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NWS warns of potential storms

DERECHO?: Weather officials say conditions ripe for high winds, hail, tornadoes

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY – The National Weather Service is warning residents about a powerful storm projected for the area, including Lee County, to prepare for some potentially damaging weather Tuesday evening.

NWS has the county under a Hazardous Weather Outlook with a moderate risk of severe weather. The forecast includes possible tornadoes, isolated wind gusts of up to 60 mph with sustained winds of 30 to 40 mph, and large

hail.

The storm is expected to hit the area between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. with a tight line of thunderstorms that will move through the area very quickly with possible power outages due to downed tree limbs and power lines.

Morning thunderstorms are expected as well, but those are isolated in nature and not severe.

Residents are encouraged to plan for severe weather impacts during the evening hours on Tuesday, including potential derecho conditions.

SUPERVISORS

Wind farm group sets meetings in Fort Madison

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Public meetings have been scheduled for this week to discuss a proposed 300 mw wind turbine farm in Lee County.

According to a letter property owners are receiving, the meetings are scheduled for May 21-23 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Quality Inn & Suites on Fort Madison's west side.

Supervisors are skeptical about the project, but are also just as skeptical about anything they may be able to do to stop the project outside of putting conditions on county roads for hauling the equipment.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said Henry County has been in the news lately with the possibility of wind turbines in that county.

"I have had a few farmers contact me and I think this really lines up with where we're at with the CO2 pipeline as far as the county's capacity to do anything being limited," he said.

"We don't have any ordinances. We don't have any zoning. We don't have anything like that really set up. Where we are impacted is more along the secondary road impact and how they get from point A to point B installed."

Andrew Johnson of West Point spoke up about the wind farm being proposed by Tenaska Energy Co. of Omaha, Neb., and the Canadian power company Cord-

Tenaska Energy will be holding public drop-in meetings at the Quality Inn & Suites in Fort Madison Tuesday-Thursday this week from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meetings to ask questions about a proposed 300 MW wind farm in Lee County.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Hunter Cresswell dives back into first on a pick-off attempt from Central Lee's Chase Johnson in the early going of Monday's game between the Bloodhounds and the Hawks in Fort Madison. The Hounds would get the win 2-1. See inside today for more on the story.

SOCCER REGIONALS

Fort Madison can't find answer against stingy defense

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP

PCC SPORTS

WASHINGTON — Fort Madison's missed opportunities punctuated the first 11 minutes of Monday's Class 3A Substate 2 soccer semifinal against Washington.

By the end of the game, the

missed chances were the Bloodhounds' biggest lament.

Fort Madison's season ended with a 2-1 loss to the Demons in a matchup of the top two teams in the Southeast Conference this season.

Washington (11-3) advanced to play Cedar Rapids Xavier in

Wednesday's substate final, with the winner qualifying for the state tournament.

Angel Mata's breakaway goal 10 minutes into the second half was the difference in the game for the Demons, but the tone was set

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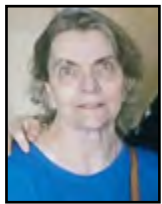


Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DEBRA S. GARMOE

Debra Susan Garmoe, 67, of Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 12:03 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2024, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.



GARMOE

She was born on March 1, 1957, in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Willard P. and Lucille (Thompson) Garmoe, Jr. She is survived by her daughter: Carrie (Nick Derby) Stice of Argyle, Iowa; two sons: Paul (Dwan) Starks and Nathan (Sara) Starks, both of Fort Madison, Iowa; grandchildren: Patrick, Cheyenne, Bayley, Anthony, Sylvester, Paige, and Bryan Starks, Emma Rhodes, Ruth Stice, and one on the way; one brother: Russell (Sabine) Garmoe of Temple, Texas; her sister: Cheryl Baumgart of Hockley, Texas. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son: Patrick; her brother: Willard Jr.; and her sister: Evelyn Calvert.

Debra worked at Conagra Foods for thirty-three years. She was a member of UFCW Local 617. She enjoyed quilt shows, spending time with her family, being outdoors, reading, bowling, and traveling with her family.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Church of New Beginnings in Keokuk, Iowa, with Pastor Don Skinner officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Burial will be at a later date in the Montrose Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

OBITUARIES

LORI MAE R. STEFFENSMEIER

Lori Mae Ruby Steffensmeier, 37, of rural Fort Madison, Iowa, passed away at 8:33 a.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024.

She was born on September 18, 1986, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the daughter of Randy and Merilee (Peterson) Ruby. On June 13, 2009, she married Dan Steffensmeier at the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She is survived by her husband: Dan; three daughters: Ruby, Kathleen and Carlee Steffensmeier; parents: Randy and Merilee; brother: John Ruby and sister: Lacey Ruby; father and mother-in-law: Tom and Carla Steffensmeier; grandmother: Sandra Petersen. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.



STEFFENSMEIER

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents and maternal grandfather.

Lori graduated from Central College with a Bachelors Degree in Biology and Secondary Education. She worked as a quality systems manager at Roquette. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point. She served on St. Mary's Parish Council and the Altar and Rosary Committee. Lori enjoyed gardening, golfing, reading, spending time with family and friends and most of all, she loved her children.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A Christian wake service will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 24, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to her daughters' education.

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Obituaries/Opinion

OBITUARIES

MARY JO KAYSER

Mary Jo Kayser, 86 of Keokuk, IA passed away Friday, May 17, 2024 at her home. She was born August 5, 1937 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Joseph Earl and Mary Elizabeth Rosenboom Geltz.



KAYSER

In October 30, 1973 Mary Jo was united in marriage to William Kayser in Keokuk. He survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Nathaniel Varner (Sue) of Huxley, IA, Michael Varner (Susie) of Keokuk and Mark Young of Dallas, TX and two daughters, Debbie Meyers (Michael) of Keokuk and Julie Gibson of Keokuk. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Kelly Lee of Keokuk, Billy Meyers (Elise) of Des Moines, IA, Corey Meyers (Lydia) of Keokuk, Kristal King (Bobby) of Keokuk, Heidi Varner of Des Moines, IA, Rachel Varner of Des Moines, IA, Daniel Varner of Des Moines, IA, Christopher Varner of Huxley, IA and Kensi Mancuso of Omaha, NE, several great-grandchildren, and one brother, Joseph Geltz (Diane) of Fort Madison, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Timothy Varner, one granddaughter, Heather Meyers, one great-grandson, Tyler, one great granddaughter, Elowyn and her grandparents that raised her, Joseph and Pansy Geltz.

Mary Jo had been employed at several different places through the years including Dryden/Sheller Globe, Morgan's, Decker's, the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Holiday Inn, Keokuk Area Hospital and the Chuck Wagon Restaurant.

Mary Jo enjoyed spending time outdoors soaking up the sun and going to the river front. She loved drinking coffee and visiting with her friends. She also loved cooking meals for her family and used the smoke alarm as the timer. She was a cat lover and had several pet cats.

A private family graveside service will be at the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Daniel Fox officiating.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

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

GTSB setting up Memorial Day traffic stops

DES MOINES, Iowa - The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is partnering with law enforcement across Iowa to support the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Click It, Don't Risk It high-visibility enforcement effort. The national seat belt campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, is May 20-June 2, 2024.

It is perceived everyone wears a seat belt, but data shows that's not true. In 2023, 45% of traffic fatalities in Iowa were unbuckled; that translates to 123 lives lost. In a GTSB survey of over 1,450 Iowans, 88% reported always buckling up in the front seat; only 67% always buckle in the back seat.

"No matter the type of vehicle you're trav-

eling in, where you're seated, or what type of road you're driving on, the best way to protect yourself in a crash is to buckle up," says Brett Tjepkes, GTSB Bureau Chief. "Unfortunately, many families are suffering because their loved ones did not follow this simple step. If this enforcement effort alerts people to the dangers of unrestrained driving, we'll consider the mission a success."

If you know a friend or a family member who does not buckle up, please talk to them about changing their habits. Help GTSB and law enforcement spread this lifesaving message before one more friend or family member is killed. Seat belts save lives, and everyone — front seat and back, child and adult — needs to buckle up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Miller-Meeks backs the Blue

This past week, National Police Week was observed around the country. Proclaimed by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, this week revolves around Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15 and brings tens of thousands of people to our nation's capital to pay homage to our fallen heroes.

In Iowa, we recognize the important role law enforcement plays in protecting our communities. We are home to over 5,000 dedicated officers who are tasked with upholding the rule of law even if it means risking their lives. We will always be grateful for their contributions.

During National Police Week, I had the privilege of meeting with Iowa law enforcement officers and organizations in my D.C. office. We discussed important issues, including increasing mental health resources and acquiring necessary equipment. There was one theme that was recurrent in all my discussions: police funding and the lefts' efforts to defund and dismantle police departments around the country.

Over four years ago, police departments everywhere faced unprecedented challenges from the radical 'Defund the Police' movement. Calls to disband police departments in cities like Minneapolis and Los Angeles and to replace them with mental health services, lacked foresight and practicality. Subsequently, cities began slashing police budgets, and

some such as Seattle even experimenting with Autonomous Zones.

Autonomous Zones embodied chaos, with unchecked lawlessness leading to arson, vandalism, and tragic loss of life. Though their prevalence has waned, the scars remain, with cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York City, Chicago and Washington D.C. grappling with the aftermath of the lawless zones.

These democrat-run cities have enacted policies that enable criminal activity. Stripping police authority, defunding departments, creating autonomous zones, and embracing initiatives like cashless bail have emboldened criminals and led to a surge in crime.

The message needs to be clear on this issue: defunding police breeds chaos and endangers communities. It undermines the very fabric of law and order, leaving officers powerless against criminal activity they swore to confront.

The necessary now is to reverse this dangerous trend. Rather than constraining law enforcement, we must strengthen their resources and support their mission to uphold justice. Investing in law enforcement isn't just logical; it's vital for ensuring public safety and preserving the integrity of our communities.

Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)

We remember and celebrate all those who fought for our freedom on this day.



Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition on Monday or Tuesday, May 27th & 28th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7 and we will resume publication of the e-Edition Wednesday, May 29th.

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Sports

AREA BASEBALL

Hits rare, strikeouts common in Hounds' win over Hawks

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds are now 3-0 under 2nd-year Head Coach Albert Schinstock, after a dramatic 2-1 win over Central Lee at home Monday night.

Senior Hunter Cresswell struck out two of the last three Hawk batters to get the win after the Hounds scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning off a goofy infield fly.

Tateum Schelich, who had the only Bloodhound hit on the night, popped up to the shortstop with two on and one out in the sixth. The Central Lee shortstop had to fade back a little with runners moving around the bases to make the play, but bobbled the ball allowing Brody Cashman, who was at third, to come in to score. A courtesy runner advanced to third with the runners going on the pitch. Central Lee threw to second and third to try to grab force outs on the play but the runners were allowed to hold at first and third, while Schelich was called out on the infield fly. A strikeout would end the inning and set up a 3-up, 3-down final half for Cresswell.

Central Lee opened the scoring in the first inning when the Hawks' Blake Davis singled and came around to score on a passed ball and an RBI single by Bo Herdrich.

Fort Madison starter Luke Hellige then settled in getting the next seven Hawk batters over three innings before Davis singled again with two outs in the top of the third.

Central Lee would get no joy from the single as Hellige struck out Herdrich to end the third.

Meanwhile, the Hounds couldn't get any offense going with four of the first six going down on strikeouts. Cresswell would reach on a fielding error on a single down the first base line that was mishandled by Hawk starter Chase Johnson coming over to cover the bag.

Fort Madison would tie things up in the bottom of the fourth when Schelich's double to center scored Micheal Fuller courtesy running for Cresswell. Central Lee centerfielder Cory Jones tried a sliding catch to get to Schelich's dying flyball, but missed allowing the ball to bound away into center.

That was the extent of the offense as Fort Madison managed just that sole hit, aside from a couple errant Hawk plays, while Hellige, Cresswell, Johnson, and Davis kept hitters at bay most of the night.

Davis came on in the bottom of the 5th and quickly fanned three Bloodhounds on just 13 pitches with Fort



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Hunter Cresswell reacts after striking out Central Lee's Gage Van Auldall to preserve a 2-1 Fort Madison win Monday night in Fort Madison. Cresswell relieved Luke Hellige in the top of the 5th to get the win.

Madison hitters staring at 8 of 10 strikes in the inning.

Fort Madison Head Coach Albert Schinstock said that's something he addressed in the post-game with the Hounds.

"We need to get in the cages more. We just talked about that and we need to be more aggressive when umpires have these big strike zones. We just have to be more aggressive there," Schinstock said.

"The strike zone was very forgiving tonight for both teams so we were able to expand the strike zone a bit. But you pitch to whatever the umpire is calling and I think both teams did a good job of that."

The Hounds were facing former head coach Ron

Walker who's joined the Central Lee staff this year as a volunteer assistant. Schinstock said that added to the familiarity already in place between the two teams.

"He knows what we're gonna do and we know what they're going to do. But a lot of these kids played together in travel ball so we know each other. They started chirping a little early and it got a little intense."

Cresswell said the strikezone was equal on both sides and didn't complain about that. But he said coming in as a closer is a little more intense for him.

"It's nice to get into the flow of the game and come in after I'm warmed up and hyped up. There's pluses and minuses because starting I can set the tone, but coming in to close is nice because I can bring in the energy."

Central Lee Coach Shane Weirather said he thinks it was a game the Hawks could've won if it were deeper in the season.

"We've got a lot of room for improvement. We could have made a couple plays and, as a coaching staff, we didn't have a good call on that. But, mostly, I would have liked to see us have more base runners. We just need more base runners."

"I was happy with our pitching. Davis and Johnson are going to be our main guys going forward."

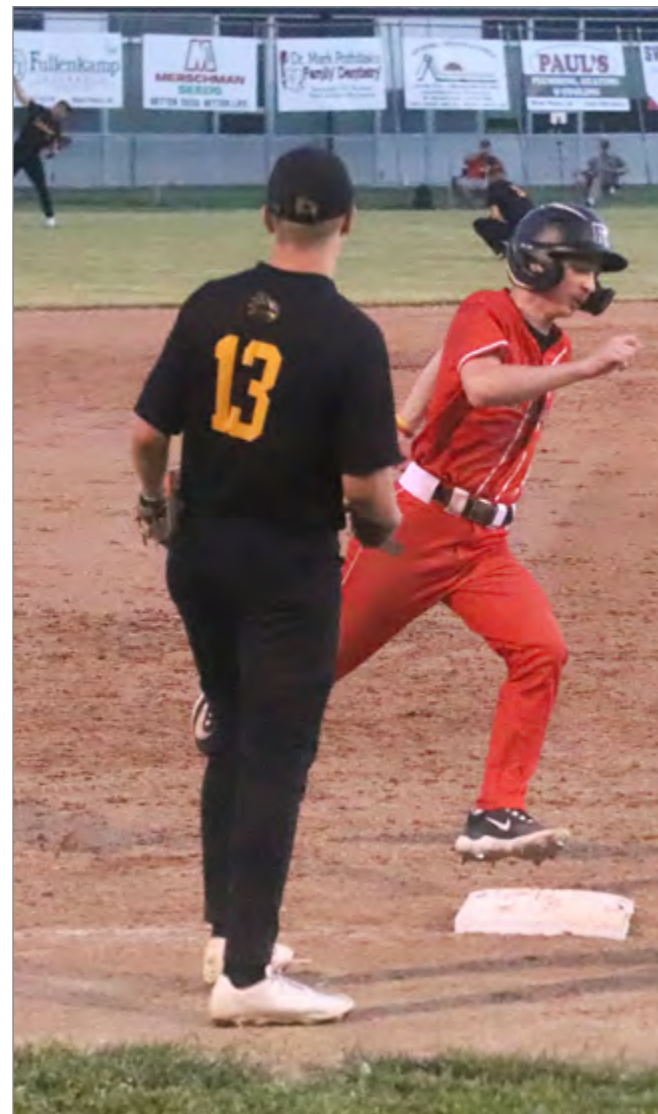


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Fort Madison courtesy runner Micheal Fuller rounds third base and heads for home in the bottom of the 4th inning. Fuller would score on Tateum Schelich's RBI double to tie the score at 1-1 with Central Lee.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

05/16/24 - 2:26 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.

05/16/24 - 8:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

05/16/24 - 11:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

05/16/24 - 5:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle reported at the police department.

05/16/25 - 7:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

05/16/24 - 7:46 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Amanda Jo Thompson, of Fort Madison in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 5th-degree theft.

05/16/24 - 11:25 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue F.

05/17/24 - 5:51 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Justin Christopher Hauck, 43, of Fort Madison in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

05/17/24 - 10:01 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of Avenue F.

05/17/24 - 11:37 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Avenue F.

05/17/24 - 3:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the

2800 block of Avenue A.

05/17/24 - 7:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sergio Miguel Trejo, 21, of Fort Madison in the 3000 block of Avenue J on a charge of 3rd-degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/17/24 - 9:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a burglary in the 1000 block of Avenue E.

05/17/24 - 11:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested William Lee Bennett, Jr., 49, of Fort Madison in the 2700 block of Avenue N, on a charge of domestic assault with injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/17/24 - 4:58 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Avenue H.

5/18/24 - 6:16 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kelly James Russell, 22, of Fort Madison at 28th Place and Avenue A, on a charges of possession of marijuana, ineligible to carry weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and child endangerment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/18/24 - 10:39 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Ashley Marie Privia, 33, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/19/24 - 1:53 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2300 block of Avenue F.

05/20/24 - 8:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the

1600 block of Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff's Department

05/15/24 - no activity was reported

05/16/24 - 7:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Montel Bryant, 52, of Quincy, on a warrant for driving while barred and failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

5/17/24 - 11 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of 263rd Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Charles Frances Womack, 69 of West Point backed into a vehicle driven by Scott Alan Cochenour, 51, of Fort Madison. Cochenour was attempting to turnaround and westbound when Womack stopped in the roadway and began backing up striking Cochenour's vehicle. Marty Cochenour, 47, of Fort Madison was injured in the incident but was not transported.

Womack was charged with unsafe backing on a highway.

05/17/24 - 12:36 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jesse Virgil Johnson Booth, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and then released for serving weekends.

05/17/24 - 7:07 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Taylor William Scott, 32, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for serving weekends.

05/18/24 - 11:08 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies ar-

rested Rashei Lynn Stuekerjuergen, 34, of West Point, on 263rd Avenue on a charge of OWI. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her recognizance.

05/19/24 - 9:15 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kyle Wayne Johnson, 30, of Mt. Pleasant, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.

05/19/24 - 7:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Marlos Bishop, Jr., 21, of Hazelcrest, Ill., at the North Lee County courthouse on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/16/24 - 2:05 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Shalamar Marquay Holloway, 23, of Burlington in the 200 block of N. 7th Street on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/15/24 - 2:44 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Trayveon Leroy Jefferson, 18, of Burlington, in the 200 block of N. 7th Street, on charges of disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/16/24 - 3:13 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Davian Montez Jefferson, 22, of Burlington, in the 200 block of N. 7th Street on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/16/24 - 3:27 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Chauncey Delmar McGee, 29, of Burlington, in the 200 block of N. 7th Street on a charge of disorderly

conduct and two active warrants. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

05/16/24 - 6:35 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile in the 200 block of N. 7th Street, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was released to a parent.

Keokuk Police Report

05/14/24 - 10:58 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Wyatt Daniel Brown, 18, of Keokuk, in the 1200 block of S. 7th Street on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor.

05/14/24 - 11:05 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Cheyenne Grace Poje, 19, of Kahoka, Mo., in the 1200 block of S. 7th Street, on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor.

05/14/24 - 11:05 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile on a charge of possession of alcohol by a minor. He was released to a parent.

05/14/24 - 3:26 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Johnson Street.

05/15/24 - 2:52 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Travis Michael Hanson, 39, of Burlington, in the 1100 block of High Street on charges of providing false identification and driving under suspension, and a warrant for failure to appear.

05/15/24 - 4:36 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of Johnson St.

05/15/24 - 11:03 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of N. 7th Street.

05/16/24 - 2:05 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Nazario

Mekhi Campbell, 18, of Ottumwa, in the 200 block of N. 7th Street on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail

05/16/24 - 7:26 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Plank Road.

05/16/24 - 2:06 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Daniel Lee Savage, 35, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of N. 10th Street, on charges of interference with official acts, 1st-degree harassment, and going armed with intent. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/16/24 - 6:05 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Hickory Terrace.

05/16/24 - 11:10 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Henry Lee Moorer, 27, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of S. 10th Street on a warrant for domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

05/16/24 - 7:25 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of Plank Road. According to the report, A vehicle driven by Brittany Shanay Scott, 38, of Keokuk was eastbound in the 1900 block of Plank Road. Another unit driven by Casey Renee Barnes, 45, of Keokuk, was stopped facing south in the 200 block of 19th Street at the intersection of Plank Road. Barnes entered the intersection and turned left. The left front end of Scott's vehicle hit the right sliding van door and damage both vehicles.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR REGULAR MEETING APRIL 1, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, April 1, 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 Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Jim McInteer, 140th Street, read a statement concerning drainage in front of his house and the fee for dust control. Al Nelson, Keokuk, asked why the polling site for Jackson Township was changed. Kathy Gabel, Keokuk, asked about the amount

put into the General Fund that came from the Opioid Settlement.

Seyb read a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to set April 15, 2024 at 10:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, for Public Hearing to classify a portion of 350th Street as an Area Service "C" Road. Motion carried with Seyb abstaining because the road borders his property.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2024-76. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye. **RESOLUTION #2024 - 76**

Resolution for Repayment of Interfund Loan WHEREAS, an inter-fund loan of \$200,000 was made from the General Basic Fund to the EMS Levy Fund, WHEREAS, said Interfund Loan is in accordance with Section 331.477, Item 2, Code of

Iowa, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$100,000 is ordered to be repaid from the EMS Levy Fund to the General Basic Fund.

Section 2. The remaining amount will be repaid before the end of the fiscal year.

Section 3. The Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made for this repayment accordingly and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts of said transfers.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 1st day of April, 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 Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to ap-

prove Resolution #2024-75. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2024 - 75

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County

Auditor to transfer sums from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2023-2024 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total

amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$2,811,051.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall

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not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on April 1, 2024 is as follows:

Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund \$702,762.75.

Section 6. The County

Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 1st day of April, 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 Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the

March 25, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Appleberry Orchard, for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve a temporary part-time new hire for the Conservation Department, Logan Hasek, Conservation Aide, \$14.00/hr., effective 4/1/24 and a new hire (replacement) for the Maintenance Department, Kent Brisby, Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician, \$21.74/hr., effective 4/1/24. Motion

carried.

Received and filed Manure Management Annual Updates for Kruse Bros. Ltd in Cedar Township and Marvin Holtkamp in Franklin Township.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Children First Board meeting. Seyb reported on a North Lee County Charitable Fund meeting, union negotiations with the Sheriff's Union, meetings with Health Insurance companies, an Economic Development Board meeting and a Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Board meeting.

At 11:15 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, second-

ed by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to open the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax for FY25.

Seyb asked for comments from those in attendance in person and online. Dean Long, Business Hwy 61 asked if the Board knew anything about Koch Industries being exempt from paying the consumption tax on natural gas usage. Koch is in talks presently with Orascom to purchase the Fertilizer Plant in Wever. Fedler asked for clarification on moving items from General Supplemental to the General Fund. Budget Director Cindy Renstrom clarified that she was directed by the Department of Management to do this.

At 1:10 p.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. The Board will meet again at 2:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to set Monday, April 15, 2024 at 10:10 a.m. at the Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison for a Public Hearing to approve the FY25 County Budget.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve the preliminary budget. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye. Motion carried.

At 2:15 p.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

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From the Front

Hounds can't take advantage of rare shots at Washington goalie

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much earlier than that.

The Bloodhounds had been slow starters all season, but had a different level of energy to open the game. They put constant pressure on the Demons, but couldn't get the ball in the net.

Henry Graham had two shots miss in the first five minutes. His first shot, just 90 seconds into the game, was smothered by Washington goalkeeper Omar Roman. Graham had an opening on his second shot 5 ½ minutes later, but it went left of the net.

Leif Boeding had a scoring chance off a back pass from Graham, but he missed. Noah Swigert's free kick at the 29:00 mark also was stopped.

"We had a couple of shots, point-blank, one-on-one with the keeper, and we put into the keeper's bread basket," Fort Madison coach Kevin Wellman said. "Yeah, you've got to put those away for a few different reasons. One, you want the goal on the scoreboard. The other thing is it takes the wind out of your sail, especially the player that made the shot. He thinks, 'Darn it, I put it right at the keeper, I let my team down.' He's thinking about that, and then he's not ready for the next play.

"And then every miss gives the other team confidence. So it almost hits you three-fold."

Washington then got the first goal of the match when Edwin Cortes got past the Bloodhound defense and got a shot past Fort Madison goalkeeper Oliver Santiago.

Fort Madison, though, was able

to tie the game before halftime.

Washington's Brayden Arreola received a yellow card with 4:16 left in the half, and Graham hit his free kick into the top of the right side of the net for the goal.

Boeding had two shots in the second half just miss to the left side as the Bloodhounds tried to search for an equalizer they couldn't get.

"(Washington) didn't have a whole lot of chances, but they put them away," Wellman said. "The second goal, the game-winner, was a misplay on our part, and (Mata) was off to the races. And it was a good finish.

"They're very quick players. They read where they want to go, and they make the quick decision to go. That was part of the reason in the first half why we were talking about getting the ball out of the middle."

The Bloodhounds closed the season with three consecutive losses, two coming to the Demons, who won the conference title, ending Fort Madison's three-year championship run.

"I think we need to work more on fundamentals," Wellman said.

"We need better first touches, we need better last touches. We gave away the ball unpressured more than I liked. So we need to work on good, solid, passes to teammates. That's easy to do, we just have to play a lot. They have to commit to working on those things in the backyard, getting together with three or four of their friends to work on it. If they choose to do that 15 minutes a day, an hour every few days, they'll get better at it."

Windfarm meetings set for Tuesday

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Johnson and his wife Amanda have been peppered with utility easement requests and have been very vocal about the intrusion of utility companies into Lee County. Johnson has been ever present at utility board and county meetings on proposed projects like the former Navigator CO2 pipeline project that was derailed in name.

"I'd like to think you guys would like to have some input for your long-term goals as far as the county or regulations as far as where these windmills go how close to other properties, at least considered," Johnson said.

"I think you guys should have at least some input as to what happens in the county," he said.

Johnson received a letter from Tenaska as a property owner in the projected area of the project.

"You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a landowner within our target area for a proposed 300 MW wind project in Lee County, Iowa. We are seeking your input to help inform our decisions as we begin to develop a renewable energy project in this area."

The wind farm project would be called Turkey Run Wind. The letters are preliminary interest letters for property owners who may be willing to lease land to the company to build the windmills, and to inform them of the upcoming meetings in Fort Madison.

"We consider our projects to be community endeavors, and we depend on good working relationships with local leaders to help maximize the benefits to the community while also ensuring our plants remain competitive businesses and stable employers," the letter indicated.

Also in the letter, Tenaska indicated they will have land agents in the county this week to discuss the project with

landowners.

The letter was signed by Michelle Arenson, Senior Director of Development with Tenaska.

Seyb said he's heard and read about some concerns with the wind turbines including "flicker" effects of shadows cast on homes. County Engineer Ben Hull said there is also concern about setbacks from the towers out of concern of them failing. Hull said the angular momentum of blades, and even ice flying off the blades can cause debris to fly quite a way outside of the setbacks.

Amanda Johnson said there are some connections to the Tenaska company and the former CEO of Navigator CO2. She said the easements that will be required to build the windmills and prior easements secured for other utilities are transferrable upon sale, and any new owners of the easements could do other things with the easements as long as they are utility-oriented. Andrew Johnson said they could run a transmission line through the fields if they wanted..

In a previous article, Kyle Gerking, a Tenaska project manager out of Omaha, said the project could be as big as 400 megawatts. But he said as a private energy group they can't use eminent domain and are hoping to secure leases with all the property owners for the project.

"We're very early in development. The size of that project is up to 400 megawatts contingent upon securing land rights and getting interconnection rights that will enable us to move forward," he said previously.

He said the project would have a footprint of 20,000 to 40,000 acres, but only 50 to 100 acres of land would be taken out of production. He said the project would be in northwest Lee County and, at this point, not in any other county.

"That could evolve as our land acquisition matures, but as of now it's entirely within the county," Gerking said.



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