Crusaders (4-2 overall, 3-2 SEI Superconference South Division), who fought off a late run by the Nikes to win their second consecutive road game.

"It wasn't pretty the whole time," John Hellige said. "But we were tough, and finished the game."

Holy Trinity opened the game with a 19-6 run, led 23-9 at the end of the first quarter, and led by as much as 17 points in the first half.

It was the first time the Crusaders had seen the rival Nikes (3-2, 3-2) since losing to them in district play last season.

"We really had to come out strong," said Luke Hellige, who led the Crusaders with 31 points, 19 coming in the first half. "Last year in (the postseason), we didn't come out strong. So it was real important."

The Nikes were able to slowly carve into Holy Trinity's lead, getting to within 53-50 with 5:25 left in the game on a 3-pointer from Liam DeLaney, but Maddox Rung's 3-pointer less than a minute later stopped Notre Dame's momentum. Luke Hellige converted a 3-point play on the Crusaders' next possession, then baskets by Conner Gehling and Adam Sobczak had Holy Trinity up 63-53 with two minutes to play.

Notre Dame's defense was focusing more on Luke Hellige in the second half, but that opened up things for the rest of the Crusaders.

"I would kick it out to Maddox or Layne (Rung), and they were hitting threes," Luke Hellige said. "Adam was attacking, dumping it down and finishing."

"We hit some big free throws, hit some big shots down the stretch," John Hellige said. "The first half was a little bit about Luke, the second half was a little bit about everybody scoring, and that's what we really need."

John Hellige wasn't surprised the Nikes made a run.

"That's a really good Notre Dame team," he said. "Even when we got off to a good start, and had a really nice lead there in the first quarter, I knew they weren't going to play dead. Those guys know how to play, know how to win. But I thought it showed our maturity as a team, how far we've come."

Gehling added 13 for the Crusaders. Maddox Rung had 10.

The game ended a four-game road stretch for the Crusaders, who lost the first two before winning the next two.

"We want to be a top-tier team in this conference," John Hellige said. "Tonight shows that we belong up there."

# No. 15 Lady Crusaders fall in OT to Notre Dame

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

BURLINGTON — Natalie Randolph was a solitary figure underneath Holy Trinity's basket during a possession in the second half, but none of her teammates noticed.

Finally, after a couple of waves of her hands, Randolph yelled, "I'm wide open!"

She got the pass, and the layup, but it was that kind of night for the Crusaders' offense.

The 61-57 overtime loss to Notre Dame on Tuesday was the first of the season for the 15th-ranked Crusaders (5-1 overall, 4-1 SEI Superconference South Division), but even with a stagnant offense, Holy Trinity still had a chance to win the game until the final seconds.

Lauren Krieger's two free throws with 1.8 seconds left in overtime sealed the win for the Nikes (4-1, 4-1).

"We stalled the ball way too much on offense," Holy Trinity coach Tony Johnson said. "We got out of sorts. They played a hard 2-3 (zone), people weren't shooting when they were wide open. And if you're not going to shoot to open up the lane, it's not going to happen."

"You can cut as much as you want, you can screen as much as you want. But you've got to hit some outside shots."

Mary Kate Bendlage, Holy Trinity's leading scorer this season, led the Crusaders with 22 points. But her last field goal of the game was at 3:42 of the third quarter, and after she made two free throws 27 seconds later she would not score again until late in the overtime.

"It was us," Johnson said when asked if Notre Dame had done anything to take Bendlage away. "It was us. We were off from the start to the finish."

The Crusaders forced overtime when Teagan Snaadt drove to the basket for a layup with six seconds left. The Nikes had a chance for a game-winning shot, but Krieger's layup attempt missed at the buzzer.

Holy Trinity took a 52-50 lead to open overtime on Presley Myers' two free throws. Notre Dame then took the lead with three free throws sandwiched around two missed 3-point attempts by the Crusaders.

"We didn't hit too many outside shots," Johnson said.

Raegan Holvoet's layup with two seconds left got the Crusaders within 59-57, but Krieger was able to clinch the win at the line.

"They made their free throws, and we missed a few," Johnson said.

Randolph added 15 for the Crusaders. Snaadt and Myers, who fouled out early in the overtime, each had seven.

Krieger finished with 21 points for the Nikes. Taryn Stephens had 16.

Holy Trinity returns home after a four-game road swing to play Van Buren on Friday.

"I told them we're 5-1, and we have 15 (regular-season) games to go, and you can't let one game define you," Johnson said. "We've got a long way to go. It was great to be undefeated and all of that, but this can be a wake-up call for everybody. You've got to bring it every night."

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## Sports/Classifieds

# ACOE report threatens pipeline

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and emergency response. Despite years of safe operation, Dakota Access's future is uncertain given that a small section of the more than 1,000-mile-long route runs under federal land. The draft environmental impact statement, prepared by the Corps of Engineers, threatens a permanent shutdown.

"Dakota Access drives our State forward," said Attorney General Bird. "Its continuing operation will protect farmers, generate tax revenue for States, and mitigate risk of oil spills. It's safe and reliable with a track record of success. We urge the Army Corps of Engineers to protect States' interests and allow for the Dakota Access's continued operation."

By shutting Dakota Access down, digging it up, or building a 100+ mile detour, the States will face significant harm. The proposed alternatives will create a cargo crisis by taking Dakota Access oil and redirecting it to trucks and rail. One

estimate is that it would require hundred-car-long trains and 15,000 trucks operating around the clock to get the oil where it needs to be. Those trains and trucks could be transporting agriculture or other goods—and currently are. The shortage will hurt farmers bringing their goods to market and raise food prices. States will also face hundreds of millions of dollars in potential property tax losses. The States raise serious concerns about federalism and their limited ability under federal law to protect themselves from the risk of more frequent spills by transportation via truck or train.

Iowa led the letter and was joined by Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

# Central Lee boys rolled by ND

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON – Central Lee head boys' coach Kritter Hayes isn't happy with the Hawks basketball IQ.

The Hawks gave him some reasons for that in a 74-39 loss to West Burlington Tuesday night on the road.

Head Coach Cody Van Fleet's Falcons jumped all over the Hawks including a 23-2 first quarter that Central Lee couldn't recover from.

"Not very happy tonight. We came out and we were intimidated, and we played scared. When you play scared, you turn the ball over a lot," Hayes said following the loss.

"We saw some pressure tonight and we haven't seen much of that. We expected it, but we didn't respond very well."

The Hawks started in a man defense and couldn't keep pace with the Falcons' Mason Watkins and West Burlington's slashing style of play.

"We don't have the athletes to guard them

in man. We just don't. So you switch to a zone and hit the 3, so you pick your poison with them," Hayes said.

The Hawks only bucket in the first quarter came inside when Brayden Wyrick worked a couple pivots inside the lane and was able to kiss one in off the glass.

Central Lee didn't score again until the 7:10 mark of the second quarter down 25-4. The Falcons kept the pace up in the second period outscoring the Hawks 22-11 for a 45-13 lead when Aiden Figueroa hit a 3-ball at the horn from the right wing.

Van Fleet kept the pressure on the Hawks to start the second half, but with the game firmly in hand at 58-17 started liberally working the bench for the rest of the second half.

"We were outmatched tonight. We didn't play well enough to compete with a team like that, especially with their guard play. Our post guys didn't execute the things we wanted to do and worked on," Coach Hayes said.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
CITY OF  
WEST BURLINGTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
MEETING REGARDING  
COLLECTIVE  
BARGAINING  
December 14, 2023  
City of West Burlington  
City Hall  
City Council Chambers  
122 Broadway Street  
West Burlington, IA  
52655**

9:00 a.m. Bargaining representatives of the City will provide a response to the initial proposal from the Communication Workers of America (Public Works Department) regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 30, 2023**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.  
Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck

Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.  
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Ryan Drenner with Xiphos, gave the Board an update on the NuStar pipeline project. Congresswoman Mariannette-Miller Meeks gave the Board an update on the Ag Appropriations Bill which contains the funding for the new Lee County Health/EMS Building.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve the following Resolution. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Lee County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Lee County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 per-

cent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Lee County hereby declares from November 1 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Lee County

encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve final payment for project ST-BG-SWAP-C056(109)—FG-56, HMA Resurfacing on County Road 103. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to appoint Dustin Yager, Brian DePries, Darin Ranck, Stacy Weber, Michele Ross, John Wright, Matt Mitchell and Chuck Vandenberg to the Opioid Funds Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Scope of Work

Change Contract with Poepping, Stone, Bach & Assoc. for additional services on the Keokuk Ambulance Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the October 23, 2023 Board minutes and the claims for payment. Motion carried with Pflug abstaining

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

from approval of the Board minutes.  
 Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve a step increase for Catherine Casey, EMT, from \$18.01/hr. to \$21.38/hr., effective 10/25/23; a step increase for Daniel Douglas, EMT, from \$18.01/hr. to \$18.98/hr., effective 10/25/23; a step increase for Kylie Grogan, EMT, from \$18.01/hr. to \$19.38/hr., effective 10/25/23; a step increase for Morgan Malone, EMT, from \$18.01/hr. to \$21.38/hr., effective 10/25/23 and a new hire for Secondary Roads, Cody Smith, Class II Road Maintenance, \$23.47/hr., effective 11/13/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Jason Newberry in Des Moines Township, the Commission of Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report for the period July 2023 through September 2023 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Sandy Bottom Swine in Des Moines Township.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Children First Commission meeting. Seyb reported that he attended a meeting between Secondary Roads and the county fire departments for the purpose of obtaining the weights of fire trucks.

At 11:00 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman  
 Attest:  
 Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid  
 October 30, 2023**

Nxt Deg Comm, svcs ..... 100.00

Access Systms, svcs ..... 30.93  
 Airgas USA, splys... 82.02  
 Alliant Energy, svcs ..... 387.28  
 AP FBO Wrksrce, svcs ..... 801.49  
 E Biddenstadt, exps ..... 50.93  
 Blessing Hlth, svcs ..... 165.00  
 Bnd Tree Med, splys ..... 1638.41  
 Cntrl IA Juv, svcs.. 3229.56  
 CenturyLink, svcs..... 99.62  
 Bcooper, mtrls..... 150.00  
 CJ Cooper/Assc, svcs ..... 270.00  
 Dvnprt Printing, splys ..... 209.40  
 RK Dixon Co, equip ..... 63.90  
 Douds Stone, mtrls ..... 80.78  
 Elctrcn Engrg, svcs ..... 1521.08  
 Embury Cmtry, svcs ..... 100.00  
 Empower Trust, svcs ..... 1050.00  
 EMSLRC, edu..... 161.00  
 Farm/Hm Sply, splys ..... 369.98  
 Fastenal Co, equip .. 77.76  
 Ron Fedler, exps .... 65.00  
 Floyds EZ Way, svcs ..... 70.00  
 FM Water, svcs..... 4084.18  
 D Fraise, exps ..... 40.00  
 GrtAmer Frncl, rntl ..... 212.54  
 Hlthcarefirst, svcs ..... 2543.85  
 Heritage Med, splys ..... 120.00  
 NHirte, exps..... 224.50  
 P Hoffman, svcs ..... 85.00  
 JHudson, exps..... 88.00  
 Huffman Wlding, svcs ..... 251.97  
 IA DOT, svcs..... 4532.50  
 Jet Gas, fuel ..... 1488.24  
 C Johnson, exps... 140.00  
 Keokuk Water, svcs ..... 564.84  
 G Knisley, exps..... 162.50  
 Khlmrn Hlg, svcs .. 500.00  
 Pheasants Frvr, cntrb ..... 11760.00  
 LeeCo EMS, rfnd.... 78.68  
 LeeCo Hlth, svcs ..... 12849.15  
 LeeCo Sheriff, svcs ..... 689.00  
 LeeCo Treas, costs ..... 11102.38  
 Liberty Utility, fuel ... 25.04  
 McFarlands, splys

..... 775.93  
 MidAmer Enrgy, gas ..... 51.95  
 MW Alarm, splys... 588.00  
 G Morgan, exps.... 440.50  
 Myers Tire, svcs .... 1166.41  
 JJ Nichting Co, splys ..... 507.89  
 OMG Midwest, svcs ..... 6992.27  
 PCC Ambulance, svcs ..... 5738.34  
 Rainbo Oil, oil ..... 3886.47  
 Rairdens Auto, svcs ..... 225.00  
 RicohUSA, rent... 1399.62  
 RSM US LLP, svcs ... 99.65  
 T Shields, exps..... 172.00  
 P Spiekermr, exps .. 19.00  
 StryKnrwrthy, splys .. 85.00  
 T Stott, unif ..... 120.00  
 Sue's Quilts, unif..... 28.00  
 Athletic Cntr, shirts ..... 2550.00  
 Verizon, svcs ..... 350.77  
 Vertical Comm, svcs ..... 26.66  
 Xiphos Tech, svcs ..... 23505.00

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
 MOUNT PLEASANT  
 CITY COUNCIL  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 MINUTES  
 Mount Pleasant, Iowa,  
 October 25, 2023**

The Mount Pleasant City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, October 25, 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, White, Griffith, Batty  
 Absent:

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 October 11, 2023, City Council

meeting;  
 the payment of bills totaling \$47,300.21 the report of officers.  
 Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Batty seconded that the Council approve the agenda as printed.

Roll call vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Griffith moved and Councilmember White seconded that the Council read for the second time the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, APPENDIX D, OF THE CITY CODE OF MOUNT 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 6-0.  
 It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-76:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA APPROVING THE SUBMISSION TO THE HENRY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE PURSUANT OF IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19 OF REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN FY 24/25 OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COST INCURRED IN THE CITY'S URBAN RENEWAL AREAS

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

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-77:

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RIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT REVENUE

FUND FOR COSTS OF BLUEGRASS ROAD EAST OF NORTH IRIS STREET IMPROVEMENTS- 2022 DIVISION 1 AND DIVISION 2 IDOT PROJECT #RM-5292 (627)-9D MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA 2022

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

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-78:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND FOR COSTS OF PURCHASE, DEMOLITION AND REFURBISHING EXISTING STRUCTURE AT 102 N HARRISON

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

It was moved by Councilmember Crull and seconded by Councilmember Engberg that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-79:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND FOR COSTS OF MID-AM SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION SOUTH ON IRIS STREET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF MID-AM PROPERTY

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

It was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-80:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND FOR FRATCO

PROPERTY- WESTGATE ESTATES ENGINEERING SERVICES

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

It was moved by Councilmember Griffith and seconded by Councilmember Batty that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-81:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND FOR MAIN STREET MOUNT PLEASANT EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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 Griffith that the Council adopt the following entitled Resolution No. 2023-82:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT REVENUE FUND FOR WEST WASHINGTON 3-LANE QUALITY EQUIPMENT TO DAVIS HOMES ENGINEERING SERVICES 2023

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

Councilmember White moved and Councilmember Griffith seconded that the Council approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report that will be submitted to the State.

Motion carried, 6-0.

It was moved by Councilmember Engberg and seconded by Councilmember McWilliams that the Council adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m. to meet in a regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Steven K Brimhall,  
 Mayor  
 ATTEST:  
 Lori Davis, City Clerk

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## Sports/From the Front

# Central Lee girls get aggressive in win over WB

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON – Central Lee’s girls basketball team found a synchronicity of sorts in their win Tuesday night at West Burlington, but it didn’t come easy.

The Hawks walked away with a 66-50 win over the Lady Falcons, but it wasn’t until the fourth quarter when sophomore Kenna Sandoval scored 10 of her game-high 20 points in a low offensive set employed by Head Coach Taylor Hickey.

“I wasn’t happy with the first half, offensively, but we got on them a bit in the second half and then what worked was staying in our low four set and really trying to feed Kenna the ball,” Hickey said.

When the Lady Hawks ran the base spread offense, other shooters like Jayden Mueller and freshman Lizzy Mason were able to get open looks which opened up the inside for Sandoval.

Mason has been a pleasant surprise for the Hawks all year with some long-range shooting, but also handling the guard position and starting the offense.

Mason was averaging just under 13 points per game, but tossed in 19 in Tuesday’s win. The freshman, who played club ball in the Iowa Attack system, said she isn’t concerned with points but helping the team.

“I don’t really keep track of the points. I don’t like looking at it. My role is to help whenever and wherever I’m needed, bringing up the ball, getting an assist, helping on defense,” Mason said.

“Since Taylor and I went through the same thing, that gives us the same mindset and that helps us. But it also helps me bring an asset to the team of running. That’s what Iowa Attack teaches us is to run, run the floor.”

Aside from a 6-6 tie in the first quarter, the Hawks held leads from 2 to 8 points through the first half. With a 28-20 halftime advantage, the Lady Falcons started to cut into the lead in the 3rd period. Senior Taryn Havener’s 3-pointer with four minutes left in the period cut the lead to five at 34-29.

Hickey put the Lady Hawks into a



Courtesy photo

Central Lee’s Kenna Sandoval stares down West Burlington’s Isabella Callison in the post early in Tuesday’s 66-50 win over the Lady Falcons.

full-court press at that point to push the pace of the game and force some turnovers, but she quickly pulled it off after the Falcons’ Isabella Callison scored in back-to-back possessions on fast breaks cutting the lead to 39-35.

Taylor Jones would score in transition on the next possession and Mason would convert the back end of two freethrows, but West Burlington’s Isabella Blaufuss hit a 3-pointer at the horn to make it a 40-38 game headed into the fourth.

Central Lee would open the fourth with a 7-0 run before Callison scored for the Falcons. But the Hawks would run away in the fourth behind the inside success of Sandoval.

West Burlington falls to 1-4 in the SEI Superconference South, and 1-5 overall, while Central Lee improves to 3-2 in the conference and 3-3 overall.

Hickey said the Hawks were prepared for an aggressive game from the Falcons.

“We knew this was going to be an aggressive game. We worked on rebounding last night in practice. We knew one night wouldn’t be enough to work on it, but they did really well,” she said.

“They worked really well as a team on defense and I think that’s what sparked our offense tonight.”

# Davis takes over as ‘Necks move into Big South-OVC

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championships — and budgets three times the size of WIU’s.

Davis now gets to rebuild the program as it moves into play in the Big South-OVC Association next season, the last step to complete WIU’s transition into the Ohio Valley Conference.

Davis, who has been at an OVC school the last two seasons, understands the challenges. But he also knows of Western Illinois’ history as a program that was consistently in the I-AA/FCS national polls in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

“I was really attracted to this opportunity, because there has been a tradition of excellence within the program here,” Davis said. “Over the years, over time, there have been excellent players, excellent teams, and excellent coaches.

And that’s something that attracted me to being the head coach here.”

It’s why Bubb put Davis on a Zoom conference with former Western Illinois players, to give them a chance to explain the history of the program to him.

“These guys were all over the country, in their cars, taking their kids to school, popping out of their job,” Davis said. “I don’t know if it was so much them wanting to interview me as much as it was them busting each other’s tails for 30 minutes, telling stories and talking smack. That camaraderie, that brotherhood, I felt that.

“That’s real. That’s relationships. That’s football.”

Davis was introduced just one week before the first of the national signing days for football, and he plans to use this weekend as a chance to bring in the players to begin rebuilding the roster.

“We certainly have a lot of challenges when it comes to building the roster,” Davis said. “I don’t know if that’s necessarily specific to Western Illinois, I think that’s all teams in Division I football.

“I will tell you this, and I will communicate this to the guys that are here — I want guys who want to be here, at Western. I want guys who want to be Leath-er-necks, period.”

And Davis understands that this is a new era — the time in the MVFC is in the past, the time in the OVC is here now.

“This is real now, a chance to compete for an Ohio Valley Conference title, period,” Davis said. “It’s real now. We’re entering a new league. There’s no history in this league. We are going to make the history in the league.”

“I think he’s got the knowledge of the league,” Bubb said. “He’s seen what it takes to turn around a program within that league. And I think being at a sister institution in Illinois, he understands the challenges he’ll be facing.”

Davis said, though, “there are challenges everywhere.”

“UCLA and Texas A&M have challenges,” he said. “The University of Illinois has challenges. But to me, I look at it as positives. Some of these things I look at as unique opportunities.

“To me, there’s a fit here that you’re looking at when you’re recruiting. If you’re a young man looking for a \$30 million stadium or a \$50 million facility, that’s not a reality for us right now.”

Davis was one of three finalists. Bubb said he listened to a lot of opinions, and Davis was the best choice.

Not really mayhem. Just the best fit.

“This,” Bubb said, “is what felt good.”

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