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Lady Hounds open with win

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP

FORT MADISON - It's been almost two years since Natalie Randolph scored a goal.

Which is why she enjoyed getting the final goal of Fort Madison's 4-0 win over Mediapolis on Thursday night to open the season.

Randolph's goal with 32:14 left in the match off an assist from Reilynn Turnbull capped the night for the Bloodhounds, who showed off the potent offense they were expected to have this season.

"It was definitely exciting," said Randolph. "I was trying to get one, and I got a good pass from Reilynn. So it was good."

Randolph hadn't scored since her four-goal night on May 20, 2022 in a regional first-round match against Keokuk. She missed all of last season as she recovered from a knee injury.

Randolph, who played volleyball and basketball at Holy Trinity this season, wasn't sure how she would be able to play with the brace on her right knee.

"I definitely thought about that," she said. "Soccer is very hard, with driving into the ground and stuff. But luckily my recovery is going well."

"Coming back after an ACL injury, it's just gaining confidence," Fort Madison coach Carrie Burken said. "From the first practice until now, she's

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Teagan Snaadt fires a shot in the first half from the west side of the Baxter Sports Complex soccer pitch Thursday in the Hounds' 4-0 win to open the season.

IOWA NEWS

Governor to send troops, troopers to Operation Lone Star

DES MOINES - Governor Reynolds has announced that eight troopers and two sergeants from the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) will deploy March 31, 2024 to Texas in support of Operation Lone Star and the Texas Department of Public Safety. The deployment will last 28 days and conclude on April 27, 2024.

The Iowa National Guard will deploy on two missions to support Operation Lone Star. The first deployment will begin April 1, 2024 and conclude May



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3, 2024 with 110 personnel supporting the Texas Military Department's security objectives. The second deployment will begin April 1, 2024 and conclude September 30, 2024 with 5 personnel

providing ground vehicle maintenance and public affairs support.

Gov. Kim Reynolds released the following statement regarding the state's support of Operation Lone Star:

"President Biden and his Administration have failed to protect the sovereignty of our borders and the safety of the American people. What Texas faces is nothing short of an invasion with historic levels of illegal immigrants and illicit drugs entering our country. Now, every state is a border state, and with that comes a duty to protect the people of Iowa.

"These deployments will help Texas

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Alliant gives \$145K to tree program

Clear Lake, Jefferson, Oelwein receive grants for Community Tree grants

CEDAR RAPIDS - Alliant Energy named 41 Iowa communities, including Clear Lake, Jefferson and Oelwein, to receive grants totaling nearly \$145,000 through the company's Community Tree Planting program, part of its One Million

"Our commitment to improving the environment and supporting the communities we serve is unwavering," said May Farlinger, Vice President Customer and Community Engagement, Alliant Energy. "The Community Tree Planting program grants awarded will help these Iowa communities achieve tree restoration goals, improve energy efficiency and provide environmental benefits for generations to

Alliant Energy partners with Trees Forever to help communities develop, select and plant a diverse mix of trees. A tree expert helps communities select the best species for their areas and create care and maintenance plans to ensure the new trees have long, healthy lives.

"Our partnership with Alliant Energy has fueled decades of tree planting projects in communities across the state of Iowa," said Deb Powers, Trees Forever interim CEO. "Trees provide so many benefits to these towns and that's reflected in the sustained interest of the volunteer groups to partner with Trees Forever and Alliant Energy."

Since 1990, Trees Forever and Alliant Energy have awarded over \$7.85 million in grants and planted more than 1.1 million trees through their partnership and programs in Iowa and Wisconsin.

Across Iowa, communities are eligible to apply for grants up to \$5,000 to fund new

Below is a list of the communities awarded grants this year and their project plans. Some communities will begin to plant trees this spring while others will wait until fall.

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Obituaries/Sports

OBITUARIES

RONALD M. MENKE

Ronald Maurice Menke, 65, of the Kensington in Fort Madison, passed away at 8:12 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Kensington.

He was born on September 17, 1958, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Lawrence John and Eleanor Jane (Reed) Menke.



MENKE

Survivors include his mother: Eleanor; four brothers: Dale (Sharon) Menke, Ray (Sue) Menke, Jake (Laura) Menke and Phil (Sharon) Menke; one sister: Karen (Bob) Hill; nephews: Tony Menke, Scott Menke, Nate Menke, Ben Menke and Brandon Menke; two nieces: Jessica and Amber Hill, Megan (Alex) Magner and Jennifer (Trevor) Hope; one step nephew: Brandon Fields; great nieces and nephews: Gabe and Sam Menke, Lyla and Logan Hope and Ada Magner. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father: Lawrence and brother: Kurt Menke. Ron was a graduate of Marquette High School and Lincoln Tech. He worked as a mechanic at the Montgomery Ward Auto Department, Churchill Trucking, Menke Corp and the Wal-Mart Warehouse.

The family will meet with friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2024, at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point with Fr Dan Dorau officiating.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

Memorials may be made to the Kensington or the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

OBITUARIES

ROSIE A. HOWARD

Rose Ann "Rosie" Howard, age 69, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 11:12 PM at her home.

She was born on July 12, 1954 in Ft. Madison to Lester and Mary Boyles Berry.



HOWARD

On November 20, 1971 she married Daniel Howard in Ft. Madison. Rosie worked at Sheaffer Pen, Under the Sun and Spring Lake Golf Course. She enjoyed golfing, bingo, gardening, cooking and baking. Rosie also enjoyed gaming and going to the casino. She most enjoyed being a "pro shopper".

Survivors include her husband, Dan Howard of Ft. Madison; one daughter, Lindy (Brian) Boeding of Milwaukee, WI; four sons, Bill (Stephanie) Howard of Glendale, AZ, Ryan (April) Howard of Palm Bay, FL, Johnnie (DeeAnn) Howard of Lowell and Daniel (Liz)

Howard Jr. of Galesburg; ten grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one brother, James "Pat" (Kathy) Berry of Ft. Madison; three sisters, Bonnie (Mike) Howard of Ft. Madison, Virginia "Ginni" (Dave) Warner of Ft. Madison and Cecilia Hitch Smith of Montrose; several nieces and nephews and her beloved dog, Mollie. She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather, William Hitch and brother-in-law, Craig Smith.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 2-6 PM at the Eagles Club in Ft. Madison.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

State's stocked trout active on worm-and-bobber rigs

DES MOINES - The following is the Iowa Department of Natural Resource's weekly report on fishing activity in southeast Iowa.

Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature is around 45 degrees. Black Crappie - Fair: Anglers are picking up a few crappies out from the edge of the tree line along the south side of the lake.

East Lake Park Pond

Rainbow trout were stocked last week. Rainbow Trout - Good: It takes the trout a little while to settle down when they are stocked in this lake. Try worm and bobber or a little jig. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Lake Belva Deer Water temperature is 44 degrees; it should get a little higher the next couple of days. Black Crappie - Slow: Slowly drift a slip bobber and minnow along the edge of the trees out from the beach down to the north boat ramp. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Try soft plastics or jigs with trailers along the northside out of the wind where the sun is warming the water a little more than the rest of the lake.

Lake Darling

Water temperature is 44 degrees. Little angling pressure so far this week; warmer weather in the forecast should increase fishing activity. Largemouth Bass - Fair: With the warmer weather in the forecast, look for bass along the base of the rocks on the north side of the lake. Use jigs and soft plastics that mimic crawdads worked slowly.

Lake Geode

Water temperatures is 45 degrees. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Forecast warmer weather should put the bass back in shallower water. Work the top of the mounds across from the beach; don't overlook the back side of the in-lake silt dam.

Lake of the Hills

1800 rainbow trout were stocked last week. Rainbow Trout - Good: Just a few anglers were out last Wednesday fighting the wind; trout were biting just about as fast as they were coming off the truck. Still plenty of them left. Catch their attention with small spinners or jigs. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperature is 43-45 degrees. It's been windy this week. Largemouth Bass

- Fair: Anglers are picking up some bass along the edges of the deeper water in 12-16 foot of water slow trolling deep diving crankbaits.

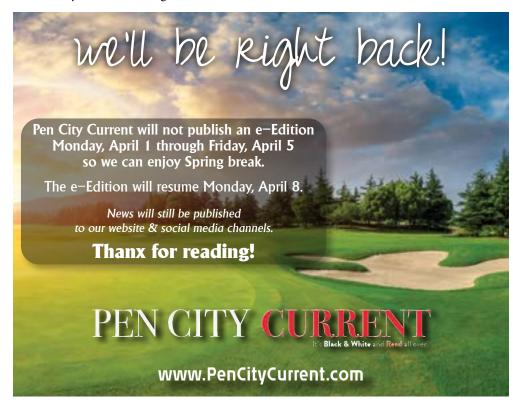
Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock) Skunk River's water level continues to drop. Still have enough to canoe or kayak; take precautions as the water is still really cold (40-44 degrees).

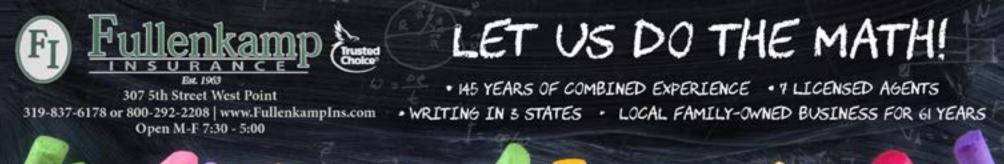
Wilson Lake

900 rainbow trout were stocked last week. Rainbow Trout - Good: Trout have settled down to their new home. Look for them around the cedar trees and culvert piles just out from shore. You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout.

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







For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Department

03/22/24 - 7:30 a.m. - FortMadison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident at 16th Street and Avenue

03/22/24 - 3:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Raul Garcia, 74, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/24 - 6:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

03/23/24 - 10:16 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Mitchelle Lee Higdon, 32, of Mount Pleasant, in the 5100 block of Avenue O. on a warrant for probation violation – controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/24 - 9:12 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2300 block of Avenue B.

03/24/24 - 12:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Stephanie Cecil White, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 5200 block of River Valley Road, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County

03/24/24 - 12:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Brad William Lill, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue G. on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/24 - 6:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Zachary Jay Krueger, 21, of Fort Madison, at 37th Street and Avenue O. on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana -1st offense.

03/25/24 - 12:18 a.m. - Fort

Madison police cited Cameron Dean Richardson, 25, of Fort Madison, at 13th Street and Avenue E, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked - OWI.

03/26/24 - 6:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Amy Denise Kettle, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 4700 block of Avenue O, on charges of operating a non-registered vehicle and driving under

03/26/24 - 6:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2500 block of Avenue

03/27/24 - 8:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Drew Mckeon Adam Ross, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue G, on a charge of drug tax stamp violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

03/27/24 - 9:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2100 block of Avenue L.

03/27/24 - 9:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Andrew James Evans. 33. of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of 33rd Street on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and

03/27/24 - 1:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

03/27/24 - 2:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue G.

03/27/24 - 9:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Jason Westcott, 42, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue E. on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and

Keokuk Police Department

02/24/24 - 7:40 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of South 6th Street and Johnson Street Road. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Kendall Lourae Stotler, 17, of Hamilton was westbound in the 400 block of Main Street when she was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Madison Elizabeth Mc-Glasson, 16, of Keokuk. No injuries were reported and McGlasson was cited for failure to stop in an assured distance.

03/20/24 - 2:29 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a multiple vehicle accident in the 1400 block of Timea Street. According to the report, while officers were responded the operator of a vehicle suspected in the collision was fleeing on foot after striking multiple parked vehicles in the area. Officers found the vehicle involved in the collisions abandoned facing eastbound in the same block. No injuries were reported and the driver who fled the scene on foot was not found.

03/22/24 - 10:49 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Concert Street.

03/23/24 - 10:09 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Main Street.

03/23/24 - 9:39 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Aaron Lee Bennett, 34, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of North 8th Street on a charge of interference with official acts.

03/23/24 - 10:00 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of River Road.

03/24/24 - 11:04 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 700 block of Concert Street.

03/24/24 - 11:16 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 700 block of Fulton Street.

03/24/24 - 4:45 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Concert Street.

03/24/24 - 7:40 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident at South 6th and Johnson Streets

03/25/24 - 9:52 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Stripe Street.

03/25/24 – 2:33 p.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of North Park Drive.

03/25/24 - 3:10 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Leigh Ann Pfeiferling, 50, of Hamilton, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

03/25/24 - 10:10 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Sheanna Nicole Kelly, 31, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Main Street, on a warrant for controlled substance schedule IV/V. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/26/24 - 2:41 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of Johnson Street Road

03/26/24 - 3:02 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 3800 block of Main Street.

03/26/24 - 3:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3800 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Jacey Lynn Holmes, 26, of Keokuk, was traveling westbound in the inner lane of the 3800 block of Main Street when it slowed to make a left turn when a vehicle driven by Madison Rose Smith, 21, of Keokuk, that was also traveling westbound in the inner lane of the 3800 block of Main Street, rear-ended Holmes' vehicle. No injuries were reported. Smith was cited for failure to stopin assured clear distance. Both vehicles sustained disabling damages and were towed from the scene

03/26/24 - 3:03 p.m. - KeokukPolice responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 3800 block of Main Street.

03/26/24 - 7:10 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Johnson Street.

03/27/24 - 9:05 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 16-year-old female juvenile in the 2200 block of Middle Road on a charge of minor use of tobacco/vapor products. No disposition was listed.

03/27/24 - 4:03 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 900 block of Johnson Street Road

03/27/24 - 9:36 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1700 block of High Street.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/22/24 - 2:21 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Dylan James Clark, 24, of Arqvle. at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/24 - 3:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brian Carl Vincent, 45, of Keokuk, in the 1900 block of Keokuk, on a warrant for 1st degree theft greater than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/24/24 - 12:43 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brad William Lile, 44, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant and a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/25/24 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report. 03/26/24 - 3:29 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Melissa Dawn Agnew, 47, of Burlington, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

03/27/24 - 1:20 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Lynsey Rae Ann Brobston, 32, of St. Paul, in the St. Paul area, on a warrant for violation of parole and charges of eluding - speed 25 over limit, speeding, interference with official acts, reckless driving, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/27/24 - 4:04 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Willie Mel Heidelberg, Jr., 46, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for 3rd degree theft between \$750 and \$1,500 and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, and an arrest of affidavit charge. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/2/24 - 9:45 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Michael Jason Westcott, 42, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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







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Sports/From the Front

Randolph scores in first match back

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gaining more and more confidence. When you have that sort of injury, and then you come out, you're not sure how it's going to go, how it's going to feel. And so every day she gets more comfortable, more and more like the form she was before she got injured."

The biggest change, Randolph said, was learning how to play with new teammates up from like sophomores Hadley Wolfe and Halle Menke.

"It's definitely an adjustment, a very different team than what I played with before," she said. "So I feel like in practice we've been trying to connect a lot, see what different people like, and it's definitely helped. And I think it stood out on the field tonight.

"It's definitely a lot of communication. It's definitely working and talking through it."

Randolph and defender Irelynd Sargent, who is also coming off an ACL injury last season, went through some of the same issues wearing braces on their right knees.

"We both have horrible calf cramps," Randolph said, smiling.

Burken liked what she saw in Sargent's play in her return.

"She's playing a little more of a different position than before — she's in the center and not on the outside," Burken said. "So it's a little bit different. But it's the same thing, just getting more and more comfortable every day, kind of being in that soccer shape and soccer IQ."

The Bloodhounds kept the offensive pressure on the Bullettes throughout the first half before breaking through. Teagan Snaadt delivered the first goal of the night, knocking one in from the right side with 15:06 left in the first half. Wolfe followed with the first of her two goals at the 12:56 mark, and Fort Madison led 2-0 at halftime.

Wolfe scored on a breakaway off a pass from Randolph 2:16 into the second half to push the lead to 3-0.

Fort Madison had 11 shots on goal.

"I was really happy with our possessions tonight," Burken said.

Burken has eight freshmen on the roster, and spent the night looking to see how different combinations worked.

"I like that we were able to get a lot of people in,"
Burken said. "With this being our first game, I really
wanted to rotate a lot of people in to get their feet wet, to
see what they can do at this level, because we have a lot of
freshmen, and that transition from middle school to high
school, it's a faster paced game. You could see our passes
were a little slow, or we weren't quick to move or communicate. So I think this game was good in helping me
understand who has good chemistry, who is at the varsity
level, who needs more time with things to work on, that
sort of stuff"

Wade medals at Keokuk Invite

AREA GOLF: Central Lee boys take title at quirky Keokuk better ball and scramble event

PCC Staff

KEOKUK – Fort Madison's Brady Wade was a medalist at the Keokuk Invitational Thursday at the Elks Golf Club in Keokuk.

Brady shot an 82 and won in a playoff over Keokuk's Chase Eckland who also shot an 82.

Central Lee won the event with a 330 total score, figuring in the top four scorers for each team. Caleb Larson and Mylan Lowenberg each carded an 84 for the Hawks. Fort Madison was second with 354. Keokuk followed in 3rd with 365, Burlington Notre Dame shot a 366, Clark County shot a 377, and Holy Trinity finished with a 510.

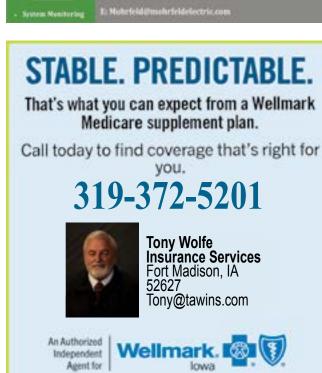
The Hawks' Carson Morrison and Carter Jones won the better ball event which pits the Nos. 3 and 4 players for each team, with an 85. Keokuk's Aydan O'Connor and Brayden Picton were runners-up with a combined 87.

Central Lee's Bo Herdrich and Cale Clark shot a 77 in the 5th and 6th position scramble. Holy Trinity Catholic's Luke Hellige and Max Kruse carded an 86 as runners up. Brady Marting and Kaiden Dietzenbach also shot an 86 for Notre Dame.

Fort Madison's Cade Denning shot an 87 in the No. 2 spot for the Bloodhounds. Andy Mehmert shot a 109 to lead Holy Trinity and Jameson Denning shot a 117 in the season-opener. Cole Quittem and Lucas Helling shot a 90 in the better ball with 3s and 4s. Nolan Lamb and Rowan Benda shot a 93 in the scramble.







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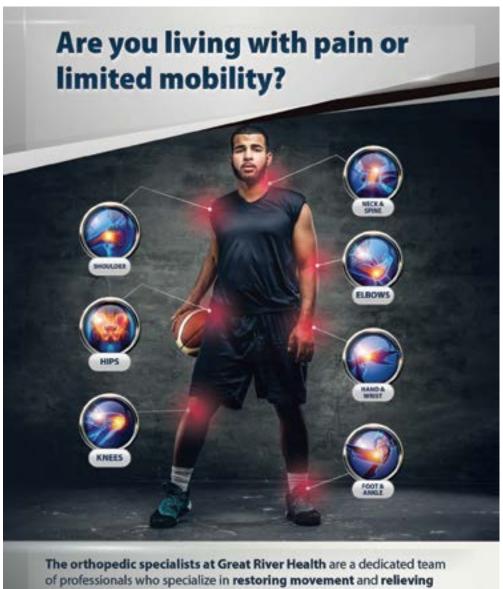
The Tri County Chapter of Iowa inducted four people into the Hall of Fame for Whitetails Unlimited Inc. Members need to be actively involved for 10 Years to receive this award from left to right are Earl Stuekerjuergen, Wade Hamm, and Melissa and Thad Gaylord.

Feds cover costs of state deployment

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on the frontlines of this crisis. I am grateful to all the members of the Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Iowa National Guard for volunteering for the deployment. It's a testament to their leadership and willingness to serve."

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Fort Madison's Teagan Snaadt pushes past a Mediapolis defender in the first half of Thursday's 4-0 win over the Bullettes. Snaadt had one goal in the win.

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Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Public Input Child Abuse Prevention

Month Proclamation

Consider Approval to Set Date for Public Hearing to Classify Portion of 350th Street as Area Service "C"

Consider Approval of Resolution for Repayment of Interfund Loan for EMS

Consider Approval of **Resolution Transferring** Funds from Rural Basic to Secondary Road Consent Agenda

· Monday, March 25, 2024 Board Minutes

- Claims for Payment
- Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Appleberry Orchard

Personnel Actions:

A. Temporary Part-time New Hire - Conservation

B. New Hire - Maintenance Department (Replacement)

Reports:

A. Manure Management Annual Update for Kruse Bros. Ltd. in Cedar Township

B. Manure Management Annual Update for Marvin Holtkamp in Franklin Township

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn Workshop-Five Year Road Plan

PUBLIC MEETING CITIZENS WELCOME

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING **MONDAY** April 1, 2024 **MEETING CONVENING TIME** 1:00 P.M. **LOCATION: 933 AVE H**

---AGENDA---

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Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax

Receive Comments Adjourn

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MEETING NOTICE April 1, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING **CONVENING TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **LOCATION: 933 AVE H** ---AGENDA--

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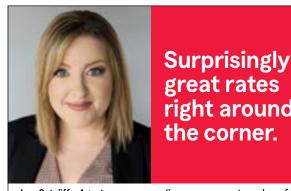
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Approve Budget and Set Public Hearing Date Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE FORT MADISON AIRPORT COMMISSION MONDAY, April 1, 2024 6:00 P.M. **Municipal Airport** 50 Airport Road, Fort Madison, IA 52627

AGENDA

ROLL CALL APPROVAL OF MIN-**UTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** APPROVAL OF FINAN-

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BUSINESS

- 1. Project Updates
- a. AWOS Replacement
- b. Pavement Rehabilitation
- i. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to recommend for Council to approve the lowest responsible bid.
- ii. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to recommend for Council to accept McClure's CA Services Agreement.
- iii. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to recommend for Council to

approve the grant application to the FFA.

- 2. Hanger Rental Charges
- 3. Fuel System and Fees
- **OLD BUSINESS** 4. FY 2025 Budget -
- Financial 5. Hangar Contract Update
- 6. Non-profit Arm of Airport Commission AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURNMENT The next meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 6th, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Municipal Airport Commission March 4, 2024, **Meeting Minutes**

The Fort Madison Municipal Airport Commission held a meeting on March 4, 2024. Chairman Josh Denning called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present for the meeting included Miles Asay, Mike Bahl, Josh Denning Tyler Caldwell, Blake Forsyth, and Zack Pieper, Dustin Yegar and Rusty Andrews member of the Fort Madison City Council, Laura Liegois, City Manager (on phone), and Dave Wooley, Airport Manager were present for the meeting. Guests included Tim Bingham and Gabe Kremer and a friend.

The minutes for the February 5, 2024, minutes were approved with a motion made by Denning and seconded by Pieper. Motion passed unanimously.

The claims were reviewed and approved with a motion by Denning and a second by Pieper.

Motion passed unanimously.

Business:

Liegois presented the FY 2025 budget for the Fort Madison Municipal Airport as presented to the city council. Liegois did need to leave the meeting during this time. She did state that there is a deficiency in funds in the budget planned out, but we will need to work on a plan to improve the financials for the future. Liegois will be present at the April meeting and can discuss more about

financials.

The Airport Capital Improvement Plan was presented for review and no changes were recommended. It will be presented on March 5, 2024, to the City Council for approval and Liegois will send it to the FAA.

Project updates were given. The AWOS system will have constructions started on March 18th.

Wooley brought up concerns about materials for another project for another airport. The pavement rehab project will have bids received on March 26th at 11:00 am with McClure Engineering. A public hearing for the plans, specifications, and project will be held at the Fort Madison City Council Meeting on April 2nd at 5:30 pm.

A discussion about a non-profit arm of the airport, such as Friends of the Airport, was discussed.

This would be a separate entity for the airport to assist with extra needs of the facilities and promote the airport.

Old Business:

The hangar agreements are being reviewed with Liegois. She has been out with a family emergency and will take care of this when she returns to her office. Gabe Kramer has given Liegois several examples and has had discussions with her. A draft will be presented at the April meeting.

Airport Manager Report: Wooley will manage the NOTOM for the AWOS system replacement.

There is an issue with the roof and Wooley has not had luck with the conversation with the contractor. Liegois or Denning may need to reach

out to them.

Andrews had Danville Telecom give quotes for the internet for the airport, which would assist with many needs at the airport. Some hangars could also

have access, which would increase the rent to offset the cost.

A motion was made by Denning and seconded by Caldwell to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The next meeting of the Fort Madison Municipal Airport Commission will be held at 6:00 PM on April 1, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON Special City Council Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - 5:30 PM **West Burlington**

City Hall 122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER **ROLL CALL** PERFECTING & AP-PROVAL OF AGENDA **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Levy Rate for FY24-25

Proposed PH Property Tax CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY NAME: WEST BURLINGTON

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/3/2024 Meeting Time: 05:30 PM Meeting Location: West Burlington City Hall 122 Broadway St West Burlington, IA 52655

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget. City Website (if available) City Telephone Number (319) 752-5451 ext: 105 www.westburlington.org

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2024 - 2025
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	350,302,698	365,866,771	365,866,771
Consolidated General Fund	2,837,452	2,837,452	2,905,414
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	C
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	164,127	164,127	273,745
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	226,737	226,737	291,907
Other Employee Benefits	223,143	223,143	226,709
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service	381,600,491	408,239,476	408,239,476
Debt Service	59,373	59,373	58,456
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	3,510,832	3,510,832	3,756,231
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	10.00838	9.57909	10.25008
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	1,467,619	1,481,799	1,481,799
Ag Land	4,408	4,408	4,451
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00350	2.97476	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Resident	547	475	-13.16
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000	Current Year Certified 2023/2024	Budget Year Proposed 2024/2025	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	547	475	-13.16

have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Value

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
The increase will be utilized to pay for Capital Projects in Water, Sewer, and Stor

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Iowa News

April is Distracted Driving month in Iowa

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DES MOINES, Iowa - April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. April 1-8, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is partnering with law enforcement across Iowa to curb the alarming and unsafe trend of distracted driving. To deter multitasking while driving, GTSB is launching a new campaign targeting overconfident drivers and reminding everyone: No One is a Good DISTRACTED Driver.

Distracted driving is a primary law in Iowa, meaning law enforcement can stop any driver who is texting (reading, writing, or sending) or using any portable electronic, device unless the motor vehicle is at a complete stop off the traveled portion of the road.

In a 2023 GTSB State Fair survey of over 1,450 Iowans, 51% admitted to always or sometimes driving with a cell phone in hand. Based on the number of registered drivers in Iowa, that translates to over 1.2 million distracted drivers. Law enforcement is cracking down on distracted driving. In

2023, over 9,000 drivers were issued citations for illegal use of an electronic device while driving compared to 1,438 in 2022.

"When talking with Iowa drivers, a common sentiment is believing they can manage many things behind the wheel," says GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes. "During one focus group, a participant said they drive better when texting because it forces them to pay attention to the road. This is ridiculous and not true. Driving requires our full attention. The reality is, No One is a Good DISTRACTED Driver."

Beginning April 1, motorists will see increased law enforcement efforts to educate those found illegally using an electronic device. To limit distractions, GTSB encourages drivers to enable the 'driving' focus feature on their phone and use hands free features.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau works with city, county, state, and local organizations to develop and implement strategies to reduce deaths and injuries on Iowa's roadways using federally funded grants.

Fertilizer spill kills 750,000 fish in Nishnabotna River

RED OAK - The fertilizer spill near Red Oak in Montgomery County earlier this month killed nearly all the fish in an almost 50-mile stretch of the East Nishnabotna River to the Missouri border.

On March 11, NEW Cooperative, Inc. in Red Oak notified the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) of a release occurring on-site. Approximately 1,500 tons (265,000 gallons) of liquid nitrogen fertilizer (32% solution) discharged into a drainage ditch, then into the East Nishnabotna River. The release occurred due to an aboveground storage tank valve left open for the weekend.

Upon learning of the release, DNR staff from the Environmental Field Office worked with the NEW Cooperative staff to stop the release and began cleanup efforts. DNR Fisheries staff began investigating the impacts to the Nishnabotna River.

DNR Fisheries staff documented the fish kill occurring in all 49.8 miles of the East Nishnabotna and Nishnabotna Rivers downstream of the spill. The kill continued in Missouri's portion of the Nishnabotna River and ended near the confluence with the Missouri River.

DNR Fisheries staff used methods outlined in American Fisheries Society, Special Publication 35, and 571 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 113 to evaluate the extent of the fish kill and estimate the number of dead fish. The

rules and the use of the American Fisheries Society's methodology are authorized by Iowa Code section 481A.151.

The fish kill count as of March 28th is below. Investigations of the release's impact to other aquatic life are ongoing.

Cleanup efforts at the NEW Cooperative facility are ongoing. Contaminated soils continue to be removed from the facility and from around a levee west of the facility. The contaminated soils will be land applied at approved locations, at agronomic rates consistent with Iowa law. Additionally, NEW Cooperative is pumping water from the east side of the levee. The pumped water will be stored in on-site holding tanks until land application can occur. A third-party consultant is collecting samples of the water-fertilizer mixture to determine accurate land application rates.

Per Iowa Code section 455B.186, a pollutant cannot be discharged into a river without a permit. DNR field staff are working with the DNR's Legal Services Bureau to determine next steps with regards to enforcement action and restitution for lost aquatic life. The DNR will continue to monitor cleanup efforts.

Field test results indicate ammonia levels are declining in the river. The DNR continues to advise people to avoid recreating on the river and collecting and/or eating dead fish found on or near the river.

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