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County threatens suit again



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Fort Madison Public Works Director Mark Boussetot discusses some drainage improvements the city has installed along a ditch near the PORT Trail along 302nd Avenue adjacent to Gethsemane Cemetery.

PORT TRAIL: City receives letter stating county's intent to sue to correct drainage

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The drainage issues being caused by construction of the PORT trail near Gethsemane Cemetery surfaced again Tuesday night at the Fort Madison City Council meeting when Lee County Supervisor Tom Schulz asked the city to take over maintenance of the road that runs parallel to the trail.

Schulz spoke during the public comment time and, when he asked the council and mayor if they had any questions, he was cut off by Mayor Matt Mohrfeld saying the discussion wasn't part of the agenda so there would be no questions. Schulz told

the Mayor that's not how the law works.

Schulz said he wanted to bring the conversation back around to one of compromise.

"What I'm hoping to do today is bring closure and sanity to something that's become difficult and overblown," he said.

Schulz is a former Fort Madison City Councilman and said he's examined the trail area when it was dry and when it was raining and said the city's engineer on the project "absolutely ignored" the drainage requirements.

He said the former drainage system prior to the trail was adequate but engineering on the trail construction has left county

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COMMENTARY



Violence not part of debate on free speech

The events of the past six months in Israel and Gaza have me wishing it were possible to have just one more lunch with a friend who died four years ago.

My friend was Jewish. In today's vocabulary, he would be called an ardent Zionist. He had little patience for people who disparaged Israel.

But he also was a proponent of dialogue and diplomacy. He never hesitated to call me for lunch after The Des Moines Register's opinion pages published something he disliked. Our lunchtime conversations and debates were models of civility, even though our discussions often challenged each of us to defend and reconsider our views.

That is why I wish we could have one more lunch to talk about the massacre of 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals by Hamas terrorists last October 7. I long to discuss Israel's ongoing military campaign in Gaza, the home of those terrorists who were responsible for October's bloody attacks.

Israel's military has killed an estimated 34,700 Palestinians and injured 78,000 others, many of them women and children whose only crimes were living in an area they were unable to leave, where Hamas, not ordinary Palestinians, called the shots.

And I wish it were possible for us to discuss the protests that have rocked American college campuses in response to the Israel/Hamas war. Protestors have been divided. Some believe Israel is guilty of genocide for its attacks on Palestinian innocents. Others are angered by Hamas terrorists' rape, torture and killing of innocent Jews.

Too many Americans, though, are unable to see the shades of grey that surround events like these. Too many of us tend to view issues as either all black or all white.

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WEST POINT NEWS

Boeding donation to be used for HTC finance program

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Holy Trinity Catholic is putting a large donation to good work teaching students how to navigate financial investments including the stock

market.

According to Tom Gendron, Holy Trinity Catholic Director of Development, a \$100,000 donation from Jayme Boeding prior to his accidental death Nov. 15 is now being used to fund a class that teaches students the very methods

Boeding used to accumulate some of his wealth.

Boeding was killed when he was struck by a vehicle while getting mail from his West Point home on Nov. 9. After six days in critical condition, he succumbed

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

STEVE O. GATES

Steve Olin Gates was born November 5, 1959, in Keokuk, IA, and died on April 30, 2024, at Carthage Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

Steve was the jack of all trades and was employed by several places in the Tri-state area. In his early years he worked at Pizza Hut, Happy Homes and Shottenkirk. He later was the owner and operator of Tri-State Pizza Co. Steve was best known for his entrepreneurial attitude and his charismatic personality. He was witty and made everyone laugh around him. Steve was known by many of his close friends as "gator" as he told them he wrestled alligators when living in Florida. He loved tinkering with motors, searching for treasures, collecting antiques, and using his hands to fix anything that was broken. He also enjoyed restoring old Schwinn bicycles. He married Elaine McConnell (Hanks) in 1986, later they divorced in 2001.

Steve is survived by two children: Mathew Gates of Macomb, IL, and Danielle (Mathew) Finin of Davenport, IA; his siblings: Richard (Linda) Gates of the Philippines, Kim (Tim) Schilson of Basco, IL, Patrica (Helmet) Jaeger of East Setauket, NY, Tonya (John) Mulkey of Chuluota, FL, and Margaret Walte of Lomax, IL; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Steve was preceded in death by his mother Maxine Walte, father Richard (Dick) Gates and step-father Edward Walte.

No services will be held at this time.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



GATES

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

05/06/24 - 10:14 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue H.

05/06/24 - 11:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2300 block of Avenue L.

05/06/24 - 11:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

05/06/24 - 12:08 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

05/06/24 - 1:39 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of 41st Street.

05/06/24 - 3:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Martin Lopez64, of Fort Madison, at 39th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 4:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue O.

05/06/24 - 7:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue E.

Keokuk Police Report

05/06/24 - 7:53 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2900 block

of Decatur Street.

05/06/24 - 3:21 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Heather Marie Koita, 45, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of Johnson Street, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 3:23 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Palean Street.

05/06/24 - 3:49 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Plank Road.

05/06/24 - 4:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Main Street.

05/06/24 - 5:53 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested David Wayne Doornink, 32, of North Carolina, in the 1200 block of Johnson Street, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 11:55 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Taylor Ann Bottger, 19, of Cedar Rapids, in the 1700 block of Franklin Street, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and 2nd offense possession of marijuana. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 11:55 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Conner Ray Fuget, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Franklin Street, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and 1st offense possession of marijuana. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

05/06/24 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Wesley Aaron Willis, 30, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant and a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 5:02 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Levi Ian Swanson, 34, of Stockport, at Hwy. 2 and Golden Road, Donnellson, on charges of driving while barred, speeding, failure to provide proof of financial liability, fraudulent use of registration, and operation without ignition interlock. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/06/24 - 5:14 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Treyvin Monroe Jarrell, 23, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

05/05/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one house fire.

05/06/24 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one oil clean-up and three medical calls.

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

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Local News

Eastin to perch for 12 hours for tourism group

DEPOT: City tourism director to spend time in historic depot to help raise awareness and funds for group

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - On May 11 rail enthusiasts will celebrate National Train Day at the Historic Santa Fe Depot in Fort Madison! As a tribute to the rich railway history, a special fundraiser will be held for the Fort Madison Tourism Bureau.

Fort Madison's significance as a rail hub dates back to the late 19th century, marked by the construction of the Santa Fe Railway bridge over the Mississippi River in 1888 and the iconic Santa Fe Depot in 1910. The Depot's distinctive architecture, featuring a long, low structure punctuated by a majestic central tower, serves as the backdrop for the event.

At 8 am, the fundraiser commences with a unique ascent as Chi Eastin, the Fort Madison Tourism Director, is lifted into the tower in collaboration with the Fort Madison Fire Department, ensuring access to this iconic location. For the next 12 hours, Chi will engage in hourly challenges, broadcasting live on Facebook and interacting with viewers on Virtual Railfan's YouTube page to raise funds.

You can support the cause by making donations through our website and Facebook via PayPal. Proceeds from this event will contribute to various tourism initiatives and the creation of the Festivals & Cultural Events Support Fund, set to launch in 2025.

This program aims to bolster events that capture the authentic charm and warm hospitality that define Fort Madison, benefiting both residents of Lee County and visitors alike.



The Fort Madison Tourism Board's director Chi Eastin will be moving her office into the Historic Santa Fe Depot in downtown Fort Madison for the summer. To kick off the move, Eastin will be holding a 12-hour fundraiser in the depot's tower on May 11th. The event will feature social media engagement and other activities.

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From the Front

Campus protests stirring up debate on Israel, Palestine

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Our political leaders do us no favors when they take the same absolutist approach to polarizing events and issues and overlook the vast middle ground where solutions might be negotiated.

This either/or approach fails to recognize people can both support Israel's right to retaliate against Hamas and can also oppose the horrible devastation Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has unleashed on innocent Palestinians who have no way out of Gaza.

This either/or approach also fails to recognize protesters on America's college campuses can be against both the killings in Gaza and the massacre of innocent Israelis last October. Opposing the killing of thousands of Palestinians does not make someone "pro-Hamas," as some politicians would have us believe.

At times when public opinion is so sharply divided in the United States, we should embrace what our First Amendment rights are about.

The University of Chicago, a private school, has taken a commendable approach to freedom of speech and student activism through the years. Since 2016, the university has sent incoming freshmen a "welcome" letter that goes beyond orientation and registration.

The first such letter, in 2016, said: "Our commitment to academic freedom means that we do not support so-called trigger warnings, we do not cancel invited speakers because their topics might prove controversial, and we do not condone the creation of intellectual 'safe spaces' where individuals can retreat from ideas and perspectives at odds with their own."

The letter went on: "Members of our community are encouraged to speak, write, listen, challenge and learn, without fear of censorship. Civility and mutual respect are vital to all of us, and freedom of expression does not mean the freedom to harass or threaten others. ... The members of our community must have the freedom of espouse and explore a wide range of ideas."

The American Civil Liberties Union recently wrote to college presidents: "... It can be extraordinarily difficult to navigate the pressures you face from politicians, donors, and faculty and students alike. You also have legal obligations to combat discrimination and a responsibility to maintain order. But as you fashion responses to the activism of your students (and faculty and staff), it is essential that you not sacrifice principles of academic freedom and free speech that are core to the educational mission of your respected institution."

The ACLU offered five "guardrails" to ensure freedom

of speech and academic freedom, while also protecting against discriminatory harassment and disruptive conduct:

- Schools must not single out particular views for censorship, discipline or disproportionate punishment. Viewpoint neutrality is essential. Harassment directed at individuals because of their race, ethnicity or religion is not permissible — even if many people find these messages deeply offensive

- While offensive and even racist speech is constitutionally protected, shouting an epithet at a particular student or pinning an offensive sign on that person's dormitory door can constitute impermissible harassment, not free speech. Physically intimidating students by blocking their movements or pursuing them aggressively is not protected conduct or protected speech. But speech that merely expresses impassioned views about Israel or Palestine is not discrimination and should be protected.

- Schools can announce and enforce reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on demonstrations to ensure essential college functions continue. But those restrictions must be content neutral, meaning they do not depend on the substance of what is being communicated, but rather where, when or how it is being communicated.

- Schools need to recognize armed police on campus can endanger students and are a measure of last resort. Arresting peaceful protestors is likely to escalate, not calm, tensions on campus.

- Schools must resist pressures from politicians seeking to exploit campus tensions to advance partisan agendas. "We urge you to resist the temptation to silence students or faculty members because powerful voices deem their views offensive." The ACLU wrote. "Instead, we urge you to defend the university's core mission of encouraging debate, fostering dissent, and preparing the future leaders of our pluralistic society to tolerate even profound differences of opinion."

University of Chicago President Paul Alivisatos wrote recently about tent encampments on campus: "The general principle we will abide by is to provide the greatest leeway possible for free expression, even expression of viewpoints some find deeply offensive. We only will intervene when what might have been an exercise of free expression blocks the learning or expression of others or that substantially disrupts the functioning or safety of the university."

We all need to take a cool-headed approach during fractious times.

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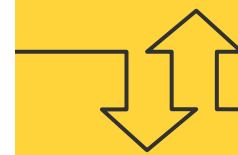


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Sports/From the Front

City adds drain to ditch as part of effort to fix issue

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property damaged.

"It was an oops moment and I met with some city staff and it was my opinion at the time we should hold the engineering firm liable for those design errors. I would guess at this point that we're well past that," he said.

He also said the county does have an issue with the situation and brought some proposals to the city including the annexation of the property. Schulz said he tried to craft an olive branch to allow the groups to continue to get along as agencies.

The county and the city have a 28E agreement which would require the city to restore the drainage system that was there previously and relocate the trail.

"Nobody wants to see that happen. I don't want to see that happen and I can't speak for the entire board of supervisors who begrudgingly came to the position we are in now. I believe I can influence them to move past this," Schulz said.

"All we are asking the city to do at this point is to do basically what the city is already been doing. The city has taken over snow removal and some general maintenance on that street already. Part of that street, quite frankly, belongs to you. It's adjacent to your property and it wasn't properly annexed, but I'm sure it will be as time goes forth."

He asked the council to review the proposal again so taxpayers don't have pay for litigation or relocation of the trail.

"Let reason rule rather than cry havoc and release the dogs of war," he said.

The council did have a discussion item on the agenda, which Mohrfeld pointed out to Schulz, but the Supervisor had prior engagements and left before the council got to the agenda item.

As part of that discussion, Boussetot talked about the drain that had been installed in the ditch next to Gethsemane to help storm water stay off 302nd Avenue where it has been draining and causing damage. Fort Madison Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said the drain is part of what the county has been wanting.

The county claims the drainage issues were caused by the construction of the PORT trail, while the city claims the county signed off on the construction plans prior to construction starting.

Mohrfeld encouraged the council to leave the issue in the hands of City Manager Laura Leigois and Boussetot who've been negotiating with the council.

Lee County Attorney Ross Braden sent a letter dated May 6 to the city as a follow-up to a letter he sent on Feb. 6 pertaining to the drainage problem.

The letter states the county's intent to file a claim in North Lee County District Court to enforce the 28E which outlines the city's responsibility in maintaining the county's original drain structures if construction impacts drainage to the point where it damages county roadways.

The letter also leaves an opening for the city to agree to take over all maintenance of 302nd Avenue in lieu of legal action.

Central Lee boys down Keokuk to move to .500 on the year

PCC Staff

DONNELSON - Central Lee moved to .500 on the year with a 7-3 win over cross-county rival Keokuk Friday night behind the two-goal effort of Landan Lowenberg and Landon Crank.

The Hawks scored first and last in the affair with Ayden Kent getting the opening goal 13 minutes into the first half unassisted.

Keokuk would answer in their next possession to tie things up before Lowenberg got his first goal assisted by Zach Estrada at the 20:44 mark. Keokuk would again find the answer at 17:34 to tie things up again at 2-all, which is how things would stay until the break.

Central Lee would make some adjustments at the half and rip off five goals including three in a row. Estrada would score first off an assist from Kent. Crank would score his first goal of the match from his midfielder spot unassisted and then Nathan Newberry would score on a breakaway unassisted to give the Hawks a comfortable 5-2 lead.

Keokuk would get its only goal of the half at 16:02 but then Central Lee would put two more on when Lowenberg got his second goal off a pass from Newberry. Landon

Crank would then smash one in with just :27 left in the match to ice the win.

Kent had two assists in the win, while Newberry and Estrada each had one. Hunter Gregory had five saves in the net for the Hawks.

The Hawks are 4-4 on the year and travel to Danville tonight to take on Mediapolis in the opening round of the SEI Superconference tournament. Central Lee is 3-4 in the conference and are seeded 6th in the tourney. The winner of that match will play the winner of No. 2 Danville/New London vs No. 7 Columbus at 7 p.m. at Wayland. The Finals will be played at WACO at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Chiefs fall to 0-10 (0-7 Southeast Conference) with the loss.

The Hawks open post-season play in Class 1A Substate 6 action against WACO at Wayland starting at 5 p.m. Monday, May 13. The winner will play West Branch likely at West Branch as they are seeded No. 1 in the bracket, however those determinations will be made following first round action Monday night.

Crank leads the Hawks in goals with seven on the year followed by Kent, Dante Merschman, and Lowenberg all with four each. Kent and Lowenberg each have a team-high four assists on the season. Gregory has 37 saves on the season.

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5:30 PM
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on March 14, 2024

2. Consider approval of minutes from the Planning and Zoning meeting on March 26, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING
1. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider amending the City's Zoning Code to establish a new Residential Zoning District titled

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NEW BUSINESS
1. Consider an Ordinance amending the City Code to include a new zoning district titled "R-6 Recreational Vehicle Park District" and establishing regulations for said district

2. Consider an Ordinance amending the Official Zoning Map to establish the boundary lines for a new R-6 Residential Vehicle (RV) Park District

3. Consider the Final Plat for Cousin Eddy's Subdivision

**OLD BUSINESS
ADJOURN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, March 18, 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.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Brent Koller, Donnellson, explained to the Board the meaning of the petition that was filed by Farm Bureau. County residents want to see real change on the financial structure of the County budget.

Amanda Rogers with the Best You Coalition presented information on items that are sold legally in stores that are related to drug use. She brought 5 teen members of her

group to also speak to the Board.

Sarah Clendening and other County librarians asked the Board to explain the budget cut that the Board is proposing for the County libraries.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to repeal Resolution #2024-27, passed unanimously January 15, 2024, removing the extra cost assessed to residents that apply dust control. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-nay, Holmes-nay and Seyb-nay. The motion failed.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the purchase of two belly dump trailers for Secondary Roads, from Iowa Trailers Manufacturing Company, LLC, Storm Lake, in the amount of \$118,935.00. Motion carried. One other bid was submitted by Active Trailers, Jackson, Minnesota, in the amount of \$119,502.00.

The Board reviewed the proposed FY25 County Budget with Budget Director Cindy Renstrom.

Michelle Dodson and Sherri Yasenchok gave the Board information regarding House File 718 mandatory tax levy mailing.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the March 11, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Tax Abatement Resolution.

RESOLUTION #2024-71

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 application of: Randy and Kathy Pieper 3320 Timber Ridge Drive Fort Madison IA 52627

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 18th 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 new hire for Secondary Roads, Joshua Rice, Engineering Tech, \$26.40/hr., effective 3/18/24; a step increase for Audrey Friday, Paramedic, from \$25.48/hr. to \$25.99/hr., effective 4/4/24 and a step increase for Seth Mayes, Correctional Officer, from \$23.42/hr. to \$25.13/hr., effective 3/28/24. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Fullenkamp Farms in Marion Township.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Holmes reported on a Conservation Board meeting and the ISAC Spring Conference. Schulz reported on a Landfill Board meeting and also attended the Spring Conference. Seyb reported on a Port Authority Commission meeting.

At 12:15 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, second-

ed by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 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 18, 2024**

AC Cntrctng, svcs	15000.00
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Ball Volvo, splys..	1235.31
Benco Dntl, splys..	294.22
N Booten, splys	97.29
Bound Tree Med, splys	3124.86
CenturyLink, svcs...	157.62
Cnslng Assoc, svcs	2340.00
Cullen Pest Cntrl, svcs	140.00
CVS Caremark, splys	71.96
Democrat Co, publ	252.00
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Dnnlsln Lmbr, equp	250.00
EMSLRC, splys	193.00
Extreme Tactical, splys	584.96
Fairview Cmtry, svcs	192.50
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	130.00
Garner FdMart, fuel	780.94
B Gaylord, exps	40.00
Geotechnics, svcs..	295.00
N Granaman, svcs	1478.74
Health Sol, svcs.....	986.20
hibu, publ	153.00
Huffman Wldng, equp	95.99
IMWCA, ins.....	17518.00
Indstrl Mtrs, splys..	380.00
IA DOT, svcs.....	1080.00
Jays Auto, svcs.....	60.75
Jet Gas, fuel	10712.16
Jireh, fuel	4222.80
Jhnsn Co MH/DS, svcs	1581.76
Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ	250.00
LeeCo Econ Dvlpt, contr	50000.00
LeeCo Fair, svcs.....	25.00

LeeCo Treas, costs	28627.38
Lick Creek Entrps, mtrl	51.36
Lynch Dallas, svcs..	228.00
McFarlands, splys	388.94
Mediacom, svcs.....	245.45
Menards, splys	51.97
Metal Culverts, mtrl	2716.56
MW Grp Bnfts, svcs	964.90
JJ Nichting, parts	116465.80
Pritchard Brdctg, publ	350.00
Riverbend Const, svcs	9400.00
SEAT Treasurer, edu	180.00
Snap-On-Tools, splys	30.00
St Hygienic Lab, svcs	81.00
J Steffen, edu	1500.00
Stericycle, svcs.....	604.69
Transworld Sys, svcs	130.64
Truck Repair, parts	2394.62
US Cell, svcs	2077.94
West Pt Lmbr, splys	27.98
Windstream, svcs...	817.03

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING NOTICE**

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public -All items with an asterisk(*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
3. Receive & file com-

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munications.
 4. Approve agenda.
 *5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
 *6. Approve payment of bills.
 *7. Receive report of Officers including transfer Resolution No. 2024-42 approving April transfers.
 *8. Old Business
 a) 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing on ordinance amendment for Flexible Business Space.
 b) 1st reading on ordinance amendment for Flexible Business Space.
 c) Approve Administrative Service Agreement with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning to administer the RISE Grant for Eugene Way.
 d) Approve request from Main Street Mount Pleasant to sell beer and wine at their upcoming events and to authorize the Police Department to block off parking spaces on Monroe Street during events.
 9. New Business
 a) Approve contract to resurface the slides at the Mt. Pleasant Aquatic Center.
 b) Approve motion to set Public Hearing to amend the 2023/2024 Budget.
 c) Approve Mayoral appointment to the Library Board.
 d) Resolution to waive the right to review the

preliminary and final plats of the Leroy Cole Subdivision.
 e) Approve site plan for Mount Pleasant Community School District bus barn, Central Receiving, buildings and grounds facility at 1515 E. Monroe.
 f) Approve demolition bid for 500 N Hamlin Street.
 g) Approve Change Order #1 for the WWTP Disinfection Project.
 h) Resolution Setting Public Hearing on proposed drawings, specifications, and estimated costs for Eugene Way Street Improvements-2024.
 i) Resolution to approve a combination lot agreement with property at 1515 Spruce Ave.
 j) Approve Change Order #2 for Pearl Street reconstruction project.
 k) Resolution accepting the Pearl Street reconstruction project.
 1) Resolution authorizing the hire of Volunteer Firefighter.
 m) Resolution authorizing the hire of Volunteer Firefighter.
 n) Salary Resolution for Volunteer Firefighter William E. Bensmiller.
 o) Salary Resolution for Volunteer Firefighter Nicholas A. Ettinger.
 p) Salary Resolution for Volunteer Firefighter Michael J. Forbess.

q) Salary Resolution for Volunteer Firefighter Loren L. Woodruff.
 10. Public Forum.
 11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

New Construction Announcements

Notice to Bidders - Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Please note that the DNR Central Office has moved to 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines
 Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, at 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA, 50321, or via email at construction-bids@dnr.iowa.gov until 11:00am, May 23, 2024 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. When emailing bid documents, the subject line of the email must state the following: Project Number, Project Name, and Bid Letting Date. Please ensure the first page of the emailed attach-

ment, or first of multiple attachments, is the bid proposal. No bids shall be accepted via FAX.
 After the bid opening, bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp>. In addition to attending the bid opening in person, interested parties may also call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:
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 The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the

plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

LUCAS COUNTY PROJECT NO. 23-05-59-02

Red Haw State Park Campground Improvements
 Proposal Guarantee: \$25,000.00
 Completion Date: 04/25/2025
 Project Description: This project consists of

granular roadway maintenance - blading/shaping, ditch cleaning, brush clearing and the Red Haw Campground was hit by a tornado in 2022. This project includes constructing 30 new gravel camp pads, 4 PCC camp pads, new electric and outlet posts, and associated miscellaneous work.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 24-03-03-01

Yellow River State Forest
 Paint Creek Streambank Improvements
 Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00
 Completion Date: 09/27/2024
 Project Description: This project shall reshape approximately 1,502 LF of streambank and place 2,800 tons of longitudinal peak stone toe protection along with 640 tons of rock weirs along Paint Creek within Yellow River State Park, Allamakee County, Iowa.

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Boeding donated \$100K in Apple stock

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to his injuries.

The HTC Education Foundation had put his donation, which came in the form of Apple stock, into investment portfolios with Fort Madison investment firms and the foundation was allowing the value to grow.

"He was a man of self-made wealth and he gave us this gift a few years ago. We just haven't used any of it," Gendron said.

"It's just been sitting there with the idea that we were going to do something with it, but we just didn't know what."



BOEDING

Gendron said Brian Foecke, an investment manager with New York Life in Burlington, who serves as the Foundation's secretary suggested using the money to teach students how the market works.

"Brian came up with the idea to offer a finance class and we took it one step further and will be teaching them about financial markets," Gendron said.

"Jayme knew a ton about that so we went ahead and put the wheels in motion as a remembrance to him. So, we're going to use the interest earned off those donated investments to pay for instruction and supplies for the class," he said.

The class will consist of a 16-week course with 12 full weeks being spent as a theoretical year-long investment scenario where students will get to fictionally invest \$100,000 in the market and then watch and report on how the investments perform.

Gendron said each week of the semester-long class will represent a month and the curriculum will allow students to react to the ups and downs of the market and learn

how different factors influence investments.

Justin Pieper, the HTC Educational Foundation President, said the class will be a great way to honor Boeding's contribution to the system.

"It was a super generous deal. And then when that tragic incident happened we thought, boy, now might be a time we recognize the donation and do something in Jayme's memory," Pieper said.

Gendron said the class also shows future investors that the Foundation is doing good things with donations.

"I would like to show with this that we are being good stewards of the money we receive," he said.

"This is one of the ways we can use gifts to the school for the betterment of our students."

Flavian Boeding, Jayme's brother, said when the school contacted the family about using the funds he thought maybe they were going to install a bench or something.

"But when he suggested this course, the siblings kind of discussed it and we thought, yeah, this is would be okay," he said.

Flavian said his brother was a mechanical guy who ran a shop at the edge of West Point where he would repair motors and vehicles. And then, when he had money saved up, he would invest it.

"He did that quite a bit and I guess it worked out okay," his brother said.

"He used to listen to investment guys on the radio like Jim Cramer and Bob Brinker - those guys and then he would do some trading on his own."

Flavian said his brother would be happy to see the use of the investments he donated when HTC was building the new elementary school.

"Yeah. I think he would happy with that."

Lowenberg cards three birdies to medal at Invite

PCC Staff

DONNELSON - The Central Lee Hawks won their own Invitational Saturday morning at Green Acres Golf Course.

Mylan Lowenberg recorded three birdies on the way to a one-over 73 to lead Central Lee and take medalist honors at the event. He had just one bogey on the second turn playing even par to win the event.

Caleb Larson shot an 80, Bo Herdrich had an 81, and Carson Morrison carded an 86 to round out the scoring golfers for Central Lee.

Fort Madison took 3rd place with a team score of 348. Brady Wade started hot going 1-under through four holes with back-to-back birdies on holes 3 and 4 but cooled off with a double bogey 7 on hole 8 the first way through and then shot 5-over on the second run. Oliver Santiago shot an 87, Cole Quittem shot an 89, and Rowan Benda carded a 91 to make up the Bloodhound team score.

For Holy Trinity, Luke Hellige shot an 87, Nathan Box had a 103, Blake Mohrfeld shot a 104, and Max Kruse shot a 111 to make up the Crusaders' 405 giving them a 6th-place finish on the day.

Other golfers and scores for Central Lee included Cale Clark with an 87 and Kaden Swan with a 91. For Fort Madison Cade Denning shot a 96 and Colton Boyer finished with an even 100. For the Crusaders Andy Mehmert came in with a 112 and Brock Scheetz shot a 114.

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