

County to pass budget

CLOSED SESSION: Supervisors may go into closed session over 320th Avenue

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PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Supervisors will vote on approving a county budget that will levy more than \$18 million in the next fiscal year.

The board will hold a public hearing Monday morning and then vote on approving the budget as presented. The taxes to be levied in fiscal year 2025 total

\$18,704,171, but with tax credits in the county, that amount dips to \$18,018,893, with utility replacement taxes the total increases to \$19.7 million. The county is also projecting other revenues including TIF revenues and other taxes to carry revenue for the next fiscal year starting July 1, 2024 to \$40,085,209.

Expenditures for the year are estimated at \$43,405,567

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COMMENTARY



Wonderment of eclipse isn't just celestial

The moon budged in front of the sun last week for the first time in about six years. It won't happen again for another 20.

As I drove around north Lee County looking for kids and adults alike staring up at the sky, I thought this is getting to be like fireworks – if you've seen one, you've seen 'em all.

I've seen lunar eclipses where the earth moves in between the sun and the moon and casts its shadow on the moon, blocking it out. That one's a little easier on the eyes.

I'm that guy that would've been turned to a pillar of salt had I been around when Madussa was terrifying people who dared look into her eyes. I mean, I would have just been trying to see the damned snakes in her hair, but I wouldn't have been able to not look.

I did that on the 8th. At about 1:15 I left the house and headed out with my camera to get pictures of the phenomenon. I could see that the sky seemed to be dimming just a bit and I couldn't help myself. I turned with my hand up to the sky and looked at my hand with the sun/moon paradox behind. Then I moved my hand slightly with the glare peaking around my fingers, and WOW was that stupid.

Not even a quarter of a second and I had my eyes closed and my head turned. This big bright circle of white light was now imprinted on the black blanket behind my closed eyes. They weren't messing around. I felt like my eyes were exhausted as I headed toward the high school to see who was sitting outside craning their neck to

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Photo by John Lovretta/Special to PCC

Fort Madison High School's Nolan Guzman clears the bar in the boys' high jump during the Burlington High School 2024 Grayhound co-ed invite, Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Burlington's Jimmie E. Howard Track.

County to receive \$14K to help with food, shelter programs

LEE COUNTY - Lee County has been awarded federal funds made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Lee County has been chosen to receive a total of \$

14,042 under Phase 41 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives

from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army, and, United Way Worldwide. The Local

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TUE 16 Apr.....Showers, 75° F/ 58° F
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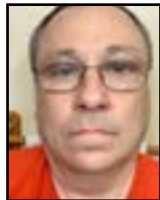
Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DOUGLAS R. DECK

Douglas Richard Deck, 59 of Keokuk, IA passed away at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL on April 9th, 2024 after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Keokuk on June 22nd, 1964 at St. Joseph Hospital to Stanley Richard Deck and Sandra Kay Brown Deck. He graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School with the class of 1984 and attended Vatterott College in Quincy, IL.



He worked at County Market & Jack's Department Store, but his favorite job became his profession in 1997 when he and his cousin, Steve Deck formed a lasting partnership doing professional fireworks displays. They also partnered with J&M Displays in Yarmouth, IA to work for them setting up and firing large complicated fireworks shows all over the Midwest. Doug was very proud of his work and his accomplishments in the field alongside his cousin and business partner.

He was of the Catholic faith. Doug was always very gifted artistically and liked to draw. He enjoyed music of all kinds, from classic rock to classical. He was a fan of science fiction, especially "Star Trek". He loved anything related to astronomy or space. He was a very deep thinker and often contemplated very vast and profound subjects and enjoyed engaging in conversation and debate with anyone that was willing and interested. He was a true and devoted friend.

Doug is survived by his cousin and business partner, Steve Deck and his partner Diane Whitmer of Keokuk, along with several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley Deck and Sandra Deck and his beloved grandmother June Deck among other family members.

His wishes were to be cremated and have a portion of his remains interred alongside his parents, and to have the rest incorporated into one last fireworks shell to be launched skyward at his memorial service, which is planned to be a graveside service on June 22nd, 2024, what would have been his 60th birthday, at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. There will be no visitation or formal funeral service.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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FRANK L. HANSEN

Frank Louis Hansen, 76, of Keokuk, IA, passed away Thursday, April 11, 2024 at the Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, MO.

He was born February 12, 1948 in Louisville, KY, a few blocks from Churchill Downs, the son of Louis E. and Catherine Hoetzer Hansen.



HANSEN

Frank graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1967. He attended two years at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, MO and would have wanted to be a history teacher if the pathway had been available. He joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War Era, for twenty-six years. He was stationed extensively on the USS Constellation, where he traveled many ports, actively performing duties in security and other positions, many destination and experiences.

On August 18, 2000 Frank was united in marriage to longtime high school love of his life, Sandra Wright. She survives.

Other survivors include one step-son, Brian (Tabitha) Dodge, two step-granddaughters, Emily Dodge and Kendra (Kenny) Kellum and three great-grandchildren, Cole Hedger, Kylie Kellum and Kamryn Kellum. He is also survived by one brother-in-law, Fred L. Wright, one nephew, Jacob Wright and one niece, Sarah (Dustin) Davidson.



He was preceded in death by his parents, one step-daughter, Dr. Deborah Wright, and two siblings in infancy.

Frank enjoyed baseball games and was an avid New York Yankees fan. He coached several YMCA boys' hardball teams through the years, was a passionate sports card collector, a car enthusiast, and a history and trivia buff. Frank and Sandra traveled over fifteen years to many locations, vacations and weekend get-aways. Some of their favorite trips were made to Laughlin, NV on the Colorado River, Lake Tahoe, NV as well as so many fabulous trips together. He was a talented woodworker and refinished furniture. Frank was athletic and competitive. He loved power lifting and participated in numerous competitions, taking first place in his division in Quincy, IL and Macomb, IL. Frank was able to accomplish one of his bucket list dreams when he was able to attend an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., with fellow veterans in June 2019.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be held from 2 - 4 p.m., Sunday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time. Burial with military rites will be held at a later date in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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April 15-19
11am - 1pm

<i>Monday, April 15</i>	<i>Tater Tot Casserole, Blueberry Fluff</i>
Tuesday, April 16	Minit Steak, Loaded Potatoes, Beans
Wednesday, April 17	Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn
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GEORGE R. ELGIN

George Raymond Elgin of Fort Myers, Florida, formerly of Hamilton, Illinois, died Thursday, April 11, 2024 in the care of Hope Hospice. George was born December 29, 1932 in Keokuk, Iowa to Carl Henry and Mildred Olive (Smith) Elgin.



ELGIN

George served in the United States Army (7th Army HQ as a Draftsman) having earned the National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation (Germany) Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Attending Burlington Junior College, Iowa State University and Iowa University, he studied science, mathematics, and engineering. Early in his career, George worked for Hoerner Box and Schmidt Memorial Home. George retired from J.C. Hubinger Brothers Co. in Keokuk, IA as a lab technician and boiler supervisor.

An avid numismatist, George collected all varieties of rare and antiquarian coins, particularly United States and British North American coin and currency. George's collection spanned from antiquity to modern times, and he could often tell you just as much about when and where he got a coin as the coin itself. He was a lifelong member of the Keokuk Coin Club.

George was a skilled marksman and competitive trapshooter. Even through his sixties into his seventies he participated in regional shooting competitions, winning Senior National Championships in trapshooting. George was a lifetime member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the National Rifle Association, as well as a long-time member of the Montrose Gun Club. He also enjoyed collecting vintage Swiss shooting medals and thalers.

"Uncle George" will be missed dearly by his loving family: Brother John (Marilyn) Elgin, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, nieces Carol Morin, of San Antonio, Texas and Cheryl (Ken) Gelbaugh of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, nephew Douglas (Missy) Elgin, of Fort Myers, Florida, grand-nieces and nephews Scott (Tanielle) Gelbaugh, Gwen (Keith) Adams, JC Elgin, Kimberly (Travis) Scoby, Marshall Elgin, Amber (Esequiel) Morin, Stephany Elgin and Nicholas Morin; and great-grand nieces and nephews Alex, Hayden, Evan, Luke, Emillie, Brooke, John Silas, Eliseo, and John Henry. In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his sister Nancy Elgin Sparks.

The family will have a private memorial. Interment will take place in the Keokuk National Cemetery with Military Honors. Contributions in George's memory may be made to Hamilton Senior Citizens Center, 1680 Keokuk St. Hamilton, IL 62341.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Grant application deadline is April 25

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Board is charged with distributing funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

United Way of the Great River Region and Community Development Department, City of Keokuk will convene the local board. The Local Board will determine how the funds awarded to Lee County, Iowa are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under this phase of the program. Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Lee County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to local food pantries, Community Action Agencies, and emergency shelter programs. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Sue Prochazka at United Way of the Great River Region at vc@unit-edwaygrr.org for an application. Deadline to submit applications is April 25, 2024.

OBITUARIES

MARIANNE T. KOZAK

Marianne T. Kozak, 69, of Dallas City, Illinois passed away Thursday, April 11, 2024 at her home.

She was born May 25, 1955 in Riceville, Iowa, the daughter of Wayne and Frances Bonafas Klein. On August 26, 1972 she married Russell L. Kozak in Riceville.

She was raised and attended school in Riceville. In 1985 they moved to New London, Iowa. She worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Mt. Pleasant Iowa for 20 years. Later she worked at the New London grocery store and at Hy-Vee in Mt. Pleasant. In 2017 she and Russell moved to the Dallas City area. Marianne enjoyed crocheting, sewing and jigsaw puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, her father, Wayne Klein of LeRoy, Minnesota, five children, Joshua (Ginger) Kozak of Ottumwa, Iowa, Amie Schmitz of New London, Iowa, Michael (Miranda Zobeck) Kozak of New London, Iowa, Christopher (Kirsten) Kozak of Chicago, Illinois and Amanda (Joe Eichholz) Kozak of Colorado Springs, Colorado, thirteen grandchildren, and eight brothers and sisters, Michael Klein of Elma, Iowa, Mark Klein of Riceville, Iowa, Joel Klein of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Jeanne Kulow of McIntire, Iowa, Judy Green of Mason City, Iowa, Jeff Klein of New Haven, Iowa, Jan Klein of Dallas Texas and Michelle Cummings of Riceville, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her mother, her step-mother, Lavonne Klein and one granddaughter, Melanie Kozak.

The family will meet with friends Sunday, April 14, 2024 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. A Celebration of her life and burial will be held at a later date in Riceville, Iowa.

A memorial fund has been established in her memory. To leave an online condolence for the family, please Mrs. Kozak's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

BACK PAIN?

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

That's why it's important to examine the spine AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control it. It's also why we've had such outrageous success with even the worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and together they deliver an outstanding way to help "bad backs". This ties in to Myth #5 and the diagram:



MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER:

Turn over in bed without pain waking you up?

Get up in the morning without being as stiff as a board?

Be able to stand for as long as you want without sitting down for relief?

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- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
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Sports

Fort Madison sweeps BHS Invite

BURLINGTON – The warm weekend weather was good on the Bloodhounds boys and girls track teams.

Fort Madison's boys captured first place with 132 points in the six-team event at Burlington Community High School. The Central Lee Hawks were fourth with 59. The Lady Hounds captured first with 136 points in the five-team event. Central Lee was fourth with 42.

The Lady Hounds earned ten first-place finishes including three from sophomore Avery Rump and two from Hailey Kemper. Mara Smith also got a title in the open 800 with a 2:30.44. Brylie Lorence took 1st with a 110'3" spin in the discus.

The Lady Hounds also won the 4x800 relay, the sprint medley, and shuttle hurdle relay.

Fort Madison boys also captured 11 first-place finishes. Fort Madison won both the discus and the shotput with Brayton Schneider winning the discus and Caden Barnes winning the shotput.

Julian Dear, Adam Sobczak, Kenden Bowie, and Riley Tripp each had individual titles in open events.

Kylie Fortune won the long jump with a 15'1" leap and Allison Gruntmeier won the long jump for the Lady Hawks. Grant Myhre raced to the title of the 400-meter dash in 53.12 to lead Central Lee.

Complete results for local runners are listed below.

Girls results

Long jump: FM - Alaina Schwerin 14'2" (7th), Kenna Gittings 13'3" (8th), Ellie Huebner 13'2.5" (9th) and Alexa Walz 12'6" (10th). Central Lee: Kylie Fortune 15'1" (1st). Shot put: FM - Brylie Lorence 39'1.5" (2nd). Central Lee: Aubrey Weber 28'1.5" (7th). Discus: FM - Lorence 110'3" (1st), Weber 89'9.5" (3rd). 100-meter dash: Mara Smith 13.9 (2nd), Andrea Yrigoyen 15.83 (11th), Laci Gathers 19.66 (16th). Central Lee - Brooklyn Jones 15.36 (9th), MaKayla Howard 15.55 (10th). 200-meter dash: FM - Emma Snaadt 30.83 (5th), Emma Kern 32.95 (9th), Yrigoyen 34.21 (12th), Gathers 42.63 (16th). Central Lee: Fortune 31.89 (7th), Madelyn Derr 33.29 (10th). 400-meter dash: FM - Avery Rump 1:05.54 (1st), Emma Snaadt 1:11.34 (5th), Mira Koser 1:13.91 (6th). Central Lee - Gabby Maynes 1:09.11 (3rd). 800-meter run: FM - Smith 2:30.44 (1st), Esther Gnann 2:58.04 (4th), Addisyn Lumsden 3:12.04 (6th). Central Lee - Macie Doty 3:02.51 (5th). 1500-meter run: FM - Avery Rump 5:04.54 (1st), Addison Rump 5:36.26 (2nd) Torey Potter 6:36.96 (6th). Central Lee - Sapphire Cummings 8:24.75 (8th). 3000-meter run: FM - Avery Rump 10:51.51 (1st), Addison Rump 11:36.18 (2nd). Central Lee - no entry. 100-meter hurdles: FM - Hailey Kemper 18.04 (1st), Chloe Sokolik 18.59 (3rd), Schwerin 20.55 (5th). Central Lee - Allison Gruntmeier 20.63 (6th), Julia Fraise 20.81 (8th). 400-meter hurdles: FM - Kemper 1:10.61 (1st), Walz 1:24.93

(4th). Central Lee - Kamryn Cox 1:24.93 (4th). 4x100 relay: FM - Lillian Gelsthorpe, Olivia Buckner, Kemper, Kern 55.44 (2nd), Yrigoyen, Walz, Gathers and Addisyn Lumsden 1:06.64 (6th). Central Lee - Karagen Rodgers, Gracie Howard, Kathryn Zufall, Madelyn Derr 1:04.83 (5th). 4x200 relay: FM - Gelsthorpe, Buckner, Kern, Huebner, 2:00.35 (2nd). Central Lee - Rodgers, Zufall, Shalida Mortimer, Gracie Howard 2:21.64 (5th). 4x400 relay: FM - Huebner, Gnann, Alaina Schwerin and Koser 4:59.96 (3rd). Central Lee - no entry. 4x800 relay: FM - Schinstock, Paetyn Wiegand, Schwerin and Huebner 10:57.89 (1st), Addisyn Lumsden, Koser, Snaadt and Torey Potter 12:25.48 (3rd). Sprint Medley: FM - Gittings, Buckner, Smith and Gelsthorpe 2:16:52 (4th). Central Lee - Joines, M. Howard, Nora Lampe and Maynes 2:10.82 (2nd). Distance Medley: FM - Gelsthorpe, Gittings, Gnann and Schinstock 4:50.67 (1st). Central Lee - Jones, Howard, Cox and Doty 5:08.56 (3rd). Shuttle hurdle: FM - Sokolik, Walz, Kemper, Gittings, 1:15.83 (1st). Central Lee - Lampe, Cox, Fraise and Gruntmeier 1:22.16 (3rd). High Jump: FM - no entry. Central Lee - Gruntmeier 4'8" (1st), Fortune 4'8" (3rd).

Boys Results

Long Jump: FM - Hunter Smrt 15'8" (12th) Shot put (Wheelchair): FM - Brandon Klein 13'10" (1st). Shot put: FM - Caden Barnes 45'10.5" (1st), Urijah Brooks 40'0.5" (4th), Cory Arnett 37'7" (7th), Markus Holbert 29'3.5" (13th). Central Lee - Ostyn Moore 38'11" (5th), Owen Krogmeier 32'2" (10th), Baylor Ferreira 32'1.5" (11th), Cam Thornburg 30'11.5" (12th). Discus: FM - Brayton Schneider 129'9" (1st), Arnett 125'11" (2nd), Brooks 104'10" (6th), Dayton Lamar 83'0" (11th). Central Lee - Krogmeier 104'4" (7th), Thornburg 80'4.5" (12th), Jack Benner 75'2" (14th), Moore 67'0" (15th). 100-meter dash: FM - Julian Dear 11.38 (1st), Peyton Lambert 12.64 (10th), Mason McLey 12.8 (13th). Central Lee - Evan Fogarty 11.85 (3rd), Will Ferris 12.22 (8th), Benner 13.68 (16th). 200-meter dash: FM - Lamar 24.38 (2nd), Lambert 25.14 (5th), Kiawante Smith 25.14 (6th), McLey 25.85 (11th). Central Lee - Aden Ross 24.82 (3rd), Ferris 25.10 (4th), E. Fogarty 25.80 (10th), Kain Arrowood 26.74 (15th). 400-meter dash: FM - Nolan Guzman 54.10 (2nd), Calvin Johnson 59.99 (4th). Central Lee - Grant Myhre 53.12 (1st), Ross 54.93 (3rd), Riley Salter-Rickman 1:00.34 (5th). 800-meter run: FM - Johnson 2:21.22 (5th), Noah Krogmeier 2:27.49 (8th). Central Lee - Brett Cook 2:19.99 (4th), Trevin Ball 2:40.25 (13th), Beau Boyd 2:52.81 (14th). 1600-meter run: FM - Johnson 5:15.60 (4th). Central Lee - Ward Fraise 5:21.55 (5th), Caden Crozier 5:59.96 (8th). 3200-meter run: FM - Riley Tripp 11:11.58 (1st). Central Lee - no entry. 110 hurdles: FM - Henry Wiseman 16.23 (2nd), Gavin Callahan 17.25 (4th), Lucius Zimmerman 21.10 (8th). 400-meter hurdles: FM - Adam Sobczak 59.76 (1st), Zimmerman 1:10.33 (8th). Central Lee - Kegan Damico 1:00.52 (2nd), Austin Fogarty 1:05.51 (5th). 4x100 relay: FM - Sobczak, Lamar, Hayden Segoviano, Dear 44.37 (2nd). Central Lee - Baylor Ferreira, Owen Krogmeier, Ostyn Moore and Cam Thornburg 57.58 (6th). 4x200 relay: FM - Segoviano, Dear, Marcus Guzman and Smith 1:33.38 (1st). Central Lee - no entry. 4x400 relay: FM - Peyton Lambert, Tripp, McLey and Nolan Guzman 3:47.54 (3rd). Central Lee - no entry. 4x800 relay: FM - no entry. Central Lee: Leo Thomas, Salter-Rickman, Caden Crozier, Ward Fraise 9:53.22 (3rd). Sprint Medley: FM - Segoviano, Dear, Lamar and Lambert 1:40.61 (1st), Brody Cashman, Eric Cornelis, Evan Richmond and Noah Krogmeier 1:52.97 (5th). Central Lee - E. Fogarty, Grant Myhre, Kegan Damico, Brett Cook 1:45.00 (2nd). Distance Medley: FM - Richmond, Koser, Cornelis and Noah Krogmeier 4:24.35 (3rd). Central Lee - A. Fogarty, Cody Kitzman, Kaidin Humes, Caden Crozier 4:25.38 (4th). Shuttle Hurdle Relay: FM - Sobczak, Smith, Callahan, Wiseman 1:01.38 (1st). High Jump: Kenden Bowie 6'4" (1st), Guzman 6'1" (3rd), Smrt 5'6" (7th). Central Lee - Damico 6'2" (2nd).




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Central Lee High School's Grant Myhre competes in the boys' long jump during the Burlington High School 2024 Grayhound co-ed invite, Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Burlington's Jimmie E. Howard Track.




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-----AGENDA-----

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
10:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Proposed Establishment of Area Service C Road

Consider Approval of Resolution Designating Portion of 350th Street as Area Service "C" Road with Restricted Access and Minimal Level of Maintenance

10:10 a.m. Public Hearing to Approve FY25 County Budget

Consider Approval of Resolution Approving FY25 County Budget Public Input
National Public Safety

Telecommunication Week Proclamation

Discussion and Possible Action to Hire Consulting Firm to Review EMS Department

Discussion of Pollmiller Park Beach Concessionaire Position

Consider Approval of Change to Personnel Policy Salary Grid Regarding Current Employee Transfers

Discuss and Consider Approval of Employee Health Insurance Company

Consent Agenda
• Monday, April 8, 2024 Board Minutes

• Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:
A. Position Transfer-Secondary Roads Reports:

A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected

B. Recorder's Reports of Fees Collected (2)

C. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports

Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.S(c) To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the County in that litigation.

Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session Pertaining to 302nd A venue Adjourn

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TENTATIVE AGENDA
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers,
City Hall**

**INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
VISITORS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS:**

At this time persons may address Council on any matters not on the Council agenda. After identifying yourself by name and address, please briefly state your issue.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an opportunity to discuss issues with Council or to get information. In accordance with Open Meetings law, Council may not deliberate upon, nor take action on any complaint or suggestion or respond to any allegations which are not part of the published agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA
1. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:

• Minutes of April 2, 2024 - Special Meeting and April 2, 2024;

• Liquor License Renewals: Horan's Cabaret, 1337 Avenue G, effective May 7, 2024 – Class C Retail; Walgreens #11759, 2639 Avenue L, effective May 21, 2024 – Class E Retail;

• Partial List of Cigarette Permits;

• Claims dated April 10, 2024, March Financial Report; and
• Payroll of April 5, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING
Concerning the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Close Public Hearing

2. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the final Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS:
a. Old Fort Open Disc Golf Tournament, Saturday, May 18, 2024

b. Iowa High School and Junior High School Qualifying Rodeo, September 21 – 22, 2024
COMMUNITY REPORTS: Fort Madison

**Fire Department
ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

3. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the third and final reading amending Ordinance D-70, MidAmerican Energy Company Franchise Agreement.

4. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the second reading amending Ordinance D-61, Title 10, Chapter 25: Floodplain Management Zoning Code.

5. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading amending Ordinance D-100, Title 2: Boards and Commissions, Chapter 1: General Provisions, 2-1-1 Members. (COUNCIL REPORT 2024-33, Liegois)

6. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading amending Ordinance D-47, Title 2: Boards and Commissions, Chapter 9: Historic Preservation Commission.

7. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the low responsive bid and authorizing execution of a contract for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project, subject to Federal Aviation Administration AIP funding.

8. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of an engineering agreement with McClure for Construction Administration Services regarding the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project at the Fort Madison Municipal Airport.

9. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving submittal of a grant application with the FAA for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

10. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #5, decreasing the cost of the Avenue F Bridge and 27th

Street Bridge Replacement Project to a total of \$2,069,430.00.

11. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #6, increasing the cost of the Avenue F Bridge and 27th Street Bridge Replacement Project to a total of \$2,073,069.10.

12. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on the 2024 Wellness Program Agreement with Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center.

OTHER

13. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Barbara Asay to the Planning & Zoning Commission, filling an expired term, term expiring March 31, 2027.

14. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's appointment of Barbara Asay to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals, filling an expired term, term expiring March 31, 2027.

15. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Michael Benda to the Civil Service Commission, filling an expired term, term expiring March 31, 2028.

16. (Blank) MOVED and (blank) SECONDED to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Jill Stull, Jacqueline Lumsden, and Hugh Vandegriff to the Parks Board, filling expired terms, term expiring March 31, 2027.

QUARTERLY TOURISM REPORT: Chi Eastin, Tourism Director

CITY MANAGER REPORT

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – The next City Council meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council
Meeting
Wednesday,
April 17, 2024 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City

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Classifieds/Public Notices

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

- Minutes from the Special City Council meeting on April 3, 2024
- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on April 3, 2024

3. Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for February 2024

4. Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering services related to the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project - \$11,610.95

5. Approve a quote for traffic striping from Pro Line Striping for \$23,329.59

6. Payment of Claims as listed on the Ex-

pense Approval Report - \$158,461.67

COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

- ADMINISTRATOR:
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PORTS:

- COMMUNITY REPORTS:
 - CITIZEN INQUIRIES
 - OLD BUSINESS
 - NEW BUSINESS
- Discuss proposed Ordinances implementing Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fee
 - Consider a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date on establishing Utility Franchise Fee for

Interstate Power & Light Company (Alliant Energy) for the sale and distribution of Electric Energy within the city limits of West Burlington, Iowa

3. Consider a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date on establishing Utility Franchise Fee for Interstate Power & Light Company (Alliant Energy) for the sale and distribution of Natural Gas within

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Concentration of attention has endless possibilities

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the sky with cardboard glasses on. (Dangling prepositions are now acceptable according to Miriam-Webster, so don't be going all grammar cop on me).

I first went to the Fort Madison High School where a group of inquisitive and very friendly students were sitting on the new elevated walkway outside the construction on the school's west side.

They were all looking up when I stopped to shoot their picture and they were all too willing to pose. I pointed my camera up and just fired randomly. One of the students said I shouldn't do that because it could damage my camera. He was probably right, the images were all just washed no matter how much I dropped my aperture and sped up the camera speed. So yeah, looking up with bare eyes, not a good idea.

But as I went around snapping pictures of school kids out with teachers and associates looking up, it struck at how something like this can create energy around people. It's like everything stopped for these kids who sat at picnic tables outside the junior high and just looked up. Associates monitored the usage of the glasses and took repeated peaks themselves. For a moment there was no socioeconomic forces at bear. For a moment there was just everyone sharing in a cosmic production. It also makes you wonder what power there would be in being able to harness that attention for two hours every day.

What could we accomplish with everyone that dialed in?

The point was driven even further home when I arrived at Central Lee and saw basically the entire district sitting in classes around the track between the high school and elementary school. Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier was out with the students, there was music blasting from the public address system – songs with “Sun” in the title or space. Pods of elementary kids neatly grouped with Hawks t-shirts on. Everyone looking with glasses into the dimmed Lee County sky as 83% of the sun got blocked by the moon. Even at 83%, the day just slightly got darker.

What if we could take advantage of that concentrated attention grab for a couple hours every day and focus it on something that IS under our control. One student from Central Lee walked past me with a welding helmet on, looking up the sky. He said it worked better than the glasses, it seemed a bit heroic to me.

No one was thinking about the soccer game that night, or the test they had to take, or getting to work, or going home. They all were focused on something galactic and celestial – all watching something amazingly simple. We can't have intersections in the sky every day, but we just might be able to see the value in the concentration. And this was just Lee County. A good swath of the country's eastern half was doing the same thing we were doing on the same day and at essentially the same time.. You multiply that out and the power is mindboggling. I get the same sense when I'm at a concert and the front man holds the microphone out and everyone is singing the same words at the same time. That's incredibly powerful and goose pimply.

And speaking of heavenly occurrences, a heartfelt message today to a family that has become special to me over the past four years. Will, Amy, Drew, and Addison you're in the thoughts and prayers of many today as you mourn the loss of a father and grandfather. I believe God mourns loss just like we do, but in the creation we get to be with great people who make the loss easier – but that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com.

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County thinks 302nd Ave. may lead to lawsuit

COUNTY - Continued from Page 1

which creates deficit spending of approximately \$3.32 million. The beginning fund balance on July 1 has been re-estimated at \$14,010,038 which will put the fund balance under the proposed budget at \$10.7 million on June 30, 2025.

In an unrelated agenda item, the board will also consider the hiring of an independent consulting firm to evaluate the operations of the Lee County EMS department.

Two proposals were received by the county, one from Fitch & Associates out of Platte City, Mo for \$30,000 plus travel and expenses. That agreement also proposes a management services contract following the initial consulting at \$350/hour to support implementation.

The other proposal came from Iowa EMS Consultants out of Sac City, Iowa for \$29,250.

The idea of having an independent group evaluate the county's ambulance service was brought up by Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise several weeks ago. EMS Director Mark Long said at that time that he wasn't aware the county was looking at a consultant.

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said it wasn't a bad idea to have a consultant review the department's functionality now that they've been in business for close to three years.

The county also has a closed session on the agenda regarding 302nd Avenue and imminent legal action involving the street. There was an issue of drainage on that road due to the construction of the PORT trail, but it is unknown due to the agenda listing if that is the issue being discussed.

Iowa law permits a closed session with a 2/3 vote of the board, which is four of the five, or by all members present at the meeting. The agenda is based on 21.5 subsection c of the Iowa code which allows a closed session; “to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.”

The agenda also includes possible action out of that closed session discussion.

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