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# Moon dims County skies



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Class at Central Lee School District took up spaces on the track as the district played music and let students experience the first eclipse since 2017 and the last one for another 20 years on Monday.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE: Area schools take advantage of last solar eclipse for 20 years

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR



Makayla Howard takes a photo of a Central Lee welding student who brought his welding helmet out to view the eclipse Monday afternoon at Central Lee High School.

LEE COUNTY – The first solar eclipse viewable in Lee County in seven years captured the attention of educators and students across the county Monday afternoon.

A cloudless sky allowed people in Lee County to view, with proper glasses, the 83% coverage of the sun by the earth's moon high in the sky almost due overhead just a tick or two south.

Students at Fort Madison High School sat on a walkway of the school's new addition on the west side and casually watched at about 1:15 p.m. warning each other about looking up without glasses.

Another group of students at Fort Madison Middle School sat at picnic tables on the west side using filters and special eclipse glasses to view the eclipse at about 1:30 p.m.

Central Lee schools took full advantage of the annual cosmic phenomenon with almost every students grouped by class on the district track with songs playing on the public address system like Susie and the Banshees Walking on Sunshine and others.

Central Lee's Middle School Principal Kim Ensminger said so many teachers had talked about getting out to witness the eclipse, the district decided to get everyone out for an hour.

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## COUNTY NEWS

# Supervisors give support to cameras

Revenues allocated to new interest-bearing account and not in general fund

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A discussion about putting automated traffic enforcement revenue into an interest bearing account, quickly turned into a discussion on the legitimacy of the cameras in Lee County.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, support of the cameras was reiterated by supervisors and a resolution was passed 4-0 to put the revenue being received from speeding citations along the Hwy. 27 corridor into an interest-bearing account.

Board Chairman Garry Seyb has insisted that the funds received from the cameras not be put into the general fund and not be included in the county's annual budget.

The county has been seeing more than 400 violations per day on the stretch of highway where the cameras are mounted.

Seyb said he doesn't want the money included in the general fund, because the state could change the program and the revenue stream that follows.

"I had a discussion this morning with one of our state legislators and he expressed that it was still being discussed up there, but they're looking at some rules around it. The belief is that they will have some rules that are going to end up making their way to legislation specifically targeting safety corridors," Seyb said.



WEBER

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## WEATHER

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### MARY LOU BRUNSTEIN

Mary Lou (Runkle) Brunstein was born November 6, 1929 in Jefferson City, MO to loving parents, Ernest and Anna Nilges Runkle. She always felt blessed to not only have her parents, but her siblings, Leonard, Helen and Susie. Raised during the depression money was nowhere to be found, but the faith, love and devotion of her parents formed her into the wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and follower of Christ she has been over her 94 years.



BRUNSTEIN

Mary Lou graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1947 and continued to have lifelong friendships with her classmates over the years.

Soon after she became employed by Public Loan, and while serving the company, she was placed in several locations from Missouri to Minnesota until she finally landed in Keokuk, Iowa. It was soon after her arrival in Keokuk that she met Robert Brunstein. When Bob first saw her, he told his boss he met the woman he was going to marry. After four months they were united in marriage at First Lutheran Church on December 1, 1949. He preceded her in death in 2003.

After the youngest of her children, Teresa, started kindergarten she began working for Dr Robert Kemp and worked in his office for a little over 20 years. Mary Lou always enjoyed her co-workers and patients, many who became life-long friends.

In 1952 Bob and Mary Lou became members of First Lutheran Church. She was active in the Women's Circle, Bible Study, Altar Guild, Quilting for Lutheran World Relief and served as a Sunday School teacher. One of her greatest joys was decorating for special events and wanting everything to match, even down to the nut cups for the banquets. She also loved participating in the annual church bazaar as Christmas approached. She, along with the other women of the church, provided crafts and wonderful meals. Not only was she excited to support the ministry of First Lutheran, but the funds the women used to help those in the community. Her cheesy potatoes were a highlight at every church event.

Mary Lou relished her friendships and the children of her friends. The many card parties, trips and Christmas parties they shared with family friends brought her great joy, especially putting together little gifts for her friends' children and grandchildren. Trips and playing cards with the Azingers, Washburns and Starks were staples when the children were young. Times with their friends the Schmadekes, Wixoms and Lammerings also filled the house with laughter. Her very special

friends Irene Collins and Betty Young brought a twinkle to her eye.

After both Bob and Mary Lou retired they loved traveling in their 5th wheel with their dear friends Dale and Burnetta Cummins. Laughter, shopping, visiting and games marked their time together as well.

After her retirement she and her husband opened Keepsake Korner, a shop with collectables and antiques. One of her greatest enjoyments was looking for treasures and bargains at garage sales and shops, usually with her longtime friend Annabelle Lammering.

Mary Lou was a loving and devoted wife to her husband Bob and an incredible mother to her children.

Surviving are Steven (Verna) Brunstein of Montrose, IA, Barbara (Michael) Lemke of Aurora, CO and Teresa (Louis) Clark of Keokuk, IA. She was a Grandma that loved and cherished her grandchildren; Trenton (Renee) Brisby, Andy Clark, Brian (Sara) Clark, Alex (Lindsey) Brunstein and Rachel Brunstein. Her eyes and heart would light up when her great-grandchildren would enter the room. She loved watching videos or playing, as best she could with Harrison Brisby, William Brisby, Drew Clark and Vada Clark.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her siblings, Leonard Runkle, Helen Fay and husband Robert, Susie Craig and husband Robert, and great nephew Jamie Fay.

Visitation with family and friends will be at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home at 917 Blondeau, Friday, April 12 from 5-7 P.M. Her celebration of life will begin on Saturday, April 13 at 11:00 A.M. at First Lutheran Church, 1101 Blondeau, followed by a reception in the church. Burial will be at the National Cemetery, Monday, April 15 at 10:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to First Lutheran Church.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

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

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# Sports

## No. 14 Lady Hounds shut out Fairfield

**24-0:** Fort Madison girls start year outscoring first three opponents 24-0 and move into rankings

**BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP**  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - It's a three-match week for Fort Madison's girls soccer team that includes an early, yet crucial, conference matchup, so having a win decided by the 10-goal rule wasn't something that was going to draw a complaint from coach Carrie Burken.

Fort Madison's 10-0 win over Fairfield on Monday night at the Baxter Sports Complex started a big week for the Bloodhounds (3-0).

Fort Madison has outscored its opponents 24-0 to start the season, and it was apparent early that the Bloodhounds were going to control this one.

So Burken got the chance to start rotating in her entire roster to keep her players fresh in a week when the Bloodhounds also play Tuesday at Central Lee and Thursday at 15th-ranked Burlington in a matchup of Southeast Conference contenders.

It's a big-picture view for Burken that also includes developing depth.

"We don't get a lot of JV games in the conference — a lot of teams don't have a JV team," she said. "So the more time (younger players) can get, the more development they can get."

Getting everyone some rest was something Burken talked about with her team during the match.

"They're competitive," she said. "They want to be in, they want to be scoring goals. I was just reminding them, hey, we've got three games this week, we've got Burlington. Every game is important, so the more we can rest them, the more we can rotate, the more that can help us down the road."

Her players understood.

"This week is very important," said junior Teagan Snaadt, who led the Bloodhounds with four goals while adding an assist. "So it's going to be important to recover after games, and be ready to go."

Snaadt gave Fort Madison an early lead with two goals in the first 6 minutes, 42 seconds. Her third goal, at the 15:26 mark, put the Bloodhounds up 4-0.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison freshman Emma Snaadt lets go with a shot in the second half of the Lady Bloodhounds' 10-0 win over Fairfield Monday night at Baxter Sports Complex. The 14th-ranked Hounds pitched their third straight shutout of the season. Below, senior Natalie Randolph works the ball near the goal.

That allowed Fort Madison a chance to work on the little things that might make a difference in closer matches.

"I think what it does is it gives them drive, they want to keep it going," Burken said of the quick start. "But it also says we're doing really well, but let's maybe think about what we can be doing better. So I think it lets us work on nuance things that maybe we're not able to think about in a tight game where there's a lot of pressure."

"Getting off to a quick start is just a confidence booster," Snaadt said. "It makes it so we can try some different things that we can't always do against some of those teams out there you don't score on right away."

Fort Madison led 6-0 at halftime, then Reilynn Turnbull opened the second half with two goals in the first 6:50. Snaadt's final goal of the night off a Halle Menke assist made it 9-0, then Hadley Wolfe closed the scoring and the match with a goal with 1:49 left.

Wolfe had two goals and three assists. Natalie Randolph had a goal and three assists. Emma Snaadt had a goal, and Jenna Hellman had an assist.

"I think we're playing with a lot of team chemistry," Teagan Snaadt said. "We're making good connections, good passing. We're just flowing. And we're getting better every single game."



# Obituaries/Classifieds

## OBITUARIES

### KEVIN L. BREWER

Kevin L. Brewer, 62, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 9:54 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2024 at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg, Illinois.

Kevin was born August 10, 1961 in LaHarpe, Illinois, the son of Kenneth A. and Betty (Howe) Brewer. On February 27, 1982 he married Maureen Markey in Carthage, Illinois. They later divorced.

Kevin was a 1979 graduate of Dallas City High School. He later enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served on the USS O'Callahan. Following his military service he worked for Waukegan Tire, Waukegan, Illinois and Western Auto, Burlington, Iowa, before a 25 year career with the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. Kevin loved the Dallas City community and took an active role volunteering. He was a past Chief of the Dallas City Fire Department, as well as a volunteer with the Lomax Ambulance Service. He was a member of the Carthage VFW Post #5117 and the Dallas City American Legion Post #297, where he was currently serving as Commander.

Survivors include three sons: Glenn (Melisa) Brewer of Wellington, Illinois, Kevin (Alanda) Brewer of Bristow, Virginia and John (Shawna) Brewer of Wauconda, Illinois, six grandchildren: Madison, Bryson, Kaiden, Khloe, Ellie and Coen; four siblings: Sarah (Ken) Foxall of Macomb, Illinois, Ron Brewer of LaHarpe, Donna Brewer of Dallas City and Terry Brewer of Dallas City; one brother-in-law: Tom Maynard of Pontoosuc, Illinois and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister: Melody Maynard; grandparents: Fred and Dorothy Howe and Charles and Sarah Brewer and one sister-in-law: Penny Brewer.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Honors will be conducted by the Southeast Iowa Regional Fire Honor Guard during visitation.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Larry Menschel and Fr. Tony Trosley officiating. Burial will follow in Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City. Military Honors will be conducted by the Dallas City American Legion and Hancock County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for the Dallas City American Legion Post #297. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Kevin's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).



BREWER



## OBITUARIES

### BEVERLY R. HERRICK

Beverly Rose Herrick, 81, of Farmington, IA, passed away at 9:40 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. She was born on September 5, 1942 in Dayton, IA to Edwin & Rosetta Bass



HERRICK

Luth. She married Donald "Dean" Herrick on December 1, 1957 in Fort Dodge, IA. He preceded her in death on September 8, 2013. She was a homemaker and an avid reader. She enjoyed cooking, quilting, crocheting, sewing, and going to yard sales.

Bev is survived by: 1-daughter: Evelyn Dilks of Fort Madison, IA; 4-sons: Calvin Herrick of Farmington, IA, Doug (Melissa) Herrick of Farmington, IA, Forrest Herrick of Farmington, IA & Gaylord Herrick of Keokuk, IA; numerous grandchildren & great grandchildren; 3-brothers: Charlie (Shirley) Luth of Farnhamville, IA, Mike (Cheryl) Luth of Hamilton, IL & Robert Luth of Farmington, IA; 4-sisters: Dorothy Foster of Fort Dodge, IA, Eleanor Smith of Flagstaff, AZ, Rochelle Norton of Bentonville, AR & Kim (Joe) Fiebiger of Fort Dodge, IA. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-son: Alan Herrick, 1-daughter: Brenda Herrick, 2-brothers & 3-sisters.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. No services are planned at this time. Online condolences to the Herrick family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

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### CHAPTER 15, OPERA- TION OF GOLF CARTS, ATVS AND UTVS

The following is a brief  
summary of Ordinance  
No. D-109, with changes  
to Title 9, Traffic, Chap-  
ter 15, Operation of Golf  
Carts, ATVs and UTVs:

- Chapter 15
1. Setting purpose of Chapter 15
  2. Setting definition of Golf Carts, ATVs and UTVs per Iowa Code, Chapter 321
  3. Determining who is authorized to operate Golf Carts, ATVs and UTVs upon city streets.
  4. Setting restrictions for unlawful operations.
  5. Outlining required safety equipment and features.
  6. Setting operating regulations including permitted routes of travel and insurance requirements.
  7. Setting hours of operation.
  8. Setting speed restrictions.
  9. Setting penalties.
  10. Outlining accident reporting.
  11. Outlining registration requirements.

Section 3. All ordinanc-  
es or parts of ordinances

in conflict with the provi-  
sions of this ordinance  
are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any  
section, provision, or part  
of this ordinance shall  
be adjudged invalid or  
unconstitutional, such ad-  
judication shall not affect  
the validity of this ordi-  
nance as a whole, or any  
section, provision, or part  
thereof not judged invalid  
or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This ordi-  
nance shall be in effect  
after its final passage,  
approval, and publication  
as provided by law.

PASSED AND AP-  
PROVED by the City  
Council this 19th day of  
March, 2024.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,  
Mayor  
City of Fort Madison,  
Iowa

ATTEST:  
/s/Justina M. Cullen,  
City Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-110

AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING TITLE 2,  
CHAPTER 4, CIVIL  
SERVICE COMMISSION

The following is a brief  
summary of Ordinance

No. D-110, with changes  
to Title 2, Boards and  
Commissions, Chapter 4,  
Civil Service Commission:

- Chapter 4
1. Outlining members and terms.
  2. Determining duties and powers of the commission.
  3. Setting election of

chairperson.

4. Outlining Clerk re-  
sponsibilities.

5. Outlining record  
retention.

6. Setting meeting room  
and supply requirements.

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in conflict with the provi-  
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are hereby repealed.

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/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

City of Fort Madison, Iowa

ATTEST:

/s/Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES New Construction Announcements

Notice to Bidders  
Iowa Department of  
Natural Resources

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50319-0034, or via email at [constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:constructionbids@dnr.iowa.gov) until 11:00am, April 18, 2024 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly.

After the bid opening, bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>. In addition to attending the bid opening in person, interested parties may also call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

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Note: The United States Postal Service (USPS) does not deliver mail or

packages directly to the address provided above but rather to the Capitol Complex Mail Room. Extra time should be allotted for proposals sent by the USPS. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources shall not consider bids if they are not received by the Department of Natural Resources mail room or reception staff, by the time and date described in this Notice to Bidders, regardless of whether the bid was mailed or received at the Capitol Complex Mail Room or other state government location prior to that time and date.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit [www.beelineandblue.com](http://www.beelineandblue.com) or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information.

Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>.

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement

laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8.

Copies of the bid security will be accepted for those bidders submitting bids

electronically. Additionally, the submission of an electronic bid security in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order, the original security must be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319 within (5) business days after the bid letting date. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance, within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract, will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

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Completion Date:  
08/31/2024

Project Description:  
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Proposal Guarantee:  
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## From the Front

# Students get an afternoon of fun in some of the sun

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“We were going to do it and Heather (Fuger, Central Lee Elementary Principal) was going to do it so we just said let’s coordinate it and get a message out to parents,” Ensminger said.

The Central Lee PTO provided the viewing glasses for students and teachers at the district and purchased them from Hy-Vee. Parents were advised of the district-wide viewing and were invited to attend.

“We sent out an email to the entire district and said if parents didn’t want their child to participate, the students could stay inside. We also told parents if they wanted to come join us, they were welcome,” said Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier.

“We gave people opportunities to make modifications or come be with their children.”

Ensminger said middle school students were shown a video of what an eclipse was and it talked about vision safety.

“Then we made some final arrangements before they all came out and I think it went pretty well,” Ensminger

said.

She said students were active in the process and tried to take pictures with their phones through the glasses that were provided.

Central Lee students were spaced out around the entire ¼ mile high school track in groups of classes with high school students milling about as the moon passed in front of the sun.

It was the first time a solar eclipse has passed over North America since 2017 and the next one isn’t projected for another 20 years in 2044.

According to NASA, the earth experiences total solar eclipses about every three years, but are typically only visible from the north or south poles or from the middle of the oceans.

Millions of visitors were expected to travel to the 100% solar eclipse along the path from western Texas to the northeast part of the country.

The sky slightly dimmed for about 90 minutes starting at 1:10 in Lee County and the eclipse had moved on before 3 p.m.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Class at Central Lee School District took up spaces on the track as the district played music and let students experience the first eclipse since 2017 and the last one for another 20 years on Monday.

# County may get mobile automated traffic camera

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He said the Lee County Sheriff’s office checked all the boxes when it came to putting the camera system in place.

“I will say again, Sheriff Weber, when he looked at this project, he took the right approach, in my opinion. He went to a safety group in our county, our cameras are in a safety corridor, and it was all run through the DOT prior to anything being put in,” he said. “The checkmarks at this point... it appears that we followed all of them.”

Weber said he was questioned as to why the cameras weren’t put on Hwy 2. He said Hwy. 27 was already marked as a safety corridor and Hwy. 2 was designated after the decision was made. But he said he’s working on an option to help with the Hwy. 2 safety corridor as well.



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The company is paying for it so we get it when they get it built,” Weber said.

“When it’s up and running, I will be transparent with everybody. Warn the public where it is going to be. Everyone needs to just take a breath. We got this.”

Supervisor Tom Schulz agreed that the sheriff’s department set up the program correctly and is maintaining it well.

“Our sheriff did things the right way. They did the research, they got the approvals, they put together what very well could be the model program for systems going forward,” he said.

“This was a program to bring more safety to a very dangerous corridor of travel. We should be proud of what we’ve done, not ashamed of it. This is a positive for the taxpayers and a positive for the people traveling our highways. I applaud the sheriff’s department for doing this and I hope the state’s wisdom allows us to continue to do the right thing for the people.”

Seyb said the funds will be used for what he calls one-time expenses at the discretion of the board.

Revenue from citations minus the vendor’s fee will be deposited in the separate interest-bearing account. At the end of the 3rd quarter of each fiscal year, the county will deposit at least 25% into a County Reserve/ Emergency Fund. After that deposit, any overtime expenses incurred by the sheriff’s department for expert testimony will be paid.

Also 1% of the fees collected annually will go to Crimestoppers, 1% to the Lee County K9 Association, 1% to Lee County Narcotics Task Force; 1% to Lee County Attorney’s Office, 1% to Lee County Auditor’s office; 1% to Lee County EMS Ambulance, 1% to Lee County Secondary Roads, 5% to Lee County Sheriff’s Office. The additional 88% of the funds, including the interest, may be used at the discretion of the board of supervisors.

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