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Demons snap Hounds' streak

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds fell 1-0 to Washington Wednesday night in a Southeast Conference title showdown at Baxter Sports Complex. The Hounds gave up a goal off a kick from wide left with 9:01 left for the only score of the match. For more photos and the game story see inside.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Amandus says June 18 will be last day as Councilwoman

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison City Councilwoman Donna Amandus has announced her resignation from the council effective June 18.

Amandus told the Council Tuesday night that she is moving to Keokuk and closing her Yuppy Puppy Pet Parlor in Fort Madison.

“June 18th will be my last council meeting. So we need to find somebody good to take my place in Ward 3,” she told the council during her report.



AMANDUS

“We’re going to move to Keokuk where my kids and grandkids are. I have the 8th one on the way and I have sisters that live there and I’ll be doing Real Estate full-time. I’m really looking forward to it, but I will miss you all,” she told the council.

Amandus was first appointed to the Council in 2020 to replace Tyler Miller who also resigned mid-term. Amandus ran for Supervisor in 2022 and lost by just 31 votes to former Fort Madison City Councilman Tom Schulz for District 2. She has also run for Fort Madison Mayor and for State Representative.

She was re-elected to her Third Ward seat on the council in 2023 running unopposed.

Amandus has spearheaded several successful philanthropic events in Fort Madison including the city’s dog park near the Rodeo Arena, and the wildly popular pickleball courts in Victory Park in the center of the city.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld thanked Amandus for all that she had done in public service for the city council and the community. He said his preference would be to have the council appoint someone to the seat. That person would serve until the 2025 general

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CITY NEWS

Public works to fix less city streets this year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City officials have identified four stretches of road that will be resurfaced as part of \$300,000 that was budgeted in the upcoming fiscal year.

City Public Works Director Mark Boussetot said the city will be resurfacing 5th Street from Avenue E to

Avenue F; Avenue F from 15th to 16th Street, Avenue I from 20th to 21st streets and Avenue N from 27th Street to 29th Street.

The projects were selected from a list of city streets that have been categorized from level 1 to level 4 with ones needing the most work including curbs and gutters.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld and Councilman Rusty Andrews pushed Boussetot

to try to do more with the same amount of money.

“I know Matt would like to see 12, but we found five. We can’t do 12 or 15 blocks because we’ve taken and (completed) some of the cheaper streets. These streets require a fair amount of concrete, and curb and gutter, and obviously that adds to the costs of those

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Strategic planning team wants public’s input

FORT MADISON - Community partners including the City of Fort Madison, Fort Madison Partners, Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce, Fort Madison Area Arts Association, and Lee County Economic Development are undertaking a community-wide effort to develop a ten-year vision and new strategic plan for Fort Madison. Find

Your Fort Madison. A Strategic Planning Team has been formed to manage and oversee the process. The visioning and planning process will involve extensive public input, including an already completed questionnaire, an upcoming community input event, and small group interviews to ensure a vision and strategic plan are developed that reflect the

needs of our community. The Strategic Planning Team is now inviting all members of the public to attend the community input event on Tuesday, May 21 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Turnwater Bar & Grill meeting space at 318 Riverview Drive. Stop by anytime to share your ideas and visit with the planning team about your vision for Fort Madison.

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WEATHER

THU 09 May.....Cool with showers likely, 65° F/ 48° F ☁️
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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

KATHY J. MICHL

Kathy Jo Michl, 72, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2024, at her home in rural Keokuk.

Kathy was born on September 27, 1951, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of George L. and Clarice (Wilsey) Mullen. She graduated from Keokuk High School and went on to work in housekeeping at the Holiday Inn. On October 31, 2005, she was united in marriage to John M. Michl. He preceded her in death on November 12, 2010.

Kathy lived an interesting life and loved doing anything with her husband, including golfing and shooting. She loved animals, and especially enjoyed feeding her cats. Other hobbies included solving crossword puzzles and reading. Kathy was known for her loving and caring personality, and would share whatever she had.

Kathy is survived by three siblings: Carolyn Buckley of Bettendorf, Iowa, Doug (Gini) McAdams of Montrose, Iowa, and Dee Dee (Jeff) Little of Dixon, Missouri; her sister-in-law Sandy Mullen; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Ron Mullen and brother-in-law Gene Buckley.

Memorials may be made to KASPIR in Keokuk.

The family would like to also thank Kathy's neighbor, Jessica and family, for their kindness, compassion and concerns. Thank you for the sunshine you brought into her life!

A private family graveside will be held at Keokuk National Cemetery.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Lazar retires after four decades of heart care

Anthony Lazar, MD, Cardiology retired April 30, 2024, from his position with Cardiology-Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center after 41 years of service.



LAZAR

Dr. Lazar is a board-certified cardiologist, completing his Residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago and his Cardiology Fellowship at the Texas Heart Institute. Dr. Lazar has helped patients in Southeast Iowa manage their heart disease since February 1983.

"We thank Dr. Lazar for his dedica-

tion to our communities, providing the highest level of healthcare to our patients. We wish him the very best in his retirement," expressed Dr. Joel Ryon, Chief Medical Officer, Great River Health.

Cardiology-Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center employs a team of cardiologists, interventional cardiologists, and a nurse practitioner who provide diagnosis and treatment of heart and blood vessel conditions using noninvasive and minimally invasive procedures. The clinic is located in Suite 109 on the West Burlington campus and Suite 103 on the Fort Madison campus.

City needs candidates for 3rd ward

AMANDUS - Continued from Page 1

city election, unless the city were to hold a special election for any reason, then the position would also be on that ballot.

The city is currently working on a bond referendum to build a new fire station. If that measure is put before Fort Madison voters, the 3rd Ward seat would be required to be on that ballot,

according to Iowa Code 372.13 (2)(a) (1).

Any appointment would have to be made within 60 days, or Aug. 16, and the city would have to publish its intent to fill the spot by appointment. Those interested in the position should contact Fort Madison City Clerk Justina Cullen at 319-372-7700.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

05/07/24 - 12:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Michelle Leanna Eid, 33, of Fort Madison in the 2400 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving under suspension.

5/07/24 - 2:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

05/07/24 - 3:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

05/07/24 - 5:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded

to a report of a personal injury accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

Keokuk Police Report

05/07/24 - 10:35 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Johnson Street.

05/07/24 - 2:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3100 block of Main Street.

05/07/24 - 2:58 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3300 block of Main Street.

05/07/24 - 11:24 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3800 block of Main Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/07/24 - 7:03 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Josie Lee McCormick, 38 of Farmington, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

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

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| Tractor/Gas Engine Registration | 8 a.m. |
| Town Wide Yard Sales | 8 a.m. |
| Historical Society Museum at Bank | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Native American Dance | 4 p.m. |
| Live Music in Shelter House by Jefferson Connection | 6 p.m.-9 p.m. |

SATURDAY

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| Biscuits & Gravy at Fire Station by Fire Auxiliary | 7 a.m. |
| Town Wide Yard Sales | 8 a.m. |
| Flag Raising by Boy Scouts | 8:30 a.m. |
| Pink Heals of Western Illinois | 9 a.m. |
| Pedal Tractor Pulls | 9 a.m. |
| Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. |
| Big Wheel Races for kids | 10:30 a.m. |
| Custom Cars & Pickups | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| Native American Dance | 11 a.m. |
| Tractor Parade | 1 p.m. |
| Silver Steppers | 1:30 p.m. |
| Live Auction | 2:30 p.m. |
| Live Music in Shelter House by Jive Radio | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. |

SUNDAY

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| Breakfast at Church | 7:30 a.m. |
| Church in the Park | 10 a.m. |
| Ham Ball Dinner at Church | 11 a.m. |
| Tractor Parade | 1 p.m. |

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Sports/Scene Around Town

Lady Hounds finish SEC play with another shutout

BY PCC STAFF

WASHINGTON — Teagan Snaadt scored twice, and Natalie Randolph and Hadley Wolfe added goals, as Fort Madison's girls soccer team defeated Washington 4-0 on Wednesday.

The Bloodhounds, 10-2 overall, finished Southeast Conference play in second place with an 8-2 record, with their only two losses coming to conference champion Burlington.

Snaadt scored Fort Madison's first goal with 24:13 left in the first half. Randolph followed with a goal with 15:19 to play, and the Bloodhounds led 2-0 at halftime.

Snaadt added her second goal with 13:17

to play in the second half. Wolfe scored 40 seconds later to close the scoring.

Olivia Kraus and Molly Schulte each had an assist for the Bloodhounds, who had 10 shots on goal.

Goalkeeper Taylor Johnson had one save.

"The girls did a good job on a hot day," coach Carrie Burken said. "The defense played solid and kept the number of opportunities Washington had on goal to a minimum. The forwards put in a lot of effort to win the ball back and score a couple of goals off of turnovers. The midfield stepped up to control the ball more in the second half as well. Overall a good team win."



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Lions' Club recently made a donation to the Construction Trades program. Members of the class recently won the Iowa USASkills competition and will make the trip to Nationals next month.

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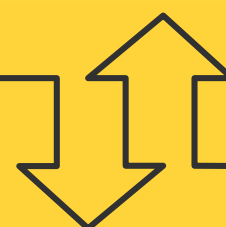
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Sports

FM boys fall to Demons in SEC title shootout

BLOODHOUNDS: Fort Madison sets up for final game of regular season at Newton then rematch with Demons

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC Editor

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds lost their bid for a fourth consecutive conference title by inches.

With nine minutes left in the match, the Washington Demons took a throw in on the left side of the offense about 30 feet wide of the goal. Senior midfielder Isaac Genry lifted a shot into the wind that sneaked in over Bloodhound goalie Conner Gehling’s hands into the top right of the goal for what would prove to be the winning goal as Washington escaped with a 1-0 win and the Southeast Conference title Wednesday at Baxter Sports Complex.

“I guess I don’t ever put it on one particular play. They had a throw in to a teammate we didn’t pressure. If we had pressured him, would he have got the shot off? Would he have been able to spin it off the outside of his

foot if we had come out?” Wellman said.

He said the Hounds had opportunities, as well, but couldn’t capitalize due to a very strong back defense of the Demons and senior Randy Huertero.

“They had a strong center-back. Their captain back there, he was strong. He didn’t hardly let anything in behind him, even when we had the ball on our foot,” Wellman said.

“He kept Henry (Graham) and Leif (Boeding) in front of him and maybe we got behind twice. We had a couple balls get to their keeper. He’s a small guy, but he had strong hands and didn’t let anything out. We just didn’t get enough chances mainly because of that center-back.”

Wellman said Graham drew the attention of two and even three defenders when he got the ball near the goal. Graham returned after missing the last two matches with an injury, which Wellman said kept him at about 75%.

“Every time he had the

ball, they brought two, possibly three, guys and if he had space to turn and fire a shot, they threw their body at it. They played hard, but our boys played hard, too.”

He said the Demons knew they were close with the Hounds winning in Washington in a penalty kick session.

“We just have to keep upping the ante,” Wellman said.

The Demons had a header just miss at the 14:10 mark of the first half off a corner kick that went just high and got caught up in the top of the net.

After the 0-0 first half, Washington tried to score quickly to open the second but Gehling was able to get a diving save on a shot at the 38-minute mark. Fort Madison’s defense then chased the Demons off for the next 25 minutes, but the Demons returned the favor.

Washington would get another shot at 9:39 and then would score on the corner kick header at 9:01.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison boys’ head soccer coach Kevin Wellman spends some time with Jacob Shottenkirk after the Bloodhounds’ loss to Washington Wednesday night at Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison had two corner kicks with less than seven minutes left in the first half, but couldn’t get the ball to drop in to the right spot for a header or rebound shot.

Gehling had four saves on the afternoon.

The Hounds will wrap

up the regular season in a match against Class 3A 10th-ranked Newton. Then they will have nine days off until they open post season play, most likely at Washington. The Demons are seeded No. 2 and the Bloodhounds are No. 3 in the 3A Substate 2

bracket. Also in the bracket are North Scott (4), Clinton (5), and Cedar Rapids Xavier (1).

“We told our guys to take whatever was burning from this loss, bury it down, keep it smoldering, and then light it back on fire.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 25, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, March 25, 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 change orders for the Keokuk Ambulance Building. Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing for an amendment of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments from those in attendance. At 10:02 a.m. Fedler

made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Pflug. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2024-73. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2024 - 73

Resolution - Adoption of Budget Amendment FY2024 - 73

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been completed concerning the Proposed Lee County Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 in accordance with the Iowa Department of Management guidelines and, per Iowa Code Section 331.434, Subsection 5;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, the Public Hearing is acknowledged and the Budget Amendment as presented is hereby adopted.

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 25th 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 Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2024-74. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION #2024 - 74

Resolution for Amended Appropriations FY2024

Whereas, Resolution #2024-20, dated January 2, 2024 must be updated to correctly reflect the adjustments to appropriations for each of the different county officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to amend Resolution #2024-20 as stated below:

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve hiring a temporary part-time Conservation Aide. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve paying Chuck Vandenberg, Grant Writer/ARPA Administrator out of the General Fund, effective March 23, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve change orders for the Keokuk Ambulance Building-an increase of \$21,725.00 for the sprinkler system water service, an increase of \$19,758.75 for additional site work due to elevation change, an increase of \$4,708.00 for additional fill material for elevation change and a decrease of \$8,100.00 for a kitchen hood. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policy section for County employees to serve as Volunteer Emergency Service Providers. Motion carried. The employee no longer has to take leave time to provide this service to his or her community.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the March 18, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Tax Abatement Resolution.

RESOLUTION #2024-72

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: John and Linda Hayes 3651 Johnston Street Road Keokuk IA 52632

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 25th 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 EMS, Hayley Roth, Part-time EMT, \$18.01/hr., effective 3/25/24. Motion carried.

Received and filed the County Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for February 21, 2024.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Community Action Committee meeting. Pflug and Holmes reported on a 401K Committee meeting. Fedler reported on a Juvenile Detention Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Department Head meeting, a meeting with EMS Management, a meeting with the Lee County Farm Bureau, a Children Collaborative Committee meeting and a Children Non Profit Committee meeting.

At 12:35 p.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 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 25, 2024

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| Auditor | 895,189 | 895,189 | 895,189 |
| Treasurer | 826,528 | 826,528 | 826,528 |
| County Attorney | 1,103,729 | 1,103,729 | 1,103,729 |
| Sheriff | 5,229,576 | 5,213,469 | 5,229,576 |
| Recorder | 549,879 | 549,879 | 549,879 |
| Pioneer Cemetery | 40,662 | 40,662 | 40,662 |
| GIS | 168,331 | 168,331 | 168,331 |
| Safety/Risk Management | 110,294 | 110,294 | 110,294 |
| Information Technology | 1,017,224 | 1,017,224 | 1,017,224 |
| Secondary Roads | 10,772,223 | 9,572,223 | 10,772,223 |
| Veteran Affairs | 149,258 | 149,258 | 149,258 |
| Conservation | 2,159,508 | 1,644,481 | 2,159,508 |
| Board of Health | 5,019,654 | 5,019,654 | 5,019,654 |
| GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing | 882,225 | 882,225 | 882,225 |
| Human Services | 47,500 | 47,500 | 47,500 |
| Medical Examiner | 268,380 | 268,380 | 268,380 |
| Ambulance Service | 4,742,774 | 4,742,774 | 4,742,774 |
| Maintenance | 695,834 | 695,834 | 695,834 |
| Building Repair & Maintenance | 450,287 | 450,287 | 450,287 |
| Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers) | 7,200,635 | 5,973,635 | 7,200,635 |
| TOTAL | 46,290,685 | 43,232,551 | 46,290,685 |

Dated at Ft Madison, Iowa on the 25th 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.

Public Input: Dave Pranger, West Point, spoke with the Board about the dust control policy. Carl Johnston, West Point, asked the Board about the issue of cutting the amount the County has allocated for the libraries.

The Board held a discussion with Iowa Governmental Health Care.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to table approval of a 28E Agreement and the Governing Board Bylaws of Iowa Governmental Health Care. Motion carried.

Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Expedia, svs 75.36 | Mediacom, svs.... 4300.00 | 30.81 | GRRWA, svs..... 13382.00 | 1781.58 | SIEDA, contr..... 1661.76 |
| Experts Exchange, svs 119.88 | Medpro Waste, svs 91.51 | Verizon, svs 613.48 | Hartricks Lmbr, parts 3.98 | Lincare Inc, equip 1928.54 | Snap-On-Tools, splys 12.00 |
| Ferguson, parts 79.85 | Menards, splys 258.22 | Wasabi, meals 42.80 | Hckry Grove Cmtry, svs 1125.00 | Mail Svs, pstg 1184.17 | SE IA Reg Med, svs 475.00 |
| Forestry Suppliers, parts 72.19 | Ntl Assoc of Int, edu 430.00 | Walmart, splys 808.70 | Historic Res Grp, svs 4200.00 | McFarlands, splys 361.00 | SCC, edu 75.00 |
| Galls, splys 1372.37 | Nelson Family Pharm, splys 168.00 | West Point Lumber, splys 39.96 | C Holmes, exps 713.33 | McKesson Med, svs 68.62 | SpectraCorp, splys 95.70 |
| GOVCNCTN, tax 24.18 | Netflix.com , svs 24.60 | Winsupply, parts ... 333.79 | Huffman Wldng, equip 95.00 | MidAmer Enrgy, gas 1007.41 | 888.90 |
| Hancock County Journal, pub..... 1689.46 | Office Depot, splys 214.77 | Xpert Automotive, svs 125.00 | HyVee, splys..... 1898.40 | Midway Frtlnr, svs 153200.00 | Stryker Sales, equip 47.02 |
| Hidalgo Mexican, meals 30.47 | Office of Prof Regulation, report 270.00 | Control Sol, splys.. 123.00 | Ideal Rdy Mix, mtrl 486.04 | MW Grp Bnfts, svs 238.00 | R Swainey, exps ... 302.00 |
| Hulu, svs..... 19.25 | Pancheros, meals... 24.82 | D Covert, svs 120.00 | IA Bridge/Clvrt, mtrl 68897.70 | 51.36 | K Swinderman, svs 51.36 |
| Huffmans Farm & Home, parts..... 489.44 | Phillips 66, fuel 30.01 | Culligan, water..... 117.95 | ISAC, reg 240.00 | 521.50 | M Terhune, exps ... 521.50 |
| Hy-Vee, splys..... 166.74 | Polk Cty, fee 2.00 | Daniels Jntrl, svs 4328.41 | Jays Auto, svs..... 508.16 | Trinity Mus Hlth, svs 17575.55 | 10043.49 |
| Iowa Association of Counties, edu 30.00 | Rathbun, water 224.25 | DM Co Hlth Dpt, svs 6464.53 | Jet Gas, fuel 3713.52 | VB Co Hosp, svs 10043.49 | Vanguard Appr, svs 80.00 |
| iowacountiesit.org , membership..... 50.00 | Safariland, splys ... 376.00 | LDettmers, exps 87.00 | T Johnson, rent..... 300.00 | 40.01 | Verizon, svs 40.01 |
| Jethro & Jakes, meals 80.69 | Shottenkirk, svs ... 180.15 | RK Dixon, svs 35.72 | JW Medical, equip 3099.00 | L Wallingford, svs 210.48 | 11851.81 |
| Jimmy Johns, meals 76.12 | Smokey Ds, meals.. 49.20 | Donnellson Tire, svs 132.00 | Keo Water, svs 272.06 | Wshngtn Co Hlth, svs 11851.81 | West Grp, splys .. 2214.90 |
| Kempkers True Value, parts..... 245.98 | Staples, splys 325.48 | Drake Hdwr, equip 1982.75 | King-Lynk Fnrl, svs 1200.00 | 441.50 | B Zinnert, exps 441.50 |
| Kum & Go, fuel 29.61 | Sushi A Gogo, meals 36.92 | Eagle Point Sftwr, svs 750.00 | P Knustrom, exps 190.00 | 300.00 | 3819 Main St., rent 300.00 |
| Loves Country, fuel 48.74 | Swed & Co, meals.. 68.00 | Electronic Engrg, parts 3125.08 | Kohlmorgan Hlg, svs 1942.50 | River Hills, svs ... 11676.00 | |
| Lowes, splys 96.57 | Taco Johns, meals.. 25.01 | EMSLRC, edu..... 17.00 | LeeCo Hlth, svs 11928.99 | A Roe, svs 1133.33 | |
| MCAFD0, edu 525.00 | Teleflex, splys 2023.00 | Everyday Heroes, svs 1950.00 | LeeCo Treas, costs 2766.51 | L Roxberg, rent..... 300.00 | |
| McFarland Swan, splys 2396.41 | Texas Roadhouse, meals 40.95 | FM Water, svs..... 3315.63 | Liberty Utility, svs 1781.58 | Ryan Diag, splys... 510.00 | |
| | The Cardboard Box, splys 18.68 | D Fraise, exps 40.00 | | T Schulz, exps 212.00 | |
| | T Mobile, svs 454.71 | L Gatton, rent..... 300.00 | | C Sestito, exps 228.83 | |
| | USPS, postage..... 789.67 | | | | |
| | USPS Clicknship, svs 30.81 | | | | |

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Nunn bill would provide grants to bolster school safety

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Representative Zach Nunn (IA-03) today introduced bipartisan legislation to bolster safety at schools within our communities. The Safe Schools and Communities Act, which is co-led by U.S. Representative Eric Sorensen (IL-17), would provide competitive grants to public schools to prevent human trafficking, improve drug abuse awareness, reduce gang activity, and end violence within our communities.

“As a dad of six, nothing is more important than keeping our kids safe,” said Rep. Nunn. “Dangerous drugs, human trafficking, and violence are pouring over our Southern Border into our communities, and there’s no doubt that the solution to this crisis starts with securing our border. At the same time, we can also protect our kids and save lives with commonsense solutions that address rising crime in our communities.”

Gangs are a serious, persistent problem and public concern over violent juvenile behavior has intensified in recent years, especially regarding safety at schools. Gang-involved youth are more likely to engage in substance abuse and experience a wide range of potentially long-term consequences including school dropout, teen parenthood, family problems, and unstable employment. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, it’s common for crimes like human trafficking and drug use to relate to gang activity.

“The Safe Schools and Communities Act gives educators the tools they need to keep our kids safe from drugs and violence,” said Rep. Sorensen. “Too many of our neighbors across Central and Northwestern Illinois have an empty seat at their dinner table because they lost a loved one to fentanyl. I am proud to introduce this bipartisan bill with Congressman Nunn to promote fentanyl awareness, prevent drug abuse, and keep our communities safe.”

More than 70,000 drug overdose deaths in 2021 were attributed to synthetic opioids other than methadone—primarily fentanyl. Fentanyl poisoning is now the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18-45.

After drug dealing, human trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the world, generating \$32 billion each year. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately 83% of human trafficking victims are U.S. citizens. In Iowa alone, it is estimated that there are 320 trafficking victims at any given time.

The bipartisan Safe Schools and Communities Act would authorize the U.S. Department of Education to award competitive grants to public schools for the development and implementation of training and curriculum to:

- Prevent human trafficking
- Promote fentanyl awareness
- Reduce gang activity and violence.

Mayor, council were hoping for more from \$300K

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blocks,” Boussetol said.

Councilman Rusty Andrews said the projects sound small comparative to the money being spent.

Boussetol said the majority of the cost will be concrete and asphalt. He said the city would be removing the current surfacing which is not included in the projected cost.

“It’s just concrete and asphalt and then the rock material, we’ll have to buy. Which is going to be a small amount compared to the full \$300,000, so that’s not much,” Boussetol said.

He said about \$40,000 will be spent on rock for the subsurface.

Andrews asked why the city wouldn’t go out for bid for 12 blocks if he’s going to go out for bids with \$300,000 in mind. Boussetol said he knows the city can’t get 12 blocks done for that amount of money.

“Let’s say I go out and say we’re going to do 30 blocks. Rusty, you know they’re going to give me a good price because there’s 30 blocks worth of work and when they get here and can only do five blocks, they’re going to submit a change order because I can’t do the five blocks at the same price I can do 30,” Boussetol said.

Boussetol said if the city can find more than \$300,000, he will do more blocks.

Barb Asay, a developer in the city, asked Boussetol how they came up with

the streets.

“How do you determine these blocks? 10th Street is way worse than these streets. How did you decide this when I can barely get home without losing a strut?” she asked.

Boussetol then explained the categorizing system, but also said the city will have to tear up 10th Street as part of the sewer separation plans so he won’t touch that stretch until that work is done.

“We have categorized them 1-4 and the ones are the worst and more significant and need repaired the most. 10th Street is not going to get done because of the sewer separation. The last thing we’re going to go do is 10th Street when we’re going to tear it up and put a new sewer in in the next year or two,” he said.

He said the city has repaired more than 75 blocks in the last four years with money that has been allocated in the budget, but these roads need a bit more work and will cost more to get done.

“But we picked off some of the streets that didn’t require all the concrete curb and gutters so we could do more streets out there. Now we’re to the point where we have to do the streets that need the curb and gutter work and that costs a lot more per block,” he said.

Morhfeld said the trick to maintaining infrastructure is to be diligent in the process.

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State adds more incentives to 529 plans

DES MOINES, Iowa – State Treasurer Roby Smith is thrilled to announce historic updates across Iowa’s 529 plans. Recent state legislation has increased the tax deduction amount up to \$5,500 for contributions to Iowa’s two 529 plans, College Savings Iowa and the IAdvisor 529 Plan, and IABLE, Iowa’s Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) plan.

“This exciting update is a great way to save for others while giving yourself a tax benefit as well,” Smith stated. “I’m thrilled to continue to help Iowans save for their loved one’s future expenses while also continuing to help you save on your own taxes.”

“Iowa is fast becoming one of the nation’s most tax-friendly states, so it makes good sense that all areas of state government consider how to further reduce the tax burden on hardworking Iowans,” said Governor Kim Reynolds. “Treasurer Smith’s effort to increase tax deductions and provide greater flexibility with state plans will help incentivize college and retirement savings for Iowa families.”

In addition to the new tax deduction amount,

Iowa’s 529 account owners will have the ability to transfer up to a lifetime limit of \$35,000 to a Roth IRA in the beneficiary’s name. While this previously passed on the federal level to be effective as of January 1, 2024, Iowa approved the change during this year’s legislative season to follow the same rules.

“It’s an exciting time for the State’s 529 plans! Serving Iowans with their savings goals, our programs continue to grow and get better and better each year,” said Smith. “With these updates, it’s opening the doors for more families to start saving.”

Smith also recently announced reduced fees for College Savings Iowa account owners. The price reduction brings the asset-based fees of College Savings Iowa’s investment options down to 0.17%. This means account owners pay only \$1.70 per year for every \$1,000 invested.

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