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## River road drops again

**MONTROSE:** Mayor, city considering all options to deal with nagging MRT road south of Montrose

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – The city of Montrose is once again having to deal with what is legitimately a four-year sink hole.

For the past dozen years or so heavy rains have caused, at different times, a portion of the Mississippi River Road to collapse towards the Mississippi River. And the road is elevated so danger definitely lurks around that corner.

Montrose Mayor Matt Mullins said Monday that the city is in a fact-finding stage with regard to the road, but is also having to deal with very pressing concerns at the sewer plant.

Mullins said there are several broken pieces of equipment at the sewer plant but it's still meeting Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency benchmarks for water discharge into the river.

However, the repairs needed at the sewer treatment plant, were estimated at \$3 million back in 2019 and Mullins fears those are 25% to 50% higher now. And trying to

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Courtesy photo

The Mississippi River Road in southern Montrose has collapsed again. The road fell on April 28 after heavy rains, and city officials are waiting for information and the settling to stop before it makes a decision going forward.

Fort Madison Firefighters responded to a house fire late Sunday night and battled the blaze until early Monday morning in the 2700 block of Avenue O.



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### COMMENTARY

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



## Immigrant to Mayor in W. Burlington

On July 11 of this year it will be 60 years since Hans Trousil of West Burlington immigrated from Germany to the United States. It was 1964, he was 11 years old and in the 6th grade. He had taken two years of English in Germany, but it was the Queen's English, where semi trucks are lorries, the water cooler is a bubbler, and the bathroom is a water closet. So he had some adjusting to do, for a lifetime, actually, as he is still learning new words.

His aunt and uncle had immigrated to the United States first. Hans' father was a flight engineer and mechanic for Lufthansa Airlines. He had spent some time in Seattle working and learning about the new Boeing 707. He was a top notch mechanic and Volkswagen of America sponsored him and his family, and soon had him located in Burlington, Iowa at their new Volkswagen Dealership. To this day Hans still drives a VW.

The year before they immigrated, on November 22, 1963, John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Hans will never forget his mother running up the stairway to his bedroom, crying, thinking that their immigration would be suspended. Fortunately, immigration was not affected.

At 16, Hans had his first job. He worked at McDonald's on Roosevelt Avenue in Burlington. Because he had good math grades in school, he was put on the cash register where he knew how to count change back to customers.

He married his high school sweetheart, Debbie (Deb), who had been Homecoming Queen twice—junior high and high school. She went on to become a nurse, graduating from the first nurses' training class at Southeastern Community College (SCC). The class is having its 50th Anniversary this summer. Deb worked at the hospital for 42 years, and was the school nurse for 25. Hans worked at a gas station and then

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### SUSAN M. MONNIER

Susan Marie Monnier, 71, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away at 9:02 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2024, at her home in Hamilton.

She was born on February 11, 1953 in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of William and Dorthea (Weber) Lange. On October 20, 1973, she married David Monnier in Nauvoo, Illinois, they later divorced.



MONNIER

Susan is survived by two daughters: Lisa Monnier Latham of Hamilton, Illinois and Chrissy Monnier of Hamilton, Illinois; one granddaughter, Kaylee Latham; and one brother, Bernard Lange of Fort Madison, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters: Linda Henriksen and Luella Lange in infancy; two brothers: Robert Lange and Edward Lange; two sisters-in-law: Carol "Lana" Lange and Mary Lange.

She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo.

Susan was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She loved caring for her rescue animals, playing solitaire on her computer, watching birds, flowers, and being close to the Mississippi River.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

A graveside service will be held following the visitation at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Nauvoo, with Father Tony Trosley as celebrant.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).

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### SHARON K. SUTTON

Sharon Kay Sutton, 83, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Burlington, Iowa.

Sharon was born July 26, 1940 in Dallas City, the daughter of Don and Joan (Curtis) Hancock. On August 15, 1959 she married Ron Sutton.



SUTTON

Besides Ron survivors include one daughter: Kelly (Craig) Petersen of Burlington, Iowa; two grandchildren: Curt Petersen and Kayla (Brian) Danielson; three great-grandchildren: Peter, Edward and David Danielson; two half-sisters: Terry Poston and Jerri Hancock and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister and brother-in-law: Darla and Jerry Newberry and one nephew: Michael Newberry.

Sharon was a 1958 graduate of Dallas City High School. She stayed at home while her daughter was young. She later worked for the United States Postal Service, where she retired from. She was an amazing seamstress, an avid reader and a lover of cats.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. Interment will follow at Harris Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for PAWs Animal Shelter. Memorials may be left later at the service or sent to the Sharon Sutton Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330

To leave an online condolence for family, please visit Sharon's obituary at [bank-sandbeals.com](http://bank-sandbeals.com).

### MARIE L. PERROT

Marie Louise Perrott, 96, of Birkwood Village, Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Birkwood Village, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Born December 7, 1927, the daughter of Louis and Bertha (Schlicher) Wagner.

Survivors include a niece and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and three sisters.

She was a member of the United Church of Christ.

A private family graveside service will be held Tuesday, May 7, 2024 in Evangelical Cemetery in Donnellson, Iowa.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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# Obituaries/For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

05/03/24 - 12:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Randall Dean Sommerfeld, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - fight/violence. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 10:18 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited Robert James Young, 26, of Fort Madison, at 10th Street and Avenue F, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/03/24 - 12:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of Avenue F.

05/03/24 - 12:13 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue O, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 2:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested James William Higgins, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on charges of violation of a domestic no-contact order and 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 2:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of property damage accident at 33rd Street and Bluff Road.

05/03/24 - 2:58 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 33rd Street and Bluff Road.

05/03/24 - 11:14 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.

05/04/24 - 1:23 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested James Robert Ates, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of 2nd Street, on charge of interference with official acts, reckless driving, and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/04/24 - 11:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

05/04/24 - 2:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 400 block of Avenue E.

05/04/24 - 2:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

05/04/24 - 5:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Dale Lee Heidebreder, Jr., 44, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing.

05/05/24 - 8:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2800 block of Avenue L.

05/05/24 - 9:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Mi-

chael Jason Westcott, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue E, on a warrant for failure to appear - theft and criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/05/24 - 9:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue I.

05/05/24 - 9:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue I.

05/05/24 - 10:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Avenue G.

05/05/24 - 10:32 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1000 block of Avenue G.

05/05/24 - 12:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 3rd Street.

05/05/24 - 2:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Carrie Mae Smith, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue F, on a charge of city: theft.

05/05/24 - 4:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 900 block of Avenue G.

05/05/24 - 5:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue F.

05/05/24 - 8:57 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 300 block of Avenue G.

05/05/24 - 9:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Paul Edwin Rippenkroeger, 61, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue F, on a charge of sexual exploitation of a minor. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 7:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue L.

### Keokuk Police Report

05/03/24 - 8:26 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 900 block of Fulton Street.

05/03/24 - 11:11 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of North Park Drive.

05/03/24 - 11:39 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Kautious Heaven Nicoi Braggs, 23, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

05/03/24 - 11:43 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1600 block of Main Street.

05/03/24 - 12:58 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Johnson Street Road.

05/03/24 - 6:08 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Hillcrest Street.

05/03/24 - 6:10 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a two-vehicle accident at 10th and Orleans Streets. According to the report, a vehicle driven by James Brice McLeod, 21, of Keokuk, was traveling northbound at 10th and Orleans Streets, did not stop at the stop sign and broadsided a vehicle driven by Carl Frederick Hausch that was westbound at 10th and Orleans Streets. No injuries were reported.

Both vehicles sustained disabling damages and were towed from the scene. Brice was cited for failure to stop at stop sign and failure to provide security against liability with accident.

05/03/24 - 6:10 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Orleans Avenue.

05/03/24 - 7:20 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of Concert Street.

05/03/24 - 7:37 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Bank Street.

05/03/24 - 8:13 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Candace Yvonne Weddle, 30, of Keokuk, in the 1700 block of Timea Street, on charges of 2nd degree burglary, possession of drug paraphernalia, and 5th degree theft less than \$300. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 9:57 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Shawn Kenneth Grandbouche, 55, of Keokuk, at North 14th and Main Streets, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/03/24 - 11:26 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1700 block of Fairlane.

05/04/24 - 2:17 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Grady Evan Fountain, 31, of Keokuk, at South 5th and Timea Streets, on a charge of first offense OWI.

05/04/24 - 10:49 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 300 block of North Park Drive.

05/04/24 - 10:49 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Concert Street.

05/04/24 - 2:52 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Orleans Avenue.

05/05/24 - 2:11 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Rita Irene Gerhardt, 25, of Keokuk, in the 1100 block of Main Street, on charges of public intoxication and assault with bodily injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/05/24 - 2:13 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Abigail Kate Krask, 22, of Missouri, in the 1100 block of Main Street,

on a charge of assault with bodily injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/05/24 - 12:10 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Concert Street.

05/05/24 - 2:45 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the Keokuk area.

05/05/24 - 8:39 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Concert Street.

05/05/24 - 9:43 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of Orleans Avenue.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

05/03/24 - 10:50 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jesse Virgil Johnson Booth, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after weekend service.

05/03/24 - 1:44 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Bonnie Sue Land, 49, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 3:59 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Denise Ann McGinnis, 58, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant and a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 6:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Bradlee Kenneth Lovell, 27, of Kahoka, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on an arrest of affidavit. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/03/24 - 6:51 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Taylor William Scott, 31, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after weekend service.

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

05/05/24 - 8:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of an ATV accident at 353rd Street and 243rd Avenue. According to the report, an ATV drive by a 12-year-old male juvenile, of Keokuk, with a 10-year-old female passenger, of Keokuk, lost control, rolled over, and landed in a ditch. One of the juveniles sustained significant injuries and was transported to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center - Fort Madison by Lee County EMS; the other juvenile had minor injuries. The ATV was towed from the scene and the accident is under investigation.

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

## OBITUARIES

# SHERRY A. PEZLEY DONAHUE

Sherry A. Pezley Donahue, 74, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 8:45 AM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Hospice House.



PEZLEY DONAHUE

She was born on May 17, 1949 in Keokuk to Walter and Anna Metz Pezley. Sherry worked at Sheaffer Pen Company and retired after thirty years of service. She enjoyed eating food, especially pizza and sweets. Most of all she loved her cats.

Survivors include her son, Jeff (Julie) Platt of Mason City, IA; two sisters, Sandra Parker Williams of Mt. Pleasant and Dixie (Bill) Fette of Buckeye, AZ; one brother, Denis (Vicki) Pezley of Palmyra, Mo; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her grandmother Lial Metz.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will hold a private service with burial in Charleston Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

# New bill targets senior scammers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Representative Zach Nunn (IA-03) today introduced bipartisan legislation to fight back against scams targeting retirees. The Empowering States to Protect Seniors Against Bad Actors Act, which is co-led by U.S. Representative Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05), will combat fraud on social media that targets retirees.

“Ensuring Iowan’s life savings are protected isn’t a partisan matter - it’s a matter of right or wrong,” said Rep. Nunn. “We’re fighting back against con artists preying on retirees. No one should have to worry about financial fraud during their golden years.”

According to the FBI’s 2023 Elder Fraud Report, retirees had more than \$3.4 billion stolen through scams. More than 100,000 retirees reported that they were victims of scams, losing a heartbreaking average of \$33,915. Tragically, about 6,000 retirees lost more than \$100,000. More than 500 retirees in Iowa reported scams to the FBI.

“I’m sounding the alarm about one of the biggest issues facing older Americans: senior scams and announcing new action against social media companies and others to help crack down on this runaway abuse of Jersey seniors,” said Rep. Gottheimer. “Scams are one of the first topics that I hear about when I come to chat with older constituents at senior centers like this one. Fraudsters are using every trick in the book — social media, email, and phone — to swindle our seniors out of billions of dollars every year.”

Social media platforms have become major hubs for fraud and financial exploitation. According to the Federal Trade Commission, Americans lost \$2.7 billion in social media scams between 2021 and 2023, four times as much as fraudsters stole in website scams and a billion more than email scams. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that one-fourth of all successful scams originate on social platforms.



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# Bloodhound win sets up SEC title match Wednesday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – The Bloodhounds didn't want to look ahead to Wednesday's conference title battle with Washington, so they had to use their heads in Monday's win over Mt. Pleasant.

And senior Maddox Rung did just that as he scored two minutes into the first half on a header off a corner kick from Leif Boeding. The ball came in a little high and Rung went up on a break to the middle of the box and diverted the ball with the side of his head into the back top of the net for a quick 1-0 lead.

The goal set the tone for a game that would be played mostly on Fort Madison's side of the pitch save for a few shots behind the defense that Fort Madison keeper Conner Gehling was able to contain until the second half.

Fort Madison would score again about three minutes later on another shot in the middle for a 2-0 lead.

Mt. Pleasant would then rotate in a new keeper and held the Bloodhounds scoreless despite eight more shots in the half. One was another headshot from Rung, but this time the ball was knocked away and cleared by the Panther defense.

The Hound defense was putting on a little display of their own holding Mt. Pleasant to just one shot at the 25:45 mark, a dynamic not lost on Fort Madison Head Coach Kevin Wellman.

"The biggest thing I liked today at times, and we weren't really consistent with it, but we had some really good midfield play with some nice triangles with midfielders and forwards and we controlled the ball through the thirds - the defensive third, the middle third and the attacking third," he said.

"We're really trying to improve on not just sending the ball forward and watching our forward run on it and try to score, but working it up with good possession and more options. In the first 10 minutes it was really good. We just have to work on more consistency



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Maddox Rung completes a headshot into the goal in the second half of the Hounds' 5-1 win over Mt. Pleasant at East Lake Park. Rung had two goals in the win.

with that."

The attack paid off again with 4:31 left in the first half when Mario Gomez Gutierrez worked the ball through the middle of the Panther defense starting from about 30 feet out zigzagging his way to a shot on goal from about 12 feet that found the back of the net for a 3-0 lead that held up til halftime.

Mt. Pleasant would pick up a goal just 1:40 into the second half. A through ball got behind the Hound defense and a shot that Gehling initially blocked got loose to his left with the defense trying to catch up. The Panthers were able to slide the ball into the left with a Bloodhound diving back into the net trying to slide it away.

Fort Madison would get that point back when Jacob Shottenkirk slid a ball in from the right side of the Hound offense and found Rung again flying in for the header, his second of the night for a goal and a 4-1 Fort Madison lead.

"We're not necessarily known for being a scoring threat in the air and we kinda were today, at least early on. That was nice for him," Wellman said.

Rung agreed that was not the Hounds' normal attack style.

"It's not how we play. We're not a send-it-and-win-it-in-the-air kind of team. Those were just great passes. Leif had a great pass and then Jake had a great pass. I was just ready to get my head on it," he said.

Boeding would wrap up the scoring at the 21:01 mark with a shot high into the left center with the Panther goalie guessing wrong on Boeding's intentions.

With the win the Hounds improve to 5-1 in Southeast Conference play with one more game left against Washington on Wednesday at the Baxter Sports Complex with a 3:30 p.m. start time. The Demons are 6-1 in loop play and are 9-2 overall with their only losses coming in a penalty kick session to Fort Madison back on April 15, and a 5-0 loss to Muscatine. A win would give Fort Madison the conference title in head-to-head play. A loss would prevent the Bloodhounds from claiming their fourth straight SEC title.

Wellman said he is hoping to get starting forward Henry Graham back for Wednesday's affair and possibly goalkeeper Oliver Santiago. Fort Madison lost Jamarkus Kline to a season-ending injury early in the season.

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# Sports

## Lady Hounds get home shutout



Above, senior Leif Boeding brings the ball toward the Hounds' offense in the first half of Fort Madison's 5-1 win over Mt. Pleasant Monday. Below, junior Jacob Shottenkirk pressures the Panther goal.



## For seniors season is winding down

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"Henry is close, he just was making sure today. He went through warm-ups and took it easy and decided just not quite yet. And we could afford to give him a couple more days," Wellman said.

Rung said as a senior he's trying to pull every minute out of every game and wants to help bring one more conference title to Fort Madison.

"We want to be conference champs. We've won it the last three years so I want to win it again. And we don't have that many games left and I just want to take in every moment."

**PEAKING:** Season winding toward post-season and Fort Madison girls again hitting their stride at right time

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison's offense was so efficient in Monday's 7-0 win over Mount Pleasant, the Bloodhounds were getting help from everywhere.

Hadley Wolfe had scored her second goal of the night and coach Carrie Burken yelled out to her, asking who passed her the ball.

"The other team," Wolfe yelled back.

That, of course, can't be considered an assist, but the Bloodhounds (9-2 overall, 7-2 Southeast Conference) did have an assist on every other goal in another crisp night of offense.

"I feel like we know how each person wants the ball," said senior Natalie Randolph, who scored twice. "Some people are better at 1-2 (passes), some people are better at through balls. So I think we're learning every single game, learning more and more what we really like, and I think that's helping us."

"I think it's something we emphasize a lot," Burken said. "We talk a lot about it all of the time, and it's probably the No. 1 thing we practice. And they've been playing together for a long time. Natalie and Teagan (Snaadt) have played together for a long time. Teagan and Hadley have been playing together for a long time. I just think they have that connection from playing a lot."

Wolfe and Snaadt each had two assists. Halle Menke and Bailey Vaughn each had one.

"We work on (passing) most of the time in practice," Randolph said. "You're not going to outrun

every team, so getting those connecting passes are really important."

The Bloodhounds and Panthers (6-5, 6-4) were playing for the second time in less than a week — Fort Madison won 5-2 in last Tuesday's match at Mount Pleasant — but this one had a different tone.

Fort Madison had its match at Washington on Thursday postponed because of rain, and the Bloodhounds were ready to play.

"We don't want any off-days," Randolph said. "We constantly want to keep going."

Wolfe and Snaadt delivered goals within a couple of minutes of each other early in the match, then Ellie Hellman scored her first varsity goal at the 26:09 mark to put Fort Madison up 3-0.

That was similar to what the Bloodhounds did in the earlier match, but this time they didn't allow any goals.

"There were some adjustments," Burken said. "Just being on a bigger field gave us more space for our offense. And not giving up a goal like we did the last time really boosted our confidence."

"Their field was a lot smaller," Randolph said. "So we're playing a team on a smaller field, then playing on a bigger field. So we had more room to work today."

Randolph opened the scoring in the second half with a goal off a Snaadt assist 4 ½ minutes in, then Wolfe scored just 24 seconds later when the Panthers lost control of the ball, allowing Wolfe to put in a long shot from the right side.

Reilynn Turnbull scored with 9:19 left to give Fort Madison a 6-0 lead, then Randolph closed the scoring with a goal with 3:34 to play.

Fort Madison had 17 shots on goal — Randolph had eight.

Fort Madison goalkeeper Taylor Johnson posted her eighth shutout of the season, finishing with nine saves.

The Bloodhounds close conference play with a match at Washington on Wednesday.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Tom Schulz, Chuck Holmes, Ron Fedler and Matt Pflug

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seyb amended the agenda adding approval of a contract with Jerry and Jeannie Landrum. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Tony Menke, Maple Lane, continued the discussion from last week's meeting regarding a fee added to his invoice from a dust control vendor. He stated that the extra work that the County was billing for, was not being done. Dave Pranger, 165th Street,

agreed with Menke. Dave Schevers, Otte Road, said he never once saw gravel being applied before treatment. Charlene McFerren, 140th Avenue, said that she applied dust control then the road maintainer went over it. Jim Bethurem, property owner on Otte Road, said the rock the County gets is bad. Road prep is not being done. Many residents mow the shoulders and ditches saving the County money. Keith Menke, Otte Road, said that by applying this treatment, they are actually saving the County money. Sean Wright, also of Otte Road, sent two pictures of the road. He feels like they are being punished for applying the treatment. Al Nelson, Keokuk, said the residents in South Lee are unhappy with gravel road conditions also.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2024-70. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2024-70**

LEE COUNTY, IOWA  
WHEREAS, Lee County is a duly organized

municipality in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Lee County provides services to its residents and businesses to maintain an excellent quality of life and an environment of prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing and healthcare make up the county's largest employers in number and payroll and are essential to the Lee County and southeast Iowa economy; and

WHEREAS, Lee County has historically supported economic development initiatives through investing into business attraction and workforce development which bolsters the current and future prospects of the county; and

WHEREAS, Lee County Economic Development Group (LCEDG) has spearheaded workforce development efforts to connect county students and businesses, including formation of the Lee County Career Center; and

development of the Lee County Career Center in partnership with LCEDG through ownership of the building where the Center is located; and

WHEREAS, Community Project Funds are available to support acquisition, build out and equipping of career and technical centers; and

WHEREAS, SIREPA intends to apply for approximately \$2.2 million of Community Project Funds through Representative Miller-Meeks' office to complete the buildout and equipping of the Lee County Career Center; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 11th Day of March, 2024,

The Lee County Supervisors fully support development of the Lee County Career Center and SIREPA's application for Community Project Funding for approximately \$2.2 million to build out and equip the Lee County Career Center.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Tom Schulz, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Ron Fedler, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise

Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve a letter of support to Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks for a Community Project Funding Application for pavement replacement of X32, north of Fort Madison. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug seconded by Holmes, to approve a revised Haul Road Agreement with ITC Midwest. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler seconded by Pflug, to approve a 28E Agreement with the Iowa State Penitentiary for Food Services for the Jail. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve funding for the Keokuk EMS Building from the General Fund. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion of funding the Health/EMS Building. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to table action on approval of funding the Health/EMS Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Budget Amendment for the FY24 Budget and set the hearing for

Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:01 a.m. at the Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve a contract with Jerry and Jeannie Landrum for an easement to the Bridgeport Bridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the March 4, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Tax Abatement Resolution.

**RESOLUTION #2024-69**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the

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application of: Kevin & Jill Merschman

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For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of March 2024.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Tom Schulz, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Ron Fedler, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve a step increase for Dustin Young, Jail Sergeant, from \$27.63/hr. to \$30.13/hr. effective 3/4/24, a reclassification for Mark Klesner, from Safety Director \$79,695.00/annually to Facilities, Safety and Risk Management Director \$90,000.00/annually, effective 3/4/24 and a position change for Scott Edwards, from Interim Maintenance Director \$67,494.39/annually to Assistant Maintenance Director \$59,553.87/annually. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February 2024, the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of February and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February 2024.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting, an employee Safety Committee meeting and an Insurance Committee meeting.

At 11:56 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn

the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman  
Attest: Denise Fraise,  
Lee County Auditor

#### Claims paid March 11, 2024

Advcd Crctnl Hlth, svs	12714.45
Airgas USA, splys	486.26
All Amer Sanitation, svs	240.00
All Pro Lawn, svs..	600.00
Alliant Energy, svs	7255.67
A Anderson, svs....	168.00
E Andries, exps.....	5.50
A Burlington, svs...	199.99
Jim Baier, svs .....	115.92
J Booth, exps.....	1.00
Bnd Tree Med, splys	2573.12
Brightree Hm Hlth, svs	3368.29
K Burkhardt, exps...	85.60
Comm Lawyers IA, svs	285.60
A Cook, exps .....	173.00
M Cook, exps.....	342.00
CJ Cooper, svs .....	310.00
Culligan, wtr.....	31.49
Democrat Co, publ..	45.85
L DeFord, exps .....	186.50
Discount Tire, svs ..	211.90
Donnellson Tire, svs	85.00
ES&S, svs.....	16643.88
B Fader, exps .....	294.50
Fastenal Co, equip	112.80
Fillenwarth Beach, ldg	2165.52
Garratt-Callahan, svs	750.00
L Gatton, rent.....	300.00
S Gray, svs .....	195.00
J Hall, exps.....	392.50
A Hayes, exps.....	56.00
Home Thrpy Sol, svs	5061.60
J Hudson, exps.....	95.00
H Huebner, svs .....	40.00
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IA DOT, equip.....	342.56
IA St Pen, meals	17948.75
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S Jeffries, exps .....	255.00
Jet Gas, fuel .....	7685.89
JJD Cntrctng Co, svs	7060.40

J Johnson, exps.....	34.50	612.22
T Keefe, exps .....	195.00	7251.09
C Kempker, rent....	100.00	3491.00
Keo Hsing Athrty, svs	13367.80	435.20
B KrmrRsbgr, exps	204.50	79.28
JLandrum, row.....	500.00	
LeeCo Phsnts Frvr, splys	3026.00	
Lee Co Treas, fees	309277.79	
LeeCo Treas, costs	16709.57	
McFarlands, splys...	67.62	
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	1333.88	
O Miller, exps.....	487.50	
MtHamill Elvtr, splys	103.38	
L Mullins, exps.....	244.50	
NAPA Auto, parts....	28.98	
JJ Nichting, parts....	83.00	
OMG MW, svs	349518.21	
M Park, exps.....	118.50	
R PptrsnRhn, exps ..	38.50	
Paul's Plmbng, svs	551.02	
PCC Ambul, svs..	7270.00	
Pen City Current, publ	652.50	
Pilot Grove Bnk, splys	208.00	
Prairie Farms, splys	166.00	
Prvnt Child Abuse, mtrls	860.00	
PSBA, svs.....	1125.00	
Quest Cnstrctn, svs	242.00	
Rairdens Auto, svs	100.00	
RicohUSA, splys.....	68.72	
RicohUSA, rent.....	99.31	
L Roxberg, rent.....	300.00	
RSM US, svs .....	53.29	
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J Saunders, exps..	109.00	
T Schroeder, exps	207.00	
Sec/State, splys.....	30.00	
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C Sestito, exps .....	40.00	
P Settles, exps.....	58.84	
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SIMM Assoc, splys	100.34	
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Stericycle, svs.....	70.00	
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P Tripp, exps.....	362.50	
Vertical Comm, svs	779.51	
West Grp, splys ..	2250.62	
West Pt Utility, svs		

#### PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES

The Green Bay Levee & Drainage District met at the regular meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heartland Co-op, Wever. Present were trustees Rick Kuntz, Mike Walker and Brandon Bonar and clerk, Kimberly Spear. Also present were other members of the community.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Spear read the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 29, 2024. Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat Kaltefleiter gave the Pump Master report. The river stage was 8.09. Moved by Bonar, seconded by Kuntz, to accept the Pump Master Report as presented. Motion carried.

Plumbing has been completed regarding the east motor cooling issue.

Walker updated the board regarding FEMA certification. Klinger has the flow study from 5 years and will review with the current volume.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to approve a quote from Floor Crafters to purchase and install new flooring in the district house. Motion carried.

Kuntz led a discussion regarding security cameras. Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to have a company come look at the property for location. Motion carried. A decision will be made next meeting.

The district has not received a reimbursement check from Klinger regarding the Nustar pipeline.

Moved by Kuntz, seconded by Bonar to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Current balances are \$342,145.49 in the Operating Fund.

At 7:30 p.m. Kuntz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bonar. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Drainage District will be Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly Spear, Lee County Auditor's Office.

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## From the Front

# Montrose Mayor says city will have to look at options for road

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prioritize the sewer repairs with the street repair is causing some sleepless nights. Especially nights when it rains.

This time the road collapsed on the night of April 28, the same night as Central Lee's and Keokuk's high school proms. Fortunately, no injuries were reported and the road has, again, been blocked off from traffic.

"Over the past several years in heavy rains like we've had, the road will sink. We'll put up blockades, and then when it's done sinking we put fill in it and gravel or seal the top to make it passable again," the mayor said.

The city had an engineering firm put together a plan four years ago to solve the issue on a more permanent basis. Mullin said he didn't know if the word "fix" was right or not, but they had a more comprehensive plan. He said they've reached out to that company again to see if the resolution they came up with is still viable.

"We've reached out to that company to see if what they recommended then was still something they would recommend today and what that cost would be like," he said.

"We're still waiting to hear back from them on that."

At Monday's Lee County Supervisor's meeting, Supervisor Matt Pflug mentioned the issue during his supervisor report.

Pflug said the road is inside Montrose's city limits and it was a city problem.

Supervisor Chairman Garry Seyb said that was technically correct, but said the county wants to be an "information resource" to the city. Seyb has had several conversations with Mullin, as well as State Sen. Jeff Reichman and State Rep. Martin Graber about the stretch of road. He's also offered to assist Mullin in making connections with people who may have insight into how to get a more comprehensive solution to the roadway in place.

Mullin said the roadway will remain closed until the city can determine if it is actively moving anymore.

He said in the past, the city has fixed the road with fill and let it go because the road isn't used by city residents that much anyway.

"It isn't that great of a road anyway so we fixed it in the past and it worked. We would wait til it quits sinking, fill it up, cover it, and that would be the plan," Mullin said.

When the city conducted the engineering study, the suggested resolution was at a cost of about \$750,000. Mullin said if it's still viable and the cost is even \$1 million, just coming up with 20% for a



match on a grant would be daunting to a city with an annual budget of \$350,000.

"Even if that is \$1 million and we find 80% and people are fantastic, and happy and everyone's coming together, Montrose's portion is like \$200K. How do we find that money on a \$350,000 budget - and oh, by the way, we need to update this other infrastructure."

He said the sewer plant is past its useful life, but is producing acceptable ranges as required by state and federal regulators.

"The last thing we want to do is wait until it completely fails and then we would be looking at astronomical fines and costs to repair," he said.

"In 2019 that was \$3 million and since then we've been told that price has likely doubled. So again, if we're able to get grants to cover 80% of that amount of money, whatever that bond or loan is for the rest, will be a very big deal, almost prohibitive."

Mullins said he appreciated Seyb and the county's proactive approach in dealing with the issue.

"I really appreciate them proactively reaching out and discussing it," he said.

"Right now people need to know that we are in the fact-gathering stage and don't want to rule anything out or make any promises about what will or won't be done. We don't know if it's done moving or if the old plan will work. For all we know it could rain 3 more inches tomorrow and completely fall."

Montrose currently doesn't have any debt service on its property tax so it would have some bonding authority to borrow for the repairs, but Mullins said none of that has been officially discussed at this point.

# Mayor served for more than 28 years

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J.I. Case for 30 years.

In a round about way, it was because Deb was a nurse that led Hans to the West Burlington City Council. Nurses wore white uniforms. Doing laundry, one of her uniforms was ruined because of West Burlington's rusty water. Hans was a volunteer on the WB Fire Department. He was well aware of the problem of filling fire engines with rusty, scaly water. He took Deb's stained uniform to City Hall and asked, politely, if anything was being done to correct the water problem. He was told there was not, but it was suggested that he run for City Council. Hans did and was elected to the city council on November 4, 1985. The mayor immediately appointed Hans as Utilities Committee Chair where he began addressing and remedying the water quality problem.

After two years on the City Council, Hans ran for mayor. He was defeated, but two years later, he ran again and won. He was mayor of West Burlington for 28 years. Mike Sweet, a well known former reporter and columnist for The Hawk-eye asked Hans why he wanted to be mayor. Hans thought about it and said, "Mike, I just wanna be mayor."

Hans was one of the first West Burlington Volunteer Firemen to become an EMT. While on the department, three events stand out: two of Hans' buddies, who were neighbors and had families, were killed in a structure fire. The Burlington Northern RR Shop burned, and the ADM Elevator exploded.

When Hans left his house for the BN Shop fire, he thought he could feel heat on his back. When he got to the fire station and pulled out with a fire engine, the whole sky to his left was orange. He knew it was going to be a long night.

At 71, Hans Trousil looks back on his life and service to the community. Being mayor he was on the Executive Board of the Regional Planning Committee and League of Cities, and was a member of the Solid Waste Commission, and Emergency Management. He presented Mayor's Awards to outstanding community volunteers. He's still involved in Regional Planning with Great River Housing where they restore houses in a four-county area, and build new ones.

With three children of their own: Andrea, Brian and Brandon, Hans and Deb found time to host five foreign exchange students. They are all doing well. Hans and Deb are leaving for Savannah, Georgia soon to visit son, Brandon. Hans and Deb have seven grandchildren. Hans still has a hard time not saying they are leaving for "holiday."

BTW: Hans became a citizen in 1972. He thinks every high school student should take the Citizenship Test: Who is the governor? Who are the representatives and senators? How many states are there? What form of government do we have? What are the three branches of government?

Hans is right. We should all be more informed about how our government works, i.e., what is TIF and how is it used?

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