

# Expression Auction Sat.

**FUNDRAISER:** McAleer Hall sets up for Saturday annual fundraiser for the FM Area Arts Association

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FORT MADISON - Not just Art Expressions, but the fine art of adventure and building memories with others.

The Member Artists of FMAAA have once again generously supported their Art Center with an excellent array of artwork, sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry donated to support the Expressions Art Auction, the major fundraiser which supports annual operating expenses and programming for the FMAAA Art Center. This year's event will be held Saturday, April 13 at McAleer Hall located at 415 11th Street in Fort Madison, Iowa. The doors open at 6pm with the live auction to begin at 7 p.m.

The evening will begin with beer and wine tasting courtesy of Lost Duck and Linden Winery. The sampling continues with a variety of Mediterranean, Italian and Mexican fusion fare available from La Tavola, the Garden of Eatn', and Mama Knows. Tickets to attend are \$50 each

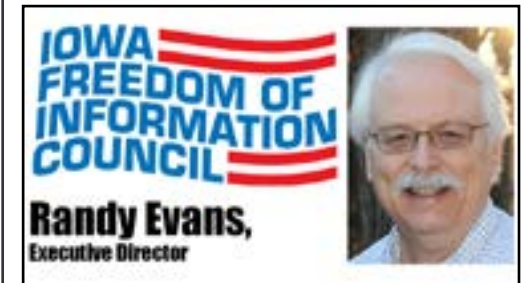
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Courtesy photo

This print from Robert Dow is just one of many items up for auction at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association's Expression Auction Saturday at McAleer Hall in Fort Madison.

## COMMENTARY



# Davenport officials need to put down their shovels

City officials in Davenport have managed to accomplish the impossible this year: They have brought Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature together to agree on something.

The two parties have bickered over topics like changes to the Area Education Agencies, liability protection for farm chemical manufacturers, making birth control pills available without a prescription, and providing state tax money to arm teachers.

But the D's and R's came together in the House last month, voting 92-2 to increase the penalties for government officials who violate Iowa's open meetings law. The bill also requires a judge to remove a member of a government board who has twice violated the meetings law.

This unusual consensus among D's and R's was on display again last week. The House Government Oversight Committee heard testimony on a scandal in Davenport city government that has dragged on for months, with one troubling disclosure after another.

The witnesses included two citizens who monitor local governments in the Quad Cities, the attorney who represents one of them, and an advocate for government transparency. That last person was me, as executive director of the Iowa Freedom of Information Council.

I could have summarized my remarks by saying Davenport city leaders need to understand the first law of holes. That could save them from statewide embarrassment, loss of respect and the ire of the Legislature.

If you are not familiar with the law of holes, it derives from the adage, "When you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

In the Davenport case, Mayor Mike Matson and the city council have refused for months

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## SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

# FM Chamber looking for small business nominations

FORT MADISON - Each May during National Small Business Week the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce honors the greater Fort Madison small business community for their efforts and achievements during the previous calendar year. The Small Business of the Year and the Micro Business of the Year awards are presented, and ALL nominees are acknowledged during the Annual Small Business Breakfast.

Eligible businesses will be based on the following criteria:

- Is organized for profit
- Has a place of business in Fort Madison
- Is independently owned and operated
- Is not dominant in its field on a national basis
- Made an impact on the community or economy over the past year (2023)
- Has changed and/or grown in the past year (2023)

To nominate a business, please contact the chamber at [chamber@fortmadison.com](mailto:chamber@fortmadison.com) or 319-372-5471. Nominations will

be accepted through Friday, April 19th.

This event is sponsored by Huffman Welding & Machine and Huffman Farm & Home.

The Small Business Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at Turnwater Bar & Grill; breakfast will be available starting at 7:30am (\$15 per person for Fort Madison Area Chamber member employees, \$20 per person for non-members). Please contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471 by April 26th to reserve your tickets to the event.

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

04/05/24 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Christian Michael Nichols, 24, of Carmen, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/05/24 - 2:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue E.

04/05/24 - 5:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Ashley Nicole Post, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/06/24 - 7:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of Avenue F.

04/06/24 - 7:14 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Ashley

Nicole Post, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of assault with intent - serious injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/06/24 - 11:39 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1000 block of Avenue F.

04/06/24 - 2:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 17th Street.

04/06/24 - 5:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Matthew Dewight Sheese, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue F, on charges of contempt - violation of a domestic no-contact order, 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, drug tax stamp violations, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/06/24 - 7:09 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue G.

04/07/24 - 2:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 400 block of 5th Street.

04/07/24 - 2:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Marty Joe Cochenour, 47, of Fort Madison, at 12th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred.

04/07/24 - 8:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of Avenue H.

04/07/24 - 9:52 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Seth Thomas Wright, 31, of Fort Madison, at 24th Street and Avenue H, on warrants for probation violation - traffic offense and pretrial release violation. He was taken to Lee County

Jail.

04/08/24 - 3:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of Avenue F.

04/08/24 - 3:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.

04/08/24 - 4:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1100 block of Avenue C.

04/08/24 - 5:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Riverview Drive.

04/09/24 - 7:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.

### Keokuk Police Report

04/05/24 - 10:03 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1600

block of Palean Street.

04/05/24 - 10:26 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 16-year-old female juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 2200 block of Middle Road, on a charge of simple assault. She was released to a parent.

04/05/24 - 11:54 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 900 block of Exchange Street.

04/05/24 - 1:42 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of North Park Drive.

04/05/24 - 4:50 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Boulevard Road.

04/05/24 - 8:34 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Johnson Street.

04/06/24 - 2:24 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Shane

Michael Rockelman, 50, of Keokuk, at South 17th and Johnson Streets, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/06/24 - 7:39 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Johnson Street.

04/06/24 - 7:58 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Orleans Avenue.

04/06/24 - 6:54 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1900 block of Timea Street.

04/06/24 - 9:48 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident at North 4th and High Streets.

04/06/24 - 11:10 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 16-year-old female juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 300 block of North 4th Street, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. She was released to a parent.

04/07/24 - 2:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Johnson Street.

04/08/24 - 12:02 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Caleb Robert Hall, 37, of Keokuk, at Belknap Boulevard and Main Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court, and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - marijuana, 1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/08/24 - 8:27 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of Plank Road.

04/08/24 - 10:48 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of North Park Drive.

04/08/24 - 9:33 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Audrey Lynn Jones, 45, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of South 5th Street, on an arrest of affidavit warrant and charges of 2nd offense possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/08/24 - 9:46 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4000 block of Main Street.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

04/05/24 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### ONEIDA M. BOURGEOIS

Oneida Mae Bourgeois, 90 of Kahoka passed away Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Clark County Nursing Home.

She was born October 7, 1933 in the daughter of Joseph Stafford and Margaret Alice Smith Walker.



BOURGEOIS

Oneida graduated from Williamstown High School. She was united in marriage to Wayne Bourgeois on May 19, 1951 in Kahoka, where they made their home and raised their family. He preceded her in death on January 22, 2010.

Oneida was the epitome of a true farmer's wife, working alongside her husband on the family farm. She was also a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Kahoka, where her faith was a guiding light in her life.

A gifted cook, Oneida's kitchen was a place of warmth and abundance, where the aroma of her culinary creations welcomed all who entered. From hearty country breakfasts to homemade pies that melted in your mouth.

But it wasn't just in the kitchen where Oneida showcased her talents. With nimble fingers and a creative spirit, she transformed scraps of fabric

into works of art. As a gifted quilter, she poured her heart and soul into every stitch, creating quilts that were not just blankets, but expressions of love and affection. Each grandchild was gifted a handmade quilt upon their marriage, a tangible reminder of her love.

She is survived by a son, Wendel Bourgeois and his significant other Deon Norris of Kahoka, MO, one daughter, Lynn Palazzo (Dennis) of Oquawka, IL, daughter-in-law, Janet Bourgeois of Kahoka, MO, five grandchildren, Bethany Wiemann and her husband Cody and her son Brody; Jeremy Bourgeois and his wife Miranda and their children Erika, Aidan, and Avery; Joshua Bourgeois and his wife Nikki and their children Isabel and Adalyn; Lacy McCormick and her husband Shawn and their children, Kylee, Emmalee, Ivy, Willa, Luke and Violet; and Brandon Bourgeois and his wife Korie and their children, Piper and Blake, step-grandchildren, Marie Spence and her husband Kraig; Chris Plant and his wife Dena and their children, Olivia and William; Aaron Palazzo; and Keri Burns and her husband Tim and her children Missy, Ebony and Lexy; Scott Norris and his wife Beth and their children Cooper, Zadie and Everett; Ashley Norris and Nathan and their children Rayne and Wade; and two great great grandchildren Gabby and Theo and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, step-father Albert Snider and two sons, Ronald in infancy and Benny Bourgeois and a sister, Mary Lynn Lillard.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Kahoka. Burial will be in the Kahoka Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Missouri Baptist Children's Home or to Shepherds Staff.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

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### LAVERN PROUGH

LaVern Prough died Sunday, April 7, 2024 at his home in Fort Madison, Iowa. He was born in Bucklin, MO on March 15, 1940, to Opal Prough, and named for the doctor and nurse that delivered him. He faced immediate challenges as the son of an unwed mother during those

difficult times, but overcame all with the love of his mother, his grandmother, Verna, and uncle, Edwin, who helped to raise him. He lived in the very rural area of Elmer, MO where he played in "Sand Crick" and was a basketball star in the local school. In 1958, he graduated from LaPlata (MO) High School and took off to experience a great new world. After living in Chicago for a short time, he moved to Fort Madison, IA to marry the love of his life, Ruth Smutzer on June 1, 1961. Together they raised two daughters, Kim and Debbie, whom he adored until his last breath.

He was a very hard worker and entrepreneur, owning and managing the Fort Madison Ambulance Service, multiple service stations, tow trucks and a convenience store. He proudly served as a Lee County Deputy Sheriff, worked as a lieutenant at the Iowa State Penitentiary and other miscellaneous jobs until his "retirement". He continued to sell cars and other items on eBay and Facebook- for himself as well as his many family members and friends. He was friendly and well known, always had a few good stories to tell and loved to make people laugh. He would do anything for anyone and positively affected the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know him. He loved old country music, especially George Jones, Waylon Jennings and Merle Haggard, and was a great fan of Elvis, having visited Graceland and Branson several times. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Prough on December 1, 2009, his mother, Opal and step-father, Roy Shumaker, and several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

He is survived by his loving daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Ray Crutcher of Daventry, IA and Deborah and Doug Bergquist of Fort Madison, IA. He considered himself to be fortunate in later years to connect with another daughter, Melanie Perry of Henderson, NV and her family. He also enjoyed the company of his step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, his special friend, Loretta Wardlow and "Woody", his grand dog. He had many great experiences, overcame unusual challenges and made innumerable close friendships throughout his lifetime. He was an unforgettable man.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa. A memorial has been established for the Lee County K9 Program, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Prough Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).



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# FM girls rip off another shutout; move to 4-0

**DAILY SERVICE:** Johnson holds off Central Lee girls to help Hounds to a perfect start to the season

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

DONNELSON — Taylor Johnson hasn't had much work this season as Fort Madison's goalkeeper.

The Bloodhounds opened the season with three consecutive shutouts heading into Tuesday's match at Central Lee, and the defense has kept every opponent from getting few shots on goal.

"It's been pretty boring for me," Johnson said. "It gets kind of cold back there."

Business picked up against the Hawks, but it was another zero for Johnson and the Bloodhounds.

Johnson had six saves, including one on a second-half penalty kick, as Fort Madison took an 8-0 win.

"It was definitely nice to get some action," Johnson said.

Central Lee (0-2) spent a lot of second-half time on the Bloodhounds' side of the field, but Johnson was there to make the plays, particularly late in the half

when a foul in the box led to a penalty kick for the Hawks. But Johnson stopped Audree Boyd's shot to preserve the shutout.

"It was just reading her eyes, seeing if she knew where she wanted to go," Johnson said. "It's kind of a guessing game."

Johnson admitted she still finds penalty kicks "a little scary," but coach Carrie Burken knows her goalkeeper can handle them.

"She actually has a lot of PK experience for a varsity goalie," Burken said. "We've had a PK shootout in every year she's been a goalkeeper, and so I think the more you face them, you know what to expect."

"Her confidence, where she is, it's, 'I know how to read this, I know where this is going to go.' And it works for her."

"I think I'm more relaxed and less nervous about it," Johnson said. "I know what to do."

Fort Madison (4-0) scored seven of its goals in the first half. Natalie Randolph opened the scoring with a breakaway goal less than five minutes into the match. Teagan Snaadt scored three goals, Hadley Wolfe had two, and Reilynn Turnbull had one.

But the Bloodhounds' offense went stagnant in the second half while the Hawks kept up the pressure.

"I think a lot of that had to do with us not possessing

the ball more," Burken said. "We weren't doing a good job of possessing the ball. We needed to connect on passes more, and that's something we need to work on."

"The second half was just not to get mercy-ruled," Central Lee coach Antonio Estrada said. "Fort Madison has a lot of speed, and we saw that in the first half. Our main thing was to just hold them, while moving girls around to get them experience in different places."

Fort Madison's lone second-half goal came when Turnbull buried a shot in the upper left corner of the goal with 11:39 to play.

Estrada liked how his team responded in the second half.

"It's something we can build on," he said. "It showed the girls never gave up. They work hard in practice and you could see that, especially in the second half. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Burken said the second-half challenge by the Hawks was helpful as Fort Madison prepares for Thursday's match at Burlington in a matchup of Southeast Conference title contenders.

"It's definitely helpful to get more action, to get more reps, so we can see the holes that we need to correct in the defense," she said. "This was the first real test for our defense. Obviously we have some things to work on, but not giving up a goal was really important."

## Dear gets three firsts as Hounds take 2nd at Trojan Relays

FAIRFIELD — The Fort Madison sprinters continue to dominate southeast Iowa track meets this spring. The strong speed of the Hounds led them to a second-place finish at Tuesday's Trojan Relays in Fairfield.

Fort Madison captured five first place finishes in open sprints and relays enroute to 121.5 points trailing only host Fairfield by 7.5 points. Central Lee finished 9th with 44 points.

Julian Dear posted an 11.55 in the 100-meter dash for the top spot. Central Lee's Grant Myhre was second with an 11.83.

Dear also anchored the 4x100 relay with Adam Sobczak, Dayton Lamar, and Hayden Segoviano at a speedy 44.82, a full 1.1 seconds in front of the field. Dear ran the second leg on the winning 4x200 relay squad of Segoviano, Dear, Lamar, and Kiawante Smith at 1:34.10.

The sprint medley squad of Segoviano, Dear, Lamar, and Peyton Lambert captured the top spot in that 800-meter relay with a time of 1:39.12.

Lambert got another first for the Hounds when he raced to a 54.58 in the open 400. Mason McLey took 2nd in the dash at 55.44.

Brandon Klein earned 1st place in the 101-meter, 201-meter, and 401-meters.

Fort Madison's Caden Barnes set a personal best with a 54' 1.5" in the shotput for first place. Kenden Bowie cleared 6 feet in the high jump to take 3rd place, his best finish of the year.

The Hawks' Kegan Damico raced to second in the 400-meter hurdles with a 59.52.

Complete Bloodhound and Hawks results from the event are below.

100-meter dash: FM — Dear 11.55 (1st), Marcus Guzman 12.12 (9th). Central Lee — Grant Myhre 11.83 (2nd), Evan Fogarty 12.10 (7th).

101-meter dash: FM Brandon Klein 34.04 (1st).

200-meter dash: FM — no entry. Central Lee — Brett Cook 26.38 (11th), Aden Ross 26.49 (12th).

201-meter dash: FM — Klein 1:11.91 (1st).

400-meter dash: FM — Peyton Lambert 54.58 (1st), Mason McLey 55.44 (2nd). Central Lee — Ross

56.13 (5th), Riley Salter-Rickman 1:00.57

401-meter dash: FM — Klein 2:39.26 (1st).

800-meter run: FM — Nolan Guzman 2:03.87 (3rd),

McLey 2:19.74 (8th). Central Lee — Caden Cro-

zier 2:34.62 (12th), Noah Gerber 2:59.85 (14th)

1600-meter run: FM — Calvin Johnson 5:08.04 (6th). Central

Lee — Ward Fraise 5:14.56 (8th), Leo Thomas 5:28.80 (12th).

3200-meter run: FM — Riley Tripp 11:06.70 (5th), Johnson

11:22.90 (6th). Central Lee — Thomas 11:52.40 (9th).

110 hurdles: FM — Gavin Callahan 16.79 (5th). Central Lee — no entry.

400 hurdles: FM — no entry. Central Lee — Kegan Dam-

ico 59.52 (2nd). Austin Fogarty 1:06.67 (11th).

4x100 relay: FM — Adam Sobczak, Dayton Lamar, Hayden

Segoviano, and Dear 44.86 (1st). Central Lee — Evan

Fogarty, Damico, Will Ferris, Myhre 46.48 (5th).

4x200 relay: FM — Segoviano, Dear, Lamar, Kiawante

Smith 1:34.10 (1st). Central Lee — Kain Arrowood,

Kaidin Humes, Cook and Fogarty 1:43.03 (8th)

4x400 relay: FM — Noah Krogmeier, Justice Lightfoot, Eric Cor-

nelis, and Brody Cashman 4:14.71 (8th). Central Lee — Humes,

Salter-Rickman, Beau Boyd and Crozier 4:28.01 (9th).

4x800 relay: FM — no entry. Central Lee — Fraise, Will Hayes,

Austin Fogarty and Salter-Rickman 10:15.68 (6th).

Sprint Medley: FM — Segoviano, Dear, Lamar, Lam-

bert 1:39.12 (1st). Central Lee — Cody Kitzman, Ar-

rowood, Ross, and Cook 1:46.72 (7th).

Distance Medley: FM — Smith, Henry Wiseman, Sob-

czak and Nolan Guzman 3:48.77 (2nd). Central Lee

— Kitzman, Humes, Hayes, Crozier 4:49.53 (9th).

Shuttle hurdle relay: FM — no entry. Central Lee — no entry

High Jump: FM — Kenden Bowie 6'0" (3rd), Nolan Guz-

man 5'10" (4th). Central Lee — Damico 5'10" (6th).

Long Jump: FM — no entry. Central Lee — Austin Fogarty 15'10" (14th).

Shot Put: FM — Caden Barnes 54'1.5" (1st). Central Lee — Os-

tyn Moore 37'11" (5th), Cam Thornburg 30'0.5" (14th).

Discus: FM — Brayton Schneider 130'2" (2nd), Cory Arnett 120'0"

(3rd). Central Lee Owen Krogmeier 108'1" (11th), Moore 80'2" (15th)

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# Sports/Classifieds

## Lady Hounds take 3rd at Nike Invitational

**HELMICK:** Senior Lauryn Helmick is leading Fort Madison resurgence on the golf course

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Lady Hounds captured third in the Burlington Notre Dame Invitational Tuesday to highlight area girls' golf action.

The Bloodhounds finished with 432 on Burlington's Flint Hills, 18-holes behind Highland's 384 and Louisa-Muscatine's 424.

Lauryn Helmick led Fort Madison with an even 100. Kylie Lumino shot a 104 and Natalie Wright carded a 113. Tatum Peters shot a 115 to round out the Bloodhound scoring.

On Monday at Schaefer Memorial, the Lady Hounds took 4th place with a 228 behind Burlington's 224, Mt. Pleasant's 221, and Keokuk's 210 at the 9-hole back-nine event. Helmick shot a 47 to lead the Lady Hounds at the Fort Madison Invitational, good enough for fifth overall.

Burlington's Lauren Briggs was medalist with a 37. Mt. Pleasant's Kylie Walderbach was runner-up with a 43. Lucy Arevalo shot a 58 and Lumino shot a 61 for the Hounds.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Teagan Snaadt works the ball through the midfield in Thursday's 4-0 win over Keokuk.

## Hounds move to 3-1 with win over BND

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds have moved to 3-1 on the year and recorded their third straight shutout with a 4-0 win over Burlington Notre Dame Tuesday night.

Jacob Shottenkirk scored twice, one in each half, while Oliver Santiago and Conner Gehling held the Nikes scoreless, each playing a half in the keep.

Shottenkirk scored his fifth and sixth goals of the year on just eight shots on goal, the first coming at the 22-minute mark in the first half. He punched the Bloodhounds to a 2-0 lead 17 minutes into the second half off assists from Leif Boeding and Jan de Gracia Hernandez.

Henry Graham got his team-leading ninth goal of the season on an unassisted shot a minute and a half later. Boeding wrapped up the scoring with three minutes left in the match.

On Monday, the Hounds got their second Southeast Conference win of the year against no losses with a 3-0 win over Fairfield on the road.

Graham had the hat trick for Fort Madison scoring all three goals off assists in the first half. The first shot came 24 minutes into the match on a double assist from Xander Lumsden and Layne Rung. He scored again seven minutes later on a ball from Boeding and then capped things off just a minute later with an assist from Mario Gomez.

Gehling had two saves in the first half and Santiago preserved the shutout with a save in the second half.

The junior varsity squad also won both matches 4-2 Tuesday and 6-2 at Fairfield.

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 4/2/2024

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Amandus, Gray, Yager, Andrews, and Rink present.

Mohrfeld presented a proclamation designating April 4th, 2024 as Junior Achievement Day in Fort Madison. Mohrfeld presented a proclamation designating April 7th – 13th, 2024 as National Library Week.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 3/19/2024; Setting public hearing for 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 4/16/2024, concerning the final proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Liquor License Renewals for LULAC Council 304, Chuong Garden, Turnwater FM LLC, and Boozy Rae's: June 6, July 11, August 8, 2024; Claims dated March 27, 2024; March Manual Claims; Library Claims; and Payroll of 3/22/2024.

At 5:37 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning updates to the Floodplain Management

Zoning Code. Krogmeier, Planning & Zoning Director, provided an update on the code change. With no other oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:38 P.M. On motion, Council approved the first reading to amend Ordinance D-61, Title 10, Chapter 25: Floodplain Management Zoning Code.

At 5:38 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning PIP-2023-03, Fort Madison Municipal Airport Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Dave Joens with McClure Engineering provided a summary of the project. With no other oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:40 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-25 approving plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for PIP-2023-03, Fort Madison Municipal Airport Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-110 amending Ordinance D-47, Title 2, Chapter 4: Civil Service Commission. On motion, council approved the second reading amending Ordinance D-70, MidAmerican Energy Company Franchise

Agreement. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-26, allocating American Rescue Plan Act funds towards PIP 2023-01, Avenue L 20th – 30th Street. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-27, approving the Mayor's signature on Supplemental Agreement #1 with French Reneker Associates, Inc. of Fairfield, Iowa for the PORT Phase IV Trail in the amount of \$101,786.32. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-28, approving the Mayor's signature on an Engineering Services Agreement with French Reneker Associates, Inc. of Fairfield, Iowa for conceptual engineering services for the next four phases of PORT

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$31,581.13
Special Rev.	137,310.49
Road Use	12,453.22
Debt	0.00
Capital	1,757.42
Water	23,795.95
Sewer	79,271.98
Slid Waste, IWC	2,995.83
SW Utility	2,410.51
	<u>\$291,576.53</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$22,654.68
Special Rev.	270,702.50
Road Use	1,406.85
Debt	1,710.24
Capital	26,468.61
Water	324,132.20
Sewer	343,043.61
Slid Wst & IWC	84,246.59
Sewer	17,158.87
	<u>\$1,091,524.15</u>

Trails. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-29, approving the following applications for a Three-Year Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption: Aaron Barnes, 707 33rd Street (General Improvement); Aaron Barnes, 723 33rd Street (New Construction).

On motion, Council adopted the final proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

An update was provided on the drainage issue along the PORT Trail near Gethsemane Cemetery at Rodeo Park.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor  
ATTEST: /s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

PAYROLL		3/22/2024
General		\$ 216,428.93
Employee Ben.		7,148.16
Road Use		26,180.00
Water		35,629.08
Sewer		31,943.53
Solid Waste		16,572.71
Airport		488.59
Storm Water		3,160.62
		<u>\$337,551.62</u>

### CLAIMS 4/2/2024

ALEXIS LANDRUM, 1/2 SHELTER RENTAL REFUND.....	37.50	355.24	
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	3,440.79	FARM & HOME SUPPLY, SAFETY DECALS .....	543.12
AMSOIL, INC, OIL/FILTER .....	189.88	FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREA, CERTIFICATION FEES.....	50.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, SHOP SUPPLIES/UNIFORM....	90.86	FORT MADISON WATER	
BJ 'S PERFORMANCE, TOW FEE .....	55.00		
BRIAN S GREEN, SAFETY BOOTS .....	221.49		
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE .....	170.00		
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., CLEAN STONE ....	929.67		
CTL SCIENTIFIC SUPPLY CORP, TESTING SUPPLIES .....	199.71		
DANA ZUMDOME, TRAINING .....	155.06		
DARRYL KANE, ALUM. BLOCKS/CABLE ..	195.00		
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, ADOPT-A-GARDEN SIGN .....	39.02		
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE....	4,037.06		
DUNKIN GARAGE & TOWING, REPLACE BRAKE PADS/ROTORS .....	353.98		
ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO., TRASH TRUCK FOLD UP STEPS .....	1,082.47		
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, WEEKLY SLUDGE SAMPLE			

.....	355.24
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, SAFETY DECALS .....	543.12
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREA, CERTIFICATION FEES.....	50.00
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

DEPT, WATER @ AIR-PORT..... 20.39  
 GRAINGER, TESTING SUPPLIES .....211.69  
 GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, PAPER TOWELS/TOILET PAPER ..... 280.65  
 GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, CLEANER ..... 567.74  
 HILL PRINTING, BUSINESS CARDS ..... 118.35  
 HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, REPAIR KIT ..... 95.72  
 HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, REPAIR BACKHOE BUCKET ..... 2,395.48  
 IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 4TH QTR TERMINAL FEES ..... 708.00  
 IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, CONCRETE ..... 3,072.45  
 INTOXIMETERS, BLOW MACHINE SUPPLIES ..... 415.00  
 IOWA ASSOC OF MUN. UTILITIES, WATER ANNUAL DUES ..... 1,170.00  
 JIM BAIER INC., REPLACE THERMOSTAT ..... 547.20  
 KELTEK INCORPORATED, SCANNER/THERMAL PAPER ..... 1,043.75  
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/POSTAGE/PAINT ..... 1,507.65  
 KEVIN HOENIG, CERTIFICATION FEES..... 90.00  
 KIRBYBUILT, MEMORIAL BENCH..... 1,141.08  
 LIBERTY UTILITY, IOWA HEAT ..... 725.13  
 LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL ..... 2,238.50  
 MADISON TURF & TIMBER, BLADES/FILTERS ..... 591.90  
 MCCLURE ENGINEERING CO., AWOS ..... 14,901.76  
 MCFARLAND, TOWELS/GLOVES/LINERS ..... 197.47  
 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT ..... 3,834.28  
 MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, REPAIR GAS MONITOR.... 826.57  
 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ..... 975.00  
 MIKE MERCER, REPAIR POOL SLIDE ..... 750.00  
 MOTOR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO, OIL/SPARK PLUGS ..... 22.16  
 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., WATER CAPS ..... 1,246.05  
 PITNEY BOWES BANK INC., POSTAGE ..... 2,000.00  
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON WATER BILL/PAST DUE POSTAGE ..... 1,921.37  
 QUILL LLC, SHARPIES

..... 180.94  
 S.H. ENTERPRISES LTD., HAULING SLUDGE ..... 6,309.60  
 SAFE RESTRAINTS, INC., RESTRAINTS W/ HELMETS..... 1,582.12  
 SKEETER KELL, SPORTING GOOD BASKETBALL NETS ... 156.61  
 TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, FUEL/CABLE..... 190.19  
 TRUCK REPAIR INC., TIRE REPLACEMENT ..... 1,338.68  
 USA BLUE BOOK, SUCTION TUBES ..... 1,294.67  
 VISU-SEWER, INC, SEWER LINING ..... 62,250.00  
 TOTAL ..... 129,064.00  
 GENERAL ..... 14,076.50  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 4,870.20  
 ROAD USE..... 7,733.46  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 1,757.42  
 WATER..... 7,966.08  
 WASTEWATER ..... 73,125.18  
 SOLID WASTE .. 2,202.50  
 AIRPORT..... 14,922.15  
 STORM WATER ..... 2,410.51  
 TOTAL ..... 129,064.00

**MANUALS  
MARCH 2024**

CENTURY LINK, PHONE ..... 186.59

CHASE CARD SERVICE, CREDIT CARD FEES ..... 3,271.48  
 HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, TREE REMOVAL ..... 575.00  
 HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, PAPER TOWELS ..... 23.97  
 IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, WET TAX & SALES TAX..... 17,401.46  
 MASTERCARD, INK/MOWER PARTS/PICNIC TABLE ..... 2,247.64  
 MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS, MONTHLY FLEX FEE..... 9,771.04  
 WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS PREMIUMS ..... 102,933.14  
 WEX BANK, FUEL SUAGE FEB 2024 ..... 11,523.29  
 TOTAL ..... 147,933.61  
 GENERAL ..... 7,517.65  
 ROAD USE..... 4,719.76  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 112,855.65  
 WATER..... 15,829.87  
 WASTEWATER ..... 6,146.80  
 SOLID WASTE ..... 793.33  
 AIRPORT..... 70.55  
 TOTAL ..... 147,933.61

**LIBRARY CLAIMS  
MARCH 2024**

ACCESS SYSTEMS, INK CARTRIDGE ..... 346.78

ACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOOK REPLACEMENT CHRGE ..... 10.19  
 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MISC. ITEMS ..... 977.73  
 BAKER & TAYLOR, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 2,027.30  
 BLACK STONE PUBLISHING, SHELF MATERIAL..... 302.34  
 BUILDING MATERIALS INC, DOOR HARDWARE REPAIR ..... 530.00  
 CENGAGE LEARNING INC./GALE, SHELF MATERIAL ..... 283.29  
 CENTER POINT, LARGE PRINT SHELF MATERIAL ..... 3,408.48  
 CULLEN PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL.... 65.00  
 DAVE VRADENBURG, REPAIR ENTRY DOOR ..... 120.00  
 DEMCO, SUPPLIES ..... 475.41  
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, TOTE BAGS ..... 400.00  
 EXCEL IT SERVICES, CLOUD BACKUP ... 39.47  
 FARONICS, MAINTENANCE RENEWAL ..... 170.20  
 HELLIGE LAWN CARE, LAWN CARE 2024 ..... 800.00

KANOPY, INC., SHELF MATERIAL ..... 40.00  
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, NUTS/BOLTS .. 22.07  
 MEDIACOM BUSINESS, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 330.35  
 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT ..... 352.42  
 MOWEN CLEANING SERVICE LLC, JANITORIAL SERVICE ..... 821.54  
 OTC BRANDS, INC, CYMBALS ..... 187.05  
 PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDINENG CRAFT SUPPLIES/SNACKS ..... 22.65  
 QUILL LLC, OFFICE SUPPLIES ..... 70.28  
 RONALD JOHNSON, BALLOON SCULPTING PRESENTATION .. 300.00  
 SCHOLASTIC INC., SHELF MATERIAL ..... 903.97  
 TECHSOUP, COMPUTERS ..... 1,380.00  
 THE HAWK EYE, 12 MONTH RENEWAL ..... 192.40  
 TOTAL ..... 4,578.92  
 GENERAL ..... 9,986.98  
 SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 4,591.94  
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## From the Front

# Apartment collapse haunting council

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to put down their shovels. They have become poster children for lousy government transparency. They are examples of how government officials should NOT conduct the public's business.

For 50 years, the Legislature and court decisions have made it clear state and local governments have an obligation to make decisions in public, especially when spending tax money. But Davenport officials are desperately trying to keep the public in the dark.

This quest accelerated after a six-story apartment building collapsed last May 28 across from City Hall. About 50 people lived there. The building had a spotty history of compliance with city building regulations. Emergency work to stabilize a bulging back wall was under way in the days before the collapse. But the city never ordered the building to be evacuated during the repairs.

Some people began demanding the resignation of City Administrator Corri Spiegel, and her job performance was an issue in the weeks leading to the city election. But Mayor Matson defended her and city employees.

What voters in Davenport did not know on election day should bother everyone. They were intentionally kept in the dark by Matson and Tom Warner, the city attorney at the time.

Voters were not informed two of Spiegel's assistants, Tiffany Thorndike and Samantha Torres, each asked on August 31 for an "amicable separation agreement" in exchange for leaving their City Hall jobs. Eight days later, Warner signed agreements in which Thorndike was paid \$157,000 and Torres received \$145,000. Each also received health insurance coverage for a year.

Neither agreement was presented for city council approval at a public meeting, even though Davenport city code requires that for any agreement of more than \$50,000.

On September 15, Spiegel submitted her own demand letter to the city attorney. On October 6, Warner informed the council he and Spiegel agreed the city will pay her \$1.6 million for "lost wages" and for "emotional pain and suffering" in exchange for stepping down at year's end. She also would receive city health insurance for another year.

As with the Thorndike and Torres agreements, the agreement with Spiegel did not receive a public vote at a city council meeting. It was not until November 17 — 10 days after the election — when the public was informed Spiegel was leaving.

Naturally, there were questions why these agreements never came up for an official council vote and how the women

were so harmed as to merit these settlements. Warner, the city's lawyer, said a vote was not necessary because he had the "consent" of the council to negotiate an end to the three people's jobs.

"How, when and where did the city council give its consent to those settlements and those expenditures when its members never took a public vote on them during a public meeting prior to moving forward?" I asked the House committee last week.

The open meetings law allows members of government boards to meet without the public being present for so-called ministerial purposes. I told the committee, "Back where I come from in Davis County, spending \$2 million in taxpayer money is not some ministerial, housekeeping function that is treated so casually."

Several times as the Davenport controversy boiled, city officials could have stopped digging themselves into a deeper hole. But they did not.

State Auditor Rob Sand has launched an investigation of the secret deals. Davenport's response? The city sued to block his subpoena for records.

A local resident, Dr. Allen Diercks, one of the House witnesses last week, sued Davenport over the city council's after-the-fact approval of the three settlements on December 13. He is asking the court to void the agreements and claw back the payments made to the women.

Another witness before the committee, Ezra Sidran of Davenport, has submitted a request for a copy of Spiegel's letter in which she apparently made her case for a settlement from the city. Sidran received the letters Thorndike and Torres submitted. Davenport's response for his request for the Spiegel document? The city sued Sidran and asked the district court to decide whether the letter must be released.

Sidran is retired and cannot afford a lawyer. The Iowa Freedom of Information Council has asked the court to allow the nonprofit organization and its lawyer to intervene in the lawsuit against Sidran to explain why the public should be able to see what led to the deal with Spiegel. Davenport's response? The city is fighting to keep us out.

I told the Government Oversight Committee this is the most egregious abuse of the open meetings law I could recall in 50 years as a journalist. We will never know if the results of Davenport's city election would have been different if voters knew when they went to the polls that the mayor and city council had orchestrated the secret payment of almost \$2 million in tax money to three employees without a public discussion or a public vote.

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# Auction highlighted by trip to Martha's Vineyard

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in advance and are available online at [fortmadisonart.com](http://fortmadisonart.com) or in person at the FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Ave G. The price will be \$60 at the door.

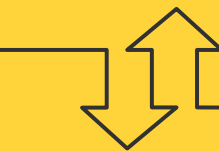
This year is expected to be a memorable occasion as the Auction Committee morphs this event slightly towards an event with less Art on bid and more experiences. For example, you and your group could meet up locally to make your own pots and planters, visit a winery, or go on a studio tour. Or head to St Louis for a Cardinals game and a brew master tour. For the sailing enthusiast, a new trip is available to sail out of Hilton Head on the Stars and Stripes, an America's Cup vessel skippered by Captain Dennis Conner who is also known as "Mister America's Cup." A beach getaway to favorite Mexican destinations are also on bid.

While the best way to experience the Expressions Art Auction is to be there in person, some intervals of the evening will be live streaming on Facebook after 7:15pm to encourage broader participation in the Fund-a-Projects that directly meet the needs of the Art Center. Matt Morris and Mio Santiago have agreed to help highlight this important new addition to the evening. They will also be helping with the final chances at the raffle drawing for a weeklong stay at a wonderful vacation home on Martha's Vineyard.

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