

# Trades team best in state - again



Courtesy photo

Members of the Fort Madison Construction Trades team work on a project in Des Moines Thursday as part of the state's Skills USA competition. The Bloodhounds finished their project in about three hours and beat tornadoes out of the Des Moines area to win the title. They advance to the national competition in June in Atlanta.

## ON TO NATIONALS: Hound Construction team try to build on 2022 success

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It may sound weird to say, but the Fort Madison Construction Trades program has a bit of a target on their back.

The FMHS program finished runners-up in the 2022 Skills USA TeamWorks Championships in Atlanta. They did that under the leadership of Clint Kobelt, who stepped away from the program after that year.

Now instructor Mike Schinstock has picked up the mantle and is sprinting toward a possible national championship in June back in Atlanta. Following in Kobelt's steps is daunting, but Schinstock minced no words about how the team will do.

"If we don't win it this year, I can guarantee we will next year," Schinstock said.

"That's what I told the kids, that they'll have a chance again next year so go and have fun."

The Bloodhounds almost literally ran away with the state title last week trying to avoid some tornadic weather in Des Moines. The Hounds got the plans for the build at 10 a.m. and were done 45 minutes after the lunch break,

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Courtesy photo

The Fort Madison Construction Trades team and instructor Mike Schinstock will be traveling to Atlanta in June after winning the Iowa Skills USA competition in Des Moines on Thursday.

## KIDDIE PARADE MEETING

# Korschgen Parade group in need of volunteers

Group to hold organizational meeting May 5 at Moose Lodge in Fort Madison

FORT MADISON - The steering committee for the 112th annual Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade will have an organizational meeting Sunday May 5 at 4:30 pm at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge at 620 Avenue G.

Andy Andrews general chairman pleads that he always need more volunteers to make sure the parade runs smoothly and all participants safety is important.

If you are interested in assisting the committee you are encouraged to attend this short meeting or call Andrews at 319-371-5379.

## DONATION

# Elks donates \$2K to FM Food Pantry

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Elks donated one of more than 4,000 grants across the nation during the Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program in 2024. Nearly \$12.5 million has been granted through the national program.

Lin Cramer, Loyal Knight with the Fort Madison Elks Lodge #374, presents a check in the amount of \$2000 to Fort Madison Food Pantry Board Vice President Kathy Nelson while Gary Peitz (Pantry Board member) and Tina Krieger (Pantry volunteer) look on.

The grant, an Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant, will aide the Food Pantry with purchasing foods to be distributed to those in our community who suffer from food insecurity.

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## WEATHER

WED 01 May..... Sunny & warm, 75° F/ 59° F ●  
THU 02 May..... Showers & breezy, 77° F/ 55° F ☁  
FRI 03 May..... Chance of showers, 71° F/ 51° F ☁

## IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 04/29.....11 44 50 54 59, Powerball: 13  
LOTTO AMERICA 04/29..... 3 14 31 32 50, Star Ball: 1 All Star Bonus: 2  
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PICK 3 MIDDAY 04/29..... 6 9 2  
PICK 3 EVENING 04/29..... 1 7 8  
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# Obituaries/For the Record

## OBITUARIES

### LAURIE A. MULLINS

Laurie Ann Mullins, 63, of Keokuk, IA, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, IA. She was born on May 13, 1960 in St. Charles, MO to Peyton Lloyd & Bettie Mae Dunbar Smith. She married Rodney M. Mullins on September 5, 1981 in Fenton, MO. She was a Family Support Worker for the Lee County Health Department with over 25 years of service. She gave more to her job than any paycheck could ever show because of the care she gave the girls she mentored. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Fort Madison and loved to sing, considering music her ministry.



MULLINS

Laurie is survived by: her husband: Rodney Mullins of Keokuk, IA; 1-son: Nick Mullins of Keokuk, IA; 4-grandchildren: Isaiah, Troy, Odin & Alyssa Mullins; 2-brothers: Dennis Smith of Valley Park, MO & Barry (Karen) Smith of High Ridge, MO; 3-sisters: Bettie Jean (Larry) Reynolds of Springfield, MO, Patty (Mike) Arnhart of High Ridge, MO & Mary (Chuck) Abell of St. Louis, MO. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Stephanie Mullins.

A visitation will be held from 10:30 to Noon on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at First Baptist Church in Fort Madison. A funeral service will immediately follow at Noon with Revs. Steve Scott & Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established in Laurie's memory. Online condolences to the Mullins family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com). King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
04/29/24 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kayetta Sue Corral, 34, hometown not reported, in the 2900 block of Avenue H, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

okuk police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 3300 block of Main Street.  
04/29/24 - 5:01 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Edward Lee Steele, 38, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of Johnson Street, on a warrant for escape from custody - felon. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/29/24 - 12:29 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brady Ty Berryhill, 30, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

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

**Keokuk Police Report**  
04/29/24 - 3:40 p.m. - Ke-

**Lee County Sheriff Report**

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## Iowa's Reynolds opposing Biden's plans for National Guard

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds joined 52 governors representing states, commonwealths, and territories in opposition to Legislative Proposal 480 submitted by the Department of Defense to the Senate Armed Services Committee. LP 480 disregards gubernatorial authorities regarding the National Guard and undermines over 100 years of precedent as well as national security and military readiness.

The letter reads in part:

"For over a century, Title 10 and Title 32 of U.S.C. have upheld gubernatorial authority over the National Guard. National Guard assets are critical components of states' and territories' responses to crises. Governors must maintain full authority as Commanders in Chief of these assets to protect operational readiness and America's communities.

"Legislation that sidesteps, eliminates or otherwise reduces Governors' authority within their states and territories undermines longstanding partnerships, precedence, military readiness and operational efficacy. This action also negatively affects the important relationships between Governors and DOD at a time when we need to have full trust and confidence between the two to meet the growing threats posed by the era of strategic competition as well as natural disasters. LP480 also poses a threat to the careers of state-based service members who will be forced to choose between state service or continuing in their current field at a time when there are already significant recruitment challenges. An action like this will violate the trust of the brave women and men who have volunteered to serve our states and our nation."

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# Sports

## Lady Hawks knock off Notre Dame 3-2 in SEISC battle

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – Central Lee Head Coach Antonio Estrada could hardly contain himself Tuesday night in his post-game speech.

The usually docile and low-keyed Estrada told his Lady Hawks to celebrate the right way after knocking off Burlington Notre Dame 2-1 in SEI Superconference girls' soccer action at Central Lee.

"This is huge because Notre Dame is always on top. They usually kick the crap out of us – mercy rule," Estrada said after the game. "This is a great win for our program. I'm excited for these girls and I'm excited for our program."

Central Lee's Adi Robinson unofficially had six saves on the night in her first full year in the net. Ellie Lake had two goals for the Hawks – one in the first half at the 15-minute mark and the other game-winner on a shot off a breakaway behind the Nike defense and punch to the left side of the net under Notre Dame's diving keeper Yazmine Sorenson.

The Nikes would get three more shots on goal among six shots after that Lake goal, but Robinson fended four off while two sailed high.

The most dramatic goal of the night came to open the scoring about halfway through the first period. A corner kick sailed into the box and got bounced out to junior Bella Tweedy, who took the ball off her forehead and sent it into the right side of the net for what Estrada said was the first header for a goal he could remember at Central Lee.

"That was unbelievable. Amazing. We're growing as a program and no longer a bottom-feeder," Estrada said.

After Tweedy's header the Nikes responded with a goal on their next possession at 18:58. They would get another shot a minute and a half later that Robinson was able to push away. Then Lake would score to give the Hawks the lead again and, for the remaining 15 minutes of the first half, it looked like Central Lee was going to go into the half up by one. However, a push in the final 10 seconds resulted in a shot from Notre Dame midfielder Hadley Augustine who hit a perfect shot at the horn that just got over Robinson's hands to tie things up.

Lake would open the second period with her breakaway goal and that would set the final score. Lake had a third goal nullified at the 15:38 mark of the second half when she was called for pushing off in the box.

Estrada said the Hawks have been getting better and better the past week.

"We lost to Mediapolis 2-0 on Thursday, but I thought after that game that was the best we've played and we should have won that game. But then we beat Canton last night and I thought that was our best game. This game was a good game, I don't necessarily think it was our best game because they are so good and they know how to move the ball in space, but this was a really good game for us."

Robinson said she was scared they would have another buzzer-beater like they had in the first half as Notre Dame kept pushing during the final three minutes.

"I've never played soccer with Central Lee before. But in the past years I've played club ball so I've played soccer, but I've played a lot of soccer just not in school," Robinson said.

"I want the ball, I'll get down for it and I saved a lot of balls that I didn't think I would be able to save. I just went for them."

She said she has a lot of confidence in the Hawks' defense to clear the ball and not let them shoot.

"Our strategy is to just clear the ball. We don't want to let them shoot. But if they do, I just try to get in the right position and take care of the corners," the junior said.

The Hawks improve to 3-1 in the SEI Superconference and 6-3 overall. They travel to Mid-Prairie for a makeup match on Thursday.



Above, Central Lee's junior goalkeeper Adi Robinson reacts after the Lady Hawks held off Burlington Notre Dame 3-2 in Donnellson Tuesday night. At left, Ellie Lake gets free behind the Nike defense for a goal early in the second half.

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## Sports/Classifieds

# Lady Hounds get big SEC win as season winds down

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC Sports

MOUNT PLEASANT — Teagan Snaadt knows it's not going to be easy to get through the rest of the season. But she also doesn't want to sit out anymore. Snaadt scored two goals in Fort Madison's 5-2 win over Mount Pleasant on Tuesday at East Lake Park. Snaadt has been dealing with an injury to her left quadriceps and has missed two matches. But she got plenty of playing time on Tuesday after playing significant minutes in Monday's 2-0 loss at Burlington. "It feels really good to be back and playing again," said Snaadt, who is second on the team with 15 goals. "I told myself if I wanted to be back and playing this season, I was going to have to learn how to deal with the pain, and then fully heal after (the season)." Snaadt got the Bloodhounds going early with a goal just three minutes into the match. "She was kind of worried about her finishing during warmups, and I told her, 'You're good. You'll be fine,'" Fort

Madison coach Carrie Burken said. "And then there she goes, getting the early goal. She just brings so much energy to us." "That got us going," said teammate Hadley Wolfe, who gave the Bloodhounds a 2-0 lead with a goal with 14:44 left in the first half. "With Teagan's speed up there, she was able to get open. It gave us a head start in the game and gave us confidence." "An early goal was just a big confidence-booster for us and allowed us to be more aggressive," Snaadt said. The Bloodhounds needed a spark after Monday's 2-0 loss to Burlington, and when Snaadt scored again with 12:28 left in the first half, they seemed in control of the match. But Mount Pleasant cut the lead to 3-2 with a goal from Mattisyn Wenke with 28 seconds left in the first half, and then a goal from Tori Wilson two minutes into the second half. Fort Madison, though, got two second-half goals from Natalie Randolph to finish the win. "I was really pleased with how we bounced back," Burken said. "Not only just from last night, but how we

came back from that goal at the end of the first half. We were really focused and determined, and I thought our offense was really good. I thought we were connecting well. We had a lot of opportunities. "I was really worried about their energy coming off yesterday. So I'm really happy with what they brought tonight." "It was huge," Wolfe said of the win. "We didn't play our best last night, so to come back and get a 'W' on the road under our belt is big." The Bloodhounds (8-2 overall, 6-2 Southeast Conference) moved into a second-place tie in conference play with the Panthers (6-3, 6-2). Fort Madison's offense had 18 shots on goal. Snaadt, Randolph, Wolfe, Halle Menke and Reilynn Turnbull each had assists. Goalkeeper Taylor Johnson had nine saves. "I know she was frustrated with the two goals, but she's been so good for us all season," Burken said. "She's picked us up when we needed her, and she had some big saves tonight, especially in the second half."

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If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them at [engi-neer@leecounty.org](mailto:engi-neer@leecounty.org).



### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 4/16/2024

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in adjourned session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Amandus, Gray, Yager, and Rink present. Council Member Andrews was absent.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/2/2024 – Special Meeting & 4/2/2024; Liquor License Renewals: Horan's Cabaret and Walgreens #11759; Partial List of Cigarette Permits; Claims dated 4/10/2024; March Financial Report; and Payroll of 4/5/2024.

At 5:37 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:38 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-30 approving the final Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget.

On motion, Council approved Special Event Permits: Old Fort Open Disc Golf Tournament and the Iowa High School and Junior High School Qualifying Rodeo and waived the associated fees.

Community Report: The Fort Madison Fire Department presented a schematic design for a new fire station that will be on the November 5th ballot.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance D-111 amending Ordinance

D-70, MidAmerican Energy Company Franchise Agreement. On motion, Council approved the second reading amending Ordinance D-61, Title 10, Chapter 25: Floodplain Management Zoning Code. On motion, Council approved the first reading amending Ordinance D-100, Title 2: Boards & Commissions, Chapter 1: General Provisions, 2-1-1 Members. On motion, Council approved the first reading amending Ordinance D-47, Title 2: Boards and Commissions, Chapter 9: Historic Preservation Commission. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-31, approving the low responsive bid and authorizing execution of a contract for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project, subject to Federal Aviation Administration AIP funding. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-32, 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. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-33, approving submittal of a grant application with the FAA for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-34, 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. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-35, 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. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-36, approving the Mayor's signature on the 2024 Wellness Program Agreement with Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Barbara Asay to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term expiring March 31, 2027. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$23,719.65
Special Rev.	70,073.41
Road Use	28,060.53
Debt	0.00
Capital	8,830.00
Water	9,421.32
Sewer	4,282.73
Sld Waste, IWC	20,349.42
SW Utility	870.73
	<u>\$165,607.79</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$758,725.27
Special Rev.	461,681.28
Road Use	119,681.12
Debt	357,164.79
Capital	0.00
Water	552.74
Sewer	3,229.25
Sld Wst & IWC	476.47
Sewer	53.64
	<u>\$1,701,564.56</u>

#### CLAIMS 4/16/2024

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, FUSES ..... 129.90  
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AHLERS & COONEY, PC, PROF FEE..... 170.00  
ALL AMERICAN SANITATION, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL..... 575.00

appointment of Barbara Asay to the Board of Adjustment & Appeals, term expiring September 30, 2028. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Michael Benda to the Civil Service Commission, term expiring March 31, 2028. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Jill Stull, Jacqueline Lumsden and Hugh Vandegriff to the Parks Board, terms expiring March 31, 2027.

Tourism Director, Chi Eastin, provided a quarterly report.

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

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

PAYROLL 4/5/2024	
General	\$ 225,272.52
Merchon Trust	506.64
Road Use	26,403.69
Water	34,889.64
Sewer	32,300.01
Solid Waste	16,452.55
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,228.05
	<u>\$339,365.87</u>

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IDEAL READY MIX COM- PANY, PEA GRAVEL ..... 175.08	WINDSTREAM, PHONE/ INTERNET..... 372.31
IDEMIA IDENTITY & SE- CURITY, MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ..... 2,960.00	TOTAL ..... 165,607.79
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KELTEK INCORPORAT- ED, COMPUTERS FOR VEHICLES..... 7,155.47	SPECIAL REVENUE ..... 32,484.74
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE NO. D-111**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, and MidAmerican Energy Company entered into a natural gas franchise agreement for Natural Gas Ordinance No. D-070, adopted by the City Council on December 15, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Madison and Mid-American Energy Company agree the franchise must be amended NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, as follows:

1. That Section 3 of Ordinance No. D-070 being: Section 3. Franchise Fee. There is hereby imposed a franchise fee of one and one half percent (1.5%) upon the gross revenue generated from sales of natural gas by the Company to customers receiving service, including transportation and distribution, and located within the corporate limits of the City. The percentage of franchise fee will not be increased during the first ten (10) years, starting from the effective date of the franchise Ordinance.

is hereby struck and the following Section 3 is substituted therefore:

Section 3. Franchise Fee. There is hereby imposed a franchise fee of one and one half percent (1.5%) upon the gross revenue generated from sales of natural gas by the Company to customers receiving service, including transportation and distribution, and located within the corporate limits of the City. With respect to the distribution or transportation by the Company of natural gas sold to the customer by a third-party supplier of the commodity, the percentage of gross receipts shall be applied to the customer's full cost of gas delivered within the City, including all costs of acquisition, ownership, and transportation whereof, wherever incurred. In determining the amount of the fee, the Company may presume that the customer's commodity cost of gas is the same as if the gas were sold by the Company, unless a different cost is provided.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Council on the 16th day of April, 2024.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld,  
Mayor  
City of Fort Madison,  
Iowa  
ATTEST: /s/Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Fort Madison  
Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the special

budget work session held April 18, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in person and electronically via Zoom.

Board members present in person: Sharon Groene, Adriene Jenkins, Candice Smrt, Ron Welder, Tom Pollpeter, Kathy Burkhardt and Carl Hierstein

Others present: Sarah Clendineng, library staff. Jack Gray, City Council liaison.

The director shared that conversations she has had with the city have included looking for best practices in scheduling employees as well as evaluating library services. The director checked with the state library but they don't offer any services specifically in those areas. The city manager said she would explore some options.

Trustee Welder stated that he had found a book on library staffing that he was reviewing. It suggested areas to look at when considering staffing. It also emphasized that budgeting is a primary responsibility of the board and it should be done starting about six months out looking at revenue and resources. The director replied that the board has been doing this over the last few years. The difference this year was finding out in January that we had to reduce the budget by \$50,000 and this wasn't anticipated by anyone in advance.

The City Manager has spoken with Pam Collins, the retired director of the Muscatine library about providing consulting services. Along with moving the library to a new building, Pam also worked with her city and the staff on some LEAN evaluation. Pam Collins could come in as a consultant, and a fresh pair of eyes, to evaluate what the library is doing, how they are doing it and what services the library is offering. This is not something Pam has done as a consultant but she is thinking about expanding to do this professionally and she would offer her services to us for the cost of mileage from Des Moines. Pam has an extensive resume with many years of work in

libraries before her most recent 15 years as the director of the Muscatine Public Library.

The director also mentioned some of her specific accomplishments including implementing a data driven approach to collection development, innovative programming to meet the needs of the community and showing fiscal responsibility by finding ways to save the city money during Covid. The plan would be to get a written report and this would definitely involve several visits talking with all library employees and the library board.

The director mentioned that one thing she wanted to review was some of the standing orders and subscriptions.

She looked through the line items and the first part of the budget is all things that are needed to keep the building open and provide basic services. The director will be meeting with a circulation system provider tomorrow afternoon to see if there are any potential savings to be found there. The director clarified that all of the subscriptions and standing orders listed are annual. There was a discussion of books on CD and if that was a collection we needed to keep. The director replied that she is keeping an eye on it but not sure it's quite time to let go of that collection, yet.

There was also discussion of effects of staffing reductions on library services. The director presented several hypotheticals and how much they would reduce the budget but also how they might affect services and programs. The director also stated that, going forward, if there were any employees who resigned, there would be discussions of what filling that position would look like before the hiring process began. There were questions about what employees do while at work and how many employees are in the building on an average day. For any further reduction in the number of employee hours, the director would recommend changing the time the library opens Monday through Friday from 9:30

am to 10:00 am. Meeting ended about 6:30 pm.

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Fort Madison  
Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the  
regular meeting held  
April 18, 2024  
at 5:30 p.m. in person and electronically via Zoom.

Board members present in person: Sharon Groene, Adriene Jenkins, Candice Smrt, Ron Welder, Tom Pollpeter, Kathy Burkhardt and Carl Hierstein

Others present: Sarah Clendineng, library staff. Jack Gray, City Council liaison.

Meeting called to order with a quorum present at 5:30 pm.

Excused Absences: Motion to excuse the absence of Lon Spurgin and Anne Heitz – Welder; 2nd – Smrt. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda – Burkhardt; 2nd – Hierstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the March Board Meeting – Welder; 2nd – Jenkins .

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Bills: Trustee Burkhardt inquired about how many books we get when we spend almost \$2,000.

The director estimated at about \$13/book it would be almost 200 books. Trustee Welder inquired about end of the year spending. The director clarified that this also included the purchase of children's books for the collections we take to daycare centers during summer reading.

Motion to approve the April bills– Welder; 2nd – Smrt. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Director's Report: In addition to the attached report, Trustee Groene was glad to hear about the people coming to the book giveaway. Trustee

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

Burkhardt asked for clarification on the director saying the library would be under budget, asking if that meant that we have \$7,000 that hasn't been accounted for? The director stated that this was correct. Trustee Burkhardt asked what the library's plan for that was. The director stated that electric and personnel are estimates but it is hard to have exact numbers for those and she likes to be \$5,000 to \$7,000 under budget to cover unexpected expenses or errors in math. Trustee Burkhardt asked if payroll wouldn't be about the same each month and couldn't it be calculated what the payroll would be for the maximum hours. The director replied that she doesn't do the benefits and taxes calculations, she could ask Peggy for that to get an exact number. The director also reminded the board that we are not losing money if we are under

budget, the money goes back into the general fund which puts the general fund in a better position for the upcoming year. Trustee Burkhardt stated that one year we put a lot of money back into the general fund and then the library budget was cut by \$50,000. The director disagreed, stating that this is the first year that the library has received a major cut in a while and it is not because we have been under budget. There are other factors that have resulted in the library and other city departments having to reduce their budgets; other city departments also usually come in under budget by at least a little bit. Trustee Burkhardt also asked if the director was talking about opening the library later meaning we would lose five hours a week. The director clarified that this is part of the discussion for the special work session. She

is not suggesting this be done at this time, by any means, but, if we were to reduce staffing further, that is one thing we might need to consider.

Trustee Welder asked how many adopt a book people we have now. The director doesn't know the exact number but we have had three new authors adopted in the last month.

Unfinished Business Approve using trust funds to supplement the general fund due to budget reductions: The director said that she

received notice from Service Master that they would be increasing our monthly fee from \$905.10 to \$1,352 per month. The amount charged has not changed since Service Master started. The City Manager stated that she will be having discussions with Sarah and Service Master about janitorial services for the city as a whole. The director

revised the trust fund expenditures based on the increased cost and Service Master has agreed to hold off the price increase until July 1. The director asked the board if they have any areas they would like to see increased cleaning. The director asked to table this agenda item until the May or June meeting, giving her time to get additional information. The director stated that she is happy with the scope of service but there are a few minor things she would like to have added.

New Business Election of Officers Current nominations are:  
President – Sharon Groene  
Vice-President – Ron Welder  
Secretary – Anne Heitz  
Motion to approve the nominated officers – Burkhardt; 2nd – Jenkins. Motion carried unanimously.  
Budget Amendments

There are no needed budget amendments this year. All categories are under budget and should remain that way through the end of the year.

Approve 24/25 Budget The proposed budget is the same as what was discussed at the February board meeting. The director added that, even with the increase in janitorial costs, we should still have enough budgeted in the trust funds to cover it.

Motion to approve the 24/25 budget - Welder; 2nd – Smrt. Motion carried unanimously.

Enrich Iowa Agreement The director summarized the services funded through Enrich Iowa including direct funding from the state, Interlibrary Loan book sharing and Open Access, which is a program that allows lowans to use any library in Iowa and return library books to any other library in Iowa. Motion to approve con-

tinuing to participate in Enrich Iowa – Smrt; 2nd – Jenkins. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Education The library will be renewing its state accreditation status next year so the director wanted to start reviewing the tier standards. The board reviewed section 1 of the library tier standards covering library governance. The library is meeting all required Tier 1 standards and some of the option standards. Last year the library was meeting the standard regarding county funding, which is an optional standard, but due to the county budget cut the library will not be meeting that standard next year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm until Thursday, May 16, 2024 in the Sheaffer Meeting Room.

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## From the Front

# 2024 team has big task chasing 2022 national runners-up

### TRADES - Continued from Page 1

about two full hours ahead of any other competition.

Schinstock took his son Ames Schinstock, Taylor Huffman, Hadley Johnson, and Ben Blanchard to Des Moines Area Community College and came away with the title and about \$40 in gift cards.

Despite not getting some of the more coveted tools that were given away at the event, the foursome realized they were going to Atlanta to compete for a national title, which would cast a large shadow over anything they won at state.

Fort Madison's team also won the Carl A. Nelson building trades competition earlier this year before heading to state last week.

"We had no idea going in what it was going to be," Schinstock said of the state competition.

"At 10 o'clock we got the plan and that was a huge benefit for us because then you either knew the build or you didn't. You didn't have an advisor there for an hour telling you to do this or do that. The students had to know. I spent about five minutes going over it with them before it started. That's it," Schinstock said.

The Fort Madison team found two issues that didn't work out in the plans provided and the competition had to be stopped for organizers to resolve the issue.

"They're really smart."

But he said the national competition will last about four days with presentations and will be a challenge.

"It's nice to see how you stack up against other schools. That's the one thing I really enjoy about it. And the kids really get excited about it. I always promise them if they win they get ice cream. We were chased out of Des Moines Friday by tornadoes and we didn't stop until we got to Oskaloosa. So we had to put off the ice cream."

Lamb - first reference said the Construction Trades program, even with the transition from Kobelt to Schinstock, has been highly sustainable because of the emphasis FMCSO places on CTE programming.

"We have to have a budget, but we also have a commitment to providing the resources for the program. With that and the grants we get, these kids will be better prepared. It's a commitment to ensuring we have the best available instructors and the best available opportunities," Lamb said.

A good part of the curriculum is based upon job site work where the students in the program go to actual construction sites and help with specific functions on the site including sheet rock, framing, construction.

Schinstock said he didn't expect the support from the administration that he's received since taking over a year ago.

Greg (Smith) ran it for Clint, but Patrick, when I've gone to him has never said 'No' to me," Schinstock said.

"We have to find a balance," Lamb said. "I don't want them to do without. One of

the mistakes I made when I came back to this building was I said, 'Here's your budget,' and I realized I can't just do that. These are extraordinary teachers and we have to figure out how to let them be the best."

Schinstock said Huffman brings a greater sense of detail, and said girls tend to outperform the guys.

"The boys think if they do something fast that makes them good, but that's not the case. I don't get very many girls past entry level, but in the entry levels, the top five are always female. Their attention to detail - they're problem solvers, they'll think it out," he said.

Three of the team members are juniors with one sophomore and most have some construction experience even as teenagers.

Schinstock said Johnson doesn't have a lot of background in construction prior to the FMHS CTE path he's been on, but his work ethic is top shelf.

"I saw him shoveling a sidewalk at like 7:15 a.m. when I was on my way to work one morning. I told him at school, 'I saw you got a couple driveways in this morning,' and he said '15'. Fifteen driveways before school started. This kid is a dynamo," Schinstock said.

FMHS Co-Principal Patrick Lamb said Johnson is involved in almost every CTE program the district has.

Schinstock said Blanchard has been around woodworking his whole life and has been making cutting boards and things for sale since he was 12 years old.

"He's extremely intelligent and picks up on everything. He worked construction last year and will again this year."

His son has obviously been exposed to construction his whole life as his father has been in the field for more than a decade, started his own business, and then moved into teaching before construction took a toll on his body.



Hadley Johnson, Ames Schinstock, Taylor Huffman, and Ben Blanchard work on a framed-up two-wall project at the state Skill USA competition Thursday at DMACC in Des Moines.

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

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**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:

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**MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out!"**

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

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