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Rump shines at Lamb Relays

TITLES: Sophomore wins distance runs and anchors medley to lead Fort Madison

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The 2024 Timm Lamb relays proved to be a good test run for two more home meets this year.

The Lady Hounds took home three first-place finishes with sophomore Avery Rump involved in all three.

Rump won her distance events of the 1500 and 3000-meter runs. She clocked a 5:02.78 in the 1500 and a 10:52.19 in the 3000, and then anchored the 800-leg of the distance medley team.

That team of Emma Kern, Olivia Buckner, Mara Smith, and Rump finished with a time of 4:34.74 to take the title

"I'm really excited this year because I've been running faster times at this time of the year. I'm hoping to see even more improvement," Rump said.

She said she's enjoying running more in home meets this year.

"It's really nice. It's good to have my family come down and my friends. Home is right here so I can get to bed early. I used to run here when I was little."

Fort Madison Head Coach Brian Mendez said the Lady Hounds again

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison sophomore Avery Rump passes two girls in the 3000-meter run Tuesday night at the 2024 Timm Lamb Relays in Fort Madison. Rump had three first-place finishes on the night.

IOWA NEWS

State tightens up foreign land buys

Sec. of State, Attorney General, and Governor tout new legislation

DES MOINES – With the signing of SF 2204 into law, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is commending Governor Reynolds and the Iowa Legislature for their commitment to protecting Iowa's most valuable resource: Iowa farmland. The bill passed unanimously with little floor discussion, emphasizing the broad, bipartisan support for stronger restrictions on foreign land ownership.

"Iowa is already known for having some of the strongest laws around foreign land ownership, and this bill strengthens state laws and puts Iowa farm owners first," said Secretary Pate. "It is clear, with the passing of this bill, that Iowa's legislature and statewide elected leaders are dedicated to supporting Iowa farmers and upholding our status as a national agricultural leader."



REYNOLDS

Under SF 2204, foreign landowners must provide more information to the state. The failure to do so will result in or pay increased financial penalties for any violations. The Iowa Secretary of State's office will be tasked with additional tracking and reporting of foreign farmland ownership, including an annual report filed with the Governor and General Assembly on all records of foreign land ownership. The Attorney General will also have access to the report to enforce the law.

"I look forward to working with the Iowa Legislature, Governor Reynolds, and Attorney General Bird on behalf of Iowa farmers to protect Iowa farm-

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CENTRAL LEE NEWS

Central Lee one of 14 Iowa schools to get music honor

DONNELLSON — The NAMM Foundation has honored the Central Lee Community School District with the 2024 Best Communities for Music Education Award.

The award recognizes schools and districts that provide exemplary music

education opportunities to students. Central Lee joins just 975 districts across the country and 14 in the state of Iowa to receive the honor this year.

"This recognition from the NAMM Foundation is a tremendous honor for our entire school district community,"

said Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent. "It reflects the dedication of our music educators, the hard work of our students, and the unwavering support of our Music Boosters and community.

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WEATHER

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

REED R. HAEGER

Reed Ross Haeger, 78, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 8:24 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2024, at Birkwood Village in Fort Madison, Iowa, surrounded by his family.

Reed was born on July 28, 1945, in Oak Park, Illinois, the son of Reed "Ross" Haeger, Sr. and Mary (Phelan) Haeger. On August 10, 1968, he married Susan Teresa Hanley in Lewistown, Montana. She preceded him in death on January 15, 2024, after fifty-five years of marriage.

As a boy, Reed spent summers at his grandparents home outside of Rhineland, Wisconsin at Haeger's Lodge on Lake Thompson. Upon graduation from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Reed spent a summer on the Whitetail Ranch outside of Missoula, Montana working as a ranch hand. This experience provided a lifetime of stories and a deep personal connection to the cowboy persona. Reed attended St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa receiving his Bachelor's Degree in education. Accepting a gift from his father upon graduation, Reed spent three months traveling Europe. Through a college roommate, he learned of and accepted a teaching position at Marquette High School in West Point where he would teach English for nine years. After teaching, Reed dabbled as a restaurateur managing the West Point Knights of Columbus, Donnellson Green Acres Golf Club and as owner/proprietor of Reed's Pizza in West Point. He finished his full-time working career at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Middletown after twenty years. Reed and Sue purchased the Corner Tap in 1983. In August of 2023, in fine West Point Sweet Corn Festival festive fashion, they celebrated forty years in business.

From area bass fishing tournaments to weekend fishing getaways with Sue, Reed was an avid fisherman. He transitioned from water to land in the game of golf, a pastime passion he renewed with a vengeance. His dedication and knowledge for the game was intense, perhaps even driving a patron or two out of the Corner Tap with his incessant talk of it! His love of reading was evidenced by the many

books that went through his hands, thousands and thousands of pages turned. Reed had not only the gift of word crafting, but with those page turning fingers, he would use his woodworking craft to spend hours in his basement making gifts for family and friends, especially his grandkids. Reed was most proud of his family. Four children, thirteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren and counting... Always the teacher, always the storyteller, lighting up at the opportunity to share with them is what he loved best.

Reed is survived by his three daughters: Kathleen "Katie" (Chris) Dailey of Terre Haute, Indiana, Jennifer "Jenny" Steffensmeier (Randy Larson) of West Point, Megan (Bill) Kruse of West Point; son: Ross (Erin) Haeger of Burlington; thirteen grandchildren: Daniel Dailey, Jack Dailey, Claire Dailey, Isaac Steffensmeier (Courtney Abolt), Rachel Steffensmeier (Julian Holmes), Sarah (CJ) Richardson, Aaron (Taylor) Steffensmeier, Nathan Steffensmeier (Larissa Ferrill), Elton Kruse (Madelyn Swigart), Owen Kruse (Katie Beach), Emmett Kruse, Liam Haeger and Gordon Haeger; two great-grandchildren: Quincy and Calvin Richardson; three sisters: Beth (Paul) Reis of Wheaton, Illinois, Jane (Greg) Zimmerman of Downers Grove, Illinois, Anne Haeger of Marion, Iowa and one brother: Mark (Julie) Haeger of Downers Grove, Illinois.

Reed was preceded in death by his parents; sisters-in-law: Sister Kathleen Hanley, CHM, Laurie Voelker; brothers-in-law: Mark Hanley, Edward Hanley, Eugene Foecke and son-in-law: Ben Steffensmeier.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

A time of remembrance will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday with Father Gary Beckman officiating at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point. A time of food and fellowship will be held at the West Point American Legion after the burial. Following the luncheon, a celebration of life will be held at the Corner Tap.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in his memory for Southeast Iowa Hospice.

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



HAEGER

OBITUARIES

ELLYN R. MILLER

Ellyn Ruth Miller, 82, of Wever, IA, passed away at 8:36 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. She was born on November 30, 1941 in LaHarpe, IL to Everett & Ada Wells Chap-

in. She married Charles H. Miller on July 22, 1961 in Burnside, IL. He preceded her in death on December 19, 2022. She was a member of the Denmark Congregational United Church of Christ. She loved to read and had a very strong faith. Her greatest love was her family.

Ellyn is survived by: 1-son: Bryan (Aimee) Miller of Spencer, IA; 2-daughters: Teresa (Landon) Rampy of West Point, IA & Denise McGowan (Roger Strunk) of West Point, IA; 7-grandchildren: Ashley (Jay) Chrosniak, Ashley (Caleb) Booten, Aaron Miller, Brodey McGowan, Jakob McGowan (Kearstin Mason), Kaylee Alvarez (Stevie Saltzgaver) & Kortnee (Ricardo) Ramos; 8-great grandchildren & 1 on the way; 2-brothers: Ernest (Bonnie) Chapin of LaHarpe, IL & John (Mariane) Chapin of Anderson, SC; 3-sisters: Mary (Gary) Barr of Colchester, IL, Elaine (Tom) Ferguson of Nauvoo, IL & Pam (Jim) Jefferson of Cartage, IL and 1-sister in law: Mary Chapin of Colchester, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1-grandson: P.J. Gray, 1-brother: Everett "Junior" Chapin & 1-sister: Evelyn Simmons.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held immediately following the visitation at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Chad Savage officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House. Online condolences to the Miller family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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DENISE M. HOWELL

Denise Michelle Howell, 49, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2024, at her home in Keokuk.

Denise was born on June 11, 1974, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Dennis "Mike" and Nancy (Deck) Jones. Denise was of the Christian faith and loved to read her Bible. She was employed at restaurants throughout her working career and loved the people she served. Denise was characterized by her love of God and people, especially her family. She was a beautiful person inside and out, and "if she had it, you had it". She was always giving to others and would always lend a helping hand when needed. Denise was extremely loyal to her people and always spoke her mind. In her free time, she enjoyed watching television, especially Friends.



HOWELL

Denise is survived by her mother Nancy Jones of Forest City, North Carolina; fiancé Chris Tallman of Keokuk; six children: Kenneth Howell, Kolten (Fiancé Riki) Howell of Hamilton, Keaten Howell of Keokuk, Keagen Howell of Keokuk, Katelyn Howell of Keokuk, and Karlie Howell of Keokuk; five grandchildren: Kayne, Kanan and Krey, and Koraline Howell, and Daniel Wrieden; five siblings: Glen and Michael Overhulser of Forest City, North Carolina, Dianna (Tom) Moore of Forest City, Dave (Brandi) Clark of Green Valley, North Carolina, and Christian Jones; her special nephew Luke (Shawna) Murphy; her beloved dog Simon and Tippy the Turtle; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Denise is preceded by her father Dennis "Mike" Jones, her grandparents, her granddaughter Kimberly Howell, and her great-niece Jordyn Murphy.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, April 15, 2024, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Frazee Cemetery in Clark County, Missouri. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2 to 5 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the funeral home for family expenses.

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

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

OBITUARIES

LELAND B. EDWARDS

Leland B. Edwards, 78, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 6:19 PM at his home.

He was born on July 30, 1945 in Ft. Madison to Bailey and Helen Boyle Edwards. On November 22, 1968 he married Elizabeth Ihde in Colusa, IL and she passed away on June 21, 2020. Leland worked in maintenance most of his life. He loved anything to do with cars. In retirement, Leland and Elizabeth spent time in Cedar Key, FL where he enjoyed going to car shows and fishing. Most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.



EDWARDS

Survivors include his daughter, Amy (Will) Conlee of Ft. Madison; two grandchildren, Drew and Addison Conlee of Ft. Madison and his beloved cat, Oliver. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will meet with friends from 12-2 PM on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Private family burial will be held at a later date in Oakland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Lee County Hospice and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Sports/From the Front

New law gives state more to fight foreign ownership

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land and preserve Iowa's leading role in agriculture," said Secretary Pate.

Currently, foreign landowners are required to register with the Iowa Secretary of State's office and submit agricultural land ownership reports required by Iowa law. The Iowa Secretary of State's office coordinates with the Attorney General's office as necessary on enforcement issues.

Under the new bill, foreign landowners are required to include additional information on reports, including ownership structure and lists its landholdings in excess of 250 acres across the nation. Foreign entities will face increased financial penalties for failure to register with the Iowa Secretary of State's office or misrepresent any required information.

Attorney General Brenna Bird said the new law gives the state an extra line of defense against foreign misdoings.

"Iowa farmland belongs in the hands of Americans. Today's bill signing ensures valuable Iowa farmland will be protected from foreign adversaries and that my office has the tools it needs to investigate violations. While Iowa's laws are already strong, this extra line of defense will make them even stronger. I thank Governor Reynolds for leading to protect Iowa farmland, and the Iowa legislature for propelling this bill across the finish line. I encourage anyone who has information about foreign ownership of farmland to call my office so that we can get to the bottom of it."

Reynolds said other states are looking to Iowa to lead the way on tightening foreign ownership controls.

"Iowa's laws on foreign ownership of land have long been recognized as some of the strongest in the nation, with other states looking to us when crafting their own policies. Yet, in the decades since we first addressed this issue, adversaries like China have grown significantly more aggressive on the world stage, constantly looking for any opening to assert themselves at the expense of our country. One all-too-common weapon in this battle is the purchase of American farmland.

"Our state's fertile soil and unmatched production capacity make us a natural target for this strategy. Our farm families produce 10 percent of the nation's food supply and Iowa ranks as America's top producer of biofuels. That makes us a natural leader in the race to stave off the evolving threat to American agriculture. When Iowa speaks, the country listens. And with this bill our message is unmistakable: American soil belongs in American hands."

Bloodhounds run out of gas against BHS

DOUBLES FAULT: Fort Madison loses Nos. 1 and 2 doubles matches in tiebreakers

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds boys' tennis teams got their first wins of the year despite falling 6-3 to Burlington in a match transplanted from Burlington to Fort Madison when the courts at Dankwardt were overbooked Tuesday night.

Javeon Davis got his first win of the year at No. 2 singles with a 6-3, 6-4 win over the Grayhounds' Patrick Morgan.

Fort Madison also got wins from Rowan Benda at No. 5 singles and Jack Amandus at No. 6. Benda won after winning a tiebreak 7-5 for a 7-6 first set win. He went on to win the second set going away 6-1.

Amandus dispatched BHS' Will Woodard 6-0, 6-2 for his first win of the year.

Burlington won the No. 1, No. 3, and No. 4 matches over Aiden Benda, James Janic, and Peyton Howard.

The Hounds took the 3-3 singles matches split into doubles action and ran out of gas at Nos. 1 and 2.

Aiden Benda and Davis split the first two sets 6-4, 4-6. They were up 4-1 in the tiebreaker on a couple kills at the net from Benda. But Burlington came back in the final moments to take the tiebreaker 10-7 to win the match.

"They had their chances there in that final tiebreaker, but they ran out of gas and lost their focus," said head coach Dean Hogan.

Rowan Benda and Peyton Howard also split their No. 2 doubles match losing the first set 4-6, but coming back for a 6-2 win in the second set to set up a tiebreaker. Burlington's Thomas Fell and Tomas Rascon won the tiebreaker 10-4 to take the 6-3 overall team win.

Jackson Drew and Woodard knocked off Janic and Amandus in No. 2 doubles 1-6, 3-6.

The Hounds travel to Fairfield on Monday.

Central Lee named a Best Community for Music Education

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Music education is a critical component of our curriculum that enriches the lives of our students by fostering creativity, discipline, and teamwork. We are proud of the opportunities we are able to deliver to our students when it comes to music."

The Best Communities for Music Education Award highlights the importance of music as an integral element of a comprehensive education. In Central Lee, students can get involved in music at the elementary level, with beginning band, youth choir, and general music classes. Middle school students can take part in show choir, concert choir, band, marching band, and jazz band.

At the high school level, students participate in CENTRifugal Force, concert choir, marching band, concert band, and jazz band.

"The commitment of both our community and administration to the musical education of our students is truly remarkable," said Central Lee Music Teacher Tracy Madsen. "Thanks to their support, our music staff has access to resources that help them provide several ensemble opportunities during and beyond the regular school day. This not only enriches the students' music education, but also enhances their performance experiences."



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April 8-12
11am - 1pm

Monday, April 8

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Tuesday, April 9

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
West Burlington
Planning and Zoning
Commission Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
March 14, 2024**

The West Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission met on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Chairman Karen Dewey presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Blake Ruther, Karen Dewey, Kathy Newberry, Joe Rector, Mike Davis, and Sandy Lee
MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mary Storch
ALSO PRESENT:
City Administrator Gregg Mandsager and City Clerk Kelly Fry
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PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Rector, seconded by Ruther, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:
Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, and Lee

PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on November 14, 2023

Moved by Rector, seconded by Davis, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Commission Meeting. Motion carried by the following votes:
Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, and Lee

NEW BUSINESS
Consider request amending the Zoning Code to allow the construction and regulation of a Campground

The City has received a request from Clifford Reif, who owns the Hwy 34 Truck Stop at the corner of Hwy 34 and Hwy 406 Rd. Mr. Reif addressed the Commission to explain his plan to build an RV Park on the property between the Truck Stop and the IAAP property. Mr. Reif explained that they have seen a demand for overnight and temporary camping sites in the area. The RV Park would be for temporary camping to serve people traveling through the area and for people working in the area. They are also planning to make improvements to the Truck Stop as well and planned to make a gated secure area for truck parking. Mandsager stated that the truck parking would fit with the current use of the property. He was concerned with the RV Park and how it would be regulated in the future.

This is the last piece of property located inside the city limits. The property to the west is owned

by the IAAP. The lot is zoned I-3 (Heavy Industrial) and a campground is not a permitted use in that zoning district. The City Code does have a Zoning District that allows for a Mobile Home Park, which regulates permanent mobile home residences. Mandsager expressed his concern with opening the door to allow additional mobile home parks in the city limits. The Commission agreed with his concerns and felt creating a special zoning district for RV Parks would be more appropriate. The Commission also agreed this is the only area in town that a RV Park would be appropriate.

The Commission reviewed proposed regulations that could be adopted for a Special RV Park District. The purpose of an RV Park District would be to regulate temporary campgrounds in the City of West Burlington and to provide the minimum standard specifications for the construction, installation, maintenance, and

operation of said parks. The Commission recommended several changes to the regulations that were presented and agreed to hold another meeting to review them again before setting a Public Hearing to create a new RV Park Zoning District.

OLD BUSINESS
Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Updates

Bolten-Menk has started working on updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan and gathering input from staff. City Administrator Mandsager reviewed a list of questions Bolten-Menk would like the Commission members to fill out and return. Mandsager encouraged the Commission to participate in public input sessions that will be held over the next year.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Moved by Rector, seconded by Ruther, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by the following

votes:
Ayes: Ruther, Dewey, Newberry, Rector, Davis, and Lee
Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
West Burlington
Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
March 20, 2024**

The West Burlington City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at West Burlington City Hall, 122 Broadway Street, West Burlington, Iowa, with Mayor Ron Teater presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ron Teater, Ringo Covert, Andy Crowner, John Johnson, Therese Lees, and Melanie Young
MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALSO PRESENT:
Police Chief Jesse Logan, Public Works Director Mike Brissey, City Clerk Kelly Fry, Finance Manager Angela Moore, and City Administrator Gregg Mandsager

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by the following votes:
Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

CONSENT AGENDA
• Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on March 6, 2024
• Payment to Carahsoft - \$6,311.26
• Approved a quote from ACCO for materials needed to repair grating at Swimming Pool - \$5,805.00
• Pay Request #2 to Jones Contracting for work completed on Phase 2 of the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project - \$45,075.90
• Payment to Mississippi Valley Pump for repairs to a swimming pool pump - \$9,530
• Payment of Claims as listed on the Ex-

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PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

pense Approval Report - \$248,138.37

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

Ayes: Covert, Crown-er, Johnson, Lees, and Young

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

No inquiries.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Teater read a Proclamation declaring Thursday, April 4, 2024 as Junior Achievement Day in West Burlington.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion in preparation for setting the levy rate and finalizing the budget for FY23-24 City

Administrator Mandsager provided the Council with information related to implementing a Gas and electric Franchise Fee and reviewed the potential revenue that could be generated. The council agreed they would want language included in the Ordinance to earmark the revenue for specific Capital Projects, including the Forcemain Replacement and Water Main Replacement projects. Crown-er stated he would not be in favor of collecting revenue for capital projects for fear future councils wouldn't use the money for projects that he wanted to see completed.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

ADJOURN

Moved by Lees, seconded by Johnson, to ad-

journal at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crown-er, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Approved: Ron Teater, Mayor

Kelly D. Fry, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Keokuk Community School District School Board Meeting
4-1-24
Meeting Minutes

A. Call to order by Presiding Officer - Roll Call or Determination of Quorum

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Consent Agenda -

Approved

1. Agenda

2. Bills and Claims-

Supporting Docs/Links

attached to this item

3. Personnel Supporting Docs/Links attached to this item

4. Agreements/Partnerships

D. Items for Action

1. Quotes

2. Elementary Library

Collection Evaluation -

Librarians are weeding

out books that have not

been checked out in

recent years to assess

how to divide the books

per the GW & Hawthorne

and for the grade move.

The librarians proposed

putting together a list of

locations that they can

drop off books to give

away to those that need

the books. The board

Approved.

3. Extended Language

for Family Illness Leave-

Supporting Docs/Links

attached to this item - The

wording was revised to make sure and include a benefit that employees can take sick leave to care of spouses and children. Approved.

4. 2024-2025 School Calendar Supporting Docs/Links attached to this item - Approved (see press release).

E. Items for Information

1. The Thinking Stu-

dent: Vertical Boards and

Student Engagement at

KMS - This new way of

teaching where students

stand the whole time

and complete work at

white boards has shown

increased student en-

gagement and student

enjoyment, the teachers

are facilitating learning

and students are teaching

each other. There has

been an increase in test

scores across the board. Student engagement has completely changed and increases participation. "The accelerated classes are taking charge of their own learning."

F. Adjournment

G. Work Session

1. Discussion Items

a. Establishing Board

Goals and Measuring

Success - Two goals for

student success were

previously established

and Dr. Dinger wrote

some narratives for the

board to confirm if the

goals were met over the

last two years. The board

is going to review what

they were provided and

then will discuss the pa-

perwork. Having a retreat

was discussed.

H. Adjournment

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From the Front

Lady Hounds getting help in sprints, relays

RELAYS - Continued from Page 1

have a good mix of runners.

“We’ve got some decent speed which we’ve been lacking and a very solid distance crew that is more than carrying their weight. But you can’t put together relays without sprinters and we got some of that this year, so it’s kinda fun.”

Fort Madison hasn’t had a competitor this year in the field events, but Mendez said he’s hoping to move some younger kids into some field events to learn it and find out who enjoys it.

He said the three home meets should be fruitful.

“We like to run at home so that should prove an advantage, but it’s so much work. You go to these other well-run events at Mt. Pleasant and Washington, it’s because they have awesome help and I don’t think it’s going to be long before we’re there, too,” he said.

Sophomore Mara Smith captured second in the 800-meter run with a 2:27.05 followed by Addison Rump who earned 4th at 2:37.47.

The Lady Hounds’ 4x800 relay team of Paetyn Wiegand, Smith, MaKayla Schinstock, and Addison Rump took 2nd place with a 10:25.23. Brylie Lorence got the other 2nd place finish with a 37’11” throw in the shotput. She had a 4th place finish in the discus at 101’8”.

Central Lee’s Gabby Maynes had a nice showing in the open 400 with a 1:10.81, good enough for 4th in the Class B division. The Hawks’ Aubrey Weber was second in the B division in the discus with a spin of 88’5”.

Complete results from Tuesday’s 2024 Timm Lamb Relays are below.

100-meter dash: FM (A) – Lillian Gelsthorpe 14.01 (10th), Rylee Steffensmeier 14.56 (19th), Laci Gathers 18.91 (27th). Central Lee (B) – MaKayla Howard 15.16 (8th), Elaina Barlow 16.58 (14th).

200-meter dash: FM – Steffensmeier 30.77 (14th), Maleena Bentley 32.11 (19th). Central Lee – Kylie Fortune 31.68 (9th), Madelyn Derr 32.82 (11th)

400-meter dash: FM – McKayla Schinstock 1:06.83 (4th), Esther Gnann 1:09.70 (12th), Torey Potter 1:16.76 (18th). Central Lee – Gabby Maynes 1:10.81 (4th)

800-meter run: FM – Mara Smith 2:27.05 (2nd), Addison Rump 2:37.47 (4th), Potter 2:57.23 (16th). Central Lee – Macie Doty 3:03.91 (8th)

1500-meter run: FM – Avery Rump 5:02.78 (1st), Mira Koser 6:18.25 (14th). Sapphire Cummings 7:59.48 (9th)

3000-meter run: FM – Avery Rump 10:52.19 (1st). Central Lee – no entry.

100 hurdles: FM – Chloe Sokolik 18.57 (10th), Alexa Walz 19.85 (18th), Alaina Schwerin 20.15 (20th). Central Lee – Elaina Barlow 22.36 (11th).

400 hurdles: FM – Walz 1:24.86 (15th). Central Lee – no entry

4x100 relay: FM – Gelsthorpe, Olivia Buckner, Emma Kern, Hailey Kemper 54.97 (8th). Bentley, Kenna Gittings, Gathers and Andrea Yrigoyen 1:04.56 (15th). Central Lee – Gracie Howard, Madelyn Derr, Katheryne Zufall, Karagen Rogers 1:04.11 (10th).

4x200 relay: FM - Ellie Huebner, Snaadt, Gittings, and Steffensmeier 2:02.98 (9th). Central Lee – Derr, Shalida Mortimer, Gracie Howard, and Rogers 2:15.90 (7th).

4x400 relay: FM – Huebner, Addison Rump, Schinstock, Smith 4:33.18 (5th). Esther Gnann, Walz, Schwerin, Snaadt 4:54.46 (10th). Central Lee – no entry.

4x800 relay: FM – Paetyn Wiegand, Smith, Schinstock, Addison Rump 10:25.23 (2nd). Huebner, Gnann, Snaadt and Schwerin 11:24.85 (6th). Central Lee – Doty, Allison Gruntmeir, Julia Fraise, and Maynes 12:37.93 (6th).

Sprint Medley: FM – Sokolik, Kern, Gelsthorpe, Buckner 2:07.86 (9th). Gittings, Yrigoyen, Bentley, Addisyn Lumsden 2:26.35 (23rd). Central Lee – MaKayla Howard, Brooklyn Jones, Nora Lampe, Maynes 2:12.70 (8th).

Distance Medley: FM – Kern, Buckner, Smith, and Avery Rump 4:34.74 (1st), Yrigoyen, Schwerin, Koser, Lumsden 5:35.31 (10th). Central Lee – Fraise, Kamryn Cox, M. Howard, Lampe 5:20.69 (4th).

Shuttle hurdle relay: FM – Sokolik, Kemper, Bentley and Gittings 1:17.80 (4th). Central Lee – Fraise, Cox, M.Howard and Lampe 1:24.55 (3rd).

High Jump: FM- no entry. Central Lee – A. Gruntmeir 4’10” (2nd)

Long Jump: FM – no entry. Central Lee – Fortune 13’9.25” (6th).

Shot put: FM – Brylie Lorence 37’11” (2nd). Central Lee – Aubrey Weber 28’0” (4th)

Discus: FM – Lorence 101’8: (4th). Central Lee – Weber 88’5” (2nd).



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Central Lee’s Brooklyn Jones takes off on the 200-meter first leg of the B Division Distance Medley at the Timm Lamb Relays in Fort Madison.

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