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Vandenberg v. Weber in general

SHERIFF'S RACE: Former deputy wins primary and will face Weber on November 5

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – With only two races being contested in Tuesday's primary election in Lee County, voter turnout was predictably low.

Only the U.S. Representative for District 1 on the Republican side, and the Republican side of the Lee County Sheriff's race, had opponents as voters went to the polls.

An emotional and highly visible race in the sheriff's contest that spilled heavily into social media channels was won handily by former Montana State Trooper and Lee County Deputy Elliott Vandenberg.

Vandenberg got a good start with a 172-83 advantage in

absentee voting and that stretched to almost a 3-1 margin through the polling places. Vandenberg earned 1,094 votes to Fort Madison firefighter David Lee Johnson's 347. Vandenberg won every single precinct and was decidedly the favorite in the southern part of the county.

Johnson fared better in the northern half of the county where he also serves as Assistant Fire Chief of the Wever Fire Department.

Vandenberg will now face current and two-term incumbent Stacy Weber in the general election Nov. 5. Vandenberg's social media page has been aimed at Weber since he announced his run. Vandenberg

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COMMENTARY



Bird showing disrespect for system she's to uphold

Most people go through life never stepping foot inside a courtroom. Most people, that is, except for attorneys, judges, journalists, the few of us chosen to be jurors, and an even more select group, those who are accused of crimes.

If I were talking now with my dear parents, may they rest in peace, I would quickly assure them that my many days spent in courtrooms have been in a professional capacity, not as a defendant trying to avoid the slammer.

As a reporter and later as the boss of reporters, I have had an up-close vantage point to watch our court system as it works. I claim no special expertise. But 50 years in a ringside seat on the judiciary have given me perspective that is worth sharing.

I have watched as prosecutors and defense lawyers have carried out their roles in this fundamental part of a democratic society. I have seen how judges and juries approach the solemn duties we entrust to them.

I have encountered a multitude of defendants who insisted they were innocent, the criminal charges were trumped up, and they were victims of biased prosecutors, crooked judges or incompetent jurors. There have been other defendants whom juries found not guilty, leaving the victims' friends and relatives outraged.

There is one important takeaway from all of this, and that broader con-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A voter stopped in at City Hall as one of only 36 voters to cast a ballot before 6 p.m. Tuesday evening during primary voting in Fort Madison.

CITY NEWS

City manager unveils new city mission, vision statements

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison has seen viable growth in street repair, rec trails, the marina, and schools, but the city hadn't put the mission or vision into words – until Monday night.

Now the city has a formal mission statement and a lengthy, but encom-

passing, vision platform that was approved by the Fort Madison City Council Monday night. The meeting was moved to Monday to accommodate voting at City Hall for Tuesday's primary election.

The city's formal mission statement, generated by city staff, focuses on growth and quality of life for residents of the city.

The mission statement reads: "The City of Fort Madison will strive for community growth, quality of life, and moving forward for the next generation."

The Vision statement, however, is an 8-bullet point list of how the City will be leaders in the community.

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FRI 07 Jun.....Sunny, 79° F/ 57° F

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DOUBLE PLAY 06/03.....25 39 46 47 51, Powerball: 10
LOTTO AMERICA 06/03.....5 6 22 33 38, Star Ball: 4 All Star Bonus: 2
LUCKY FOR LIFE 06/03.....8 21 23 39 40, Lucky Ball: 8
PICK 3 MIDDAY 06/03.....5 5 0
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PICK 4 MIDDAY 06/03.....9 4 6 4
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. ROSS

Robert L. Ross, 73, of rural Montrose, IA, passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at his home. He was born on April 19, 1951 in LaHarpe, IL to Howard & Mary Payne Ross. He married Kathleen M. Brookhiser on May 21, 1998. He was an industrial painter for most of his life and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed fishing, his fish tank, woodworking and building things with his grandchildren.



ROSS

Bob is survived by: his wife: Kathy Brookhiser of Montrose, IA; 7-step children: David (Rhonda) Warner of Sullivan, WI, Tammy (Bryan) Case of Donnellson, IA, Jeffrey Warner of Fort Madison, IA, Jason Warner of Montrose, IA, Wade (Katie) Warner of Washington, Michael (Toni VanBrocklin) Warner of Montrose, IA & Kandice (Rochne Meier) Warner of Ottumwa, IA; numerous step grandchildren & step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by:

his parents, 1-step son: Timothy Warner, 2-brothers & 1-sister.

His body has been donated to the University of Iowa Department of Science. A memorial has been established in Bob's memory and may be sent to: Kathy Brookhiser, 3082 205th Avenue, Montrose, IA 52639. Online condolences to the Ross family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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Monday, June 3

Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes

Tuesday, June 4

Tenderloin, Tater Tot, Blueberry Fluff

Wednesday, June 5

Tuna & Noodles, Applesauce

Thursday, June 6

Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, May 31

Grilling on the Sidewalk

OBITUARIES

DALE R. MILLER

Dale Robert Miller, 54, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa, with his wife by his side.

Dale was born on May 22, 1970, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Larry and Terry (Kay) Miller. He graduated from Keokuk Senior High in 1988. On August 21, 1993, he was united in marriage to Karen Elizabeth Davis at All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk. She survives. Dale was of the Christian faith.



MILLER

Dale was employed at Matrix Metals (Keokuk Steel Castings) for over twenty-five years. He was an avid golfer, often going on golfing trips with his friends. He enjoyed fast and slow-pitch softball, bowling, and in his younger years, playing wiffleball and lob ball with friends. He could also be found playing Bingo, going to the casino and watching dirt track racing. Dale rooted for the St. Louis Cardinals and was a season ticket holder to Iowa Hawkeyes Football in previous years. The republican party was a passion for Dale, and he was Donald Trump's biggest supporter. But he was most passionate about coaching children's football for his nephew Luke and his friends.

Dale is survived by his wife Karen and their cat, Meow Meow, of Keokuk; his step-mother Kathy (Tom) Royer of Hollister, Missouri; his step-father Chester Jones of Muscatine, Iowa; his special nephew Luke Davis of Keokuk; two sisters: Renae (Darren) Conlee of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and Jana (Fiancé Bryan) Kirchner of Keokuk; special aunt Norma Miller of Keokuk; his brother-in-law Paul (Krista) Davis of Gardener, Kansas; two sisters-in-law: Mindi (Tom) Davis of Keokuk and Tonya (Robert) Thurman of Warsaw; two step-sisters: Miranda and Marlana Jones, both of Muscatine, Iowa; his in-laws Jim and Beverly Davis of Kahoka, Missouri; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dale is preceded in death by his parents Larry Miller and Terry Jones; two step-brothers: Bryan and Brett Loeffler; mother-in-law Mary Beaty Davis; nephew Isaiah Davis; Niece Marley Jones; and four beloved dogs: Snuggles, Sadie, Sophie and Shelby.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Friday, June 7, 2024, at Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, 917 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 6, from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the funeral home for expenses.

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

JANET S. BURCH KIMBROUGH

Janet S. Burch Kimbrough, 67, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, June 3, 2024 at her home. She was born on September 7, 1956 in Fort Madison, IA to Arthur & Renate Faeth Kimbrough. She worked at Armour Dial for more than 30 years and was affectionately known as the "weenie queen". She enjoyed sewing, gardening and decorating her yard.



KIMBROUGH

Janet is survived by: 1-daughter: Reagan Burch of West Point, IA; 1-son: Joshua (Christy) Burch of Fort Madison, IA; 1-granddaughter: Jordyn Shelby Burch of Fort Madison, IA; her mother: Renate Kimbrough of Fort Madison, IA and 1-brother: John Kimbrough of California. She was preceded in death by her father.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial has been established for the P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences to the Kimbrough family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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For the Record/Business News

Love Lee County Tour Fri.-Sat.

Submitted article

LEE COUNTY - There is a lot to love about Lee County. Celebrate it all on the Love Lee County Tour! Take a rural road trip to 18 locations featuring demonstrations, sales, history, art, samples, flowers and pop-ups. The tour runs Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th, from 10am to 6pm.

New to the tour this year is Wendland Family Farm featuring sourdough starters, samples, loaves, lemonade and more. They will be set up at their farm stand located at 105 5th Street in West Point. Come hungry and enjoy Revilo Smoke BBQ who is bringing pulled pork and delicious rib plates to the tour. Kim's Confections, also located in West Point, satisfies your sweet tooth with pies, cookies, muffins and more. Enjoy a hot breakfast on Saturday morning!

Also a first-timer and must-see stop is 1884 On The Bluff, nestled in the hills at 2663 300th Street, Montrose. This charming old-world wedding and events venue was built in 1884. The rustic farmstead boasts of timber-lined buildings that have been restored while preserving their 19th Century architecture. Relax along a tour with \$1 hot dogs and a beverage, music, games and be inspired by their giant monarch in the meadow. Hop back in the car for a short trek to Green Frog Distillery, 33495 270th Ave, Keokuk, for distillery tours and enjoy a cocktail in the new tasting room. Sunshine B Creations will be set up there with fun graphic tees, spirit wear, embroidery, and custom designs.

Head north on 61 and take a left on Peach Orchard to find MAFAB Fisheries. The fishery is stocked full of locally caught fish, smoked fish, frozen fish, appetizers and is celebrating the tour with tasty specials. MAFAB Fisheries is a county neighbor to Jim's Greenhouse, where you'll see the largest selection of annuals, perennials, vegetable plants and hardscape items in Lee County. The greenhouses are located at 2407 280th Street, Montrose, and will also host Taylor Ann Design. Taylor Ann Design creates tees and tanks for every occasion and will also have their new trucker hat bar up and running.

Lee County Floral will be opening their new studio doors to the public for the first time on this year's tour. Find them at 1738 180th Street, Donnellson, with farm fresh flowers, plants and bouquets. Enjoy a DIY flower bar and bring the kids for the bracelet and key-chain station. Hop down the road to Appletree Antiques, 1805 180th Street, where you'll find the largest selection of antiques, primitives, furniture and treasures. Jog down Highway 27

and take the Donnellson exit east to Harvestville Farms and enjoy in-store specials for the tour. They boast fresh produce, gifts, home décor, plants and succulents. Their Pitchfork Café is open for lunch.

Hinterland Dairy, located at 2149 Franklin Road, Donnellson, is churning up their famous strawberry ice cream for the tour! Enjoy samples of their aged farmstead cheddars, quark, and grab some fresh cheese curds. Answer some dairy trivia for a chance at a \$50 gift card. Cheese goes well with wine and good neighbors, like Christian Herschler Winery. The winery is located up the road at 6th and Green Street in Franklin. Enjoy history of the 100-year-old stagecoach stop, tours, beautiful gardens and, of course, wine samples.

Hillcrest Hostas showcases some of the most beautiful gardens in the county. Enjoy the blooms and find a large selection of perennials to take home from their greenhouses at 2292 Hillcrest Road, Donnellson. Next stop along Highway 2 is Appleberry Orchard where you'll find fresh strawberry and strawberry rhubarb pies! Their farm market store and bakery will be open for the tour boasting apple cider donuts, fritters, pastries, décor and gifts.

Head in to Fort Madison to Central Park, where the Fort Madison Area Arts Association has joined the tour this year. Their Spoonfest is being held with a weekend full of carving classes, demonstrations and shopping handmade items. Also find four talented artists in one beautiful location at Chestnut Hill Pottery, 3198 Old Quarry Road, Wever. Artists Barb Zumdom, Mary Ilmberger Scott, Mel Stockwell and Linda Ross create art using wool, paint, letter press and clay for function and visual delights. Kevin Ross hosts demonstrations on VW and Airstream restoration. View the Vintage Camper Village and take part in seed pod making and play in the Creative Corner.

Thrill your western side in northeast Lee County, beginning at Four B Tack and More, 3077 170th Street, Fort Madison. The largest western store in the county, they carry boots, tack, clothes and workwear for your whole family. Walk to the next stop, Angels and Outlaws Boutique, for trendy and affordable clothing, jewelry, ball caps, purses, shoes and gifts. On Saturday Angels & Outlaws will be hosting pop-up vendors and a food truck. Finally, stop at Quarry Creek Elk and Bison Company, 1866 303rd Ave, Fort Madison, to get some locally-raised elk and bison meat for your grill.

What's not to love in Lee County? See you on the back roads Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

06/03/24 - 12:15 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

06/03/24 - 9:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

06/03/24 - 10:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

06/03/24 - 11:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Teresa Oleta Michelle Weldon, 30, of Fort Madison, at the police station on an active warrant. She was released on bond.

06/03/24 - 1:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5200 block of River Valley Road.

06/03/24 - 2:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested William Marion Kryzak III, in the 4200 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and being ineligible to carry a weapon. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/03/24 - 5:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5200

block of River Valley Road.

06/03/24 - 6:32 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue D.

Keokuk Police Report

06/03/24 - 3:16 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Exchange Street.

06/03/24 - 4:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1300 block of Main Street.

06/03/24 - 5:22 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the alley of 1500 Johnson Street. According to the report a vehicle driven by Richard Ashley Murphy, 69, of Keokuk struck a vehicle driven by Debra Joyce Foust, 63, of Keokuk. Murphy was backing into his parking space at his residence across the alley and didn't see Foust heading east bound down the ally. Murphy was cited for unsafe backing. No injuries were reported.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/03/24 - 9:03 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stanley Anderson Barrows, 22, of Wapello, at the South Lee

County Courthouse on a warrant for probation violation.

06/03/24 - 2 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sheri Kaye Sherbondy, 50, of Burlington at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for an assault on an officer. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/04/24 - 7:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joel Robert Wilsey, 44, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on an active warrant. He was held at Lee County Jail.

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

Fort Madison

Fire & Rescue Report

05/31/24 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and one lift assist.

06/01/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one false alarm, two medical calls, one report of gas odor, one and one report of a vehicle fire.

06/02/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to seven medical calls.

06/03/24 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one odor investigation and four medical calls.

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Sports/From the Front

AG Bird decrying judicial system in NYC

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clusion has gotten overlooked in recent days by far too many people, especially by those who should know instinctively this inescapable fact:

Just because someone we like professes their innocence but is found guilty does not make the American judicial system corrupt or rigged. There rarely are criminal defendants, having just been found guilty, who will rise to applaud the jurors' decisions.

Likewise, just because another defendant is found not guilty, despite a belief to the contrary by the prosecutor and the victim's friends and relatives, it is not a sign our criminal justice system is a threat to our nation's freedoms or is a sign of incompetence or crookedness.

The entire justice system is built on people exercising their best judgment in a legal process that puts defendants' and victims' freedoms on the line. Sometimes, judges and juries make mistakes. Sometimes, we disagree with a jury's findings. Sometimes, appellate courts will step in and correct an error. Other times, they do not.

But the real lasting harm comes not from an outcome we disagree with. The lasting harm comes if we allow people who are in positions to know better to make wild, baseless accusations that undermine the trust and the credibility of the judicial system.

Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird should know this. As Iowa's top law enforcement official, prosecutors on her staff are deciding every week why someone should be charged with a crime or why someone else should not. Her prosecutors are arguing before jurors in high-profile cases why the accused should be found guilty and have their liberty taken away.

Not everyone in those cases agrees with the wisdom of the prosecutors. But few who might disagree ever stand in front of a bank of microphones and professes a belief that a cornerstone of American democracy is being trampled on by overzealous prosecutors.

But that is what General Bird has done with her

accusation that a high-profile case in New York City is a sham and is about nothing other than politics.

Twelve ordinary jurors spoke with a unanimous voice at the end of that case. And as I have witnessed in numerous cases here in Iowa, there always are people who applaud a jury's verdict, while there are others who criticize the jurors' decision.

I doubt General Bird would welcome the Manhattan district attorney coming to Iowa, standing in front of a gaggle of reporters, and announcing to the world that he believed the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation was wrong to ignore the need for a court-approved search warrant before state agents scooped up cellphone data about sports wagers made by University of Iowa and Iowa State University athletes.

Forty years ago, friends of an Iowa sheriff were not keen on the decision by the attorney general at the time to bring bribery charges against him. Nor were those friends particularly enamored of Iowa's judicial system when the sheriff was found guilty by a jury.

Thirty years ago, many in Iowa were stunned when a mom was found not guilty of murder in the death of her newborn — whom she said was abducted from her car by an unknown stalker. The public reaction was heightened by testimony that a kidnapping note found in her car had been pieced together, word by word, from a magazine with the mother's name on the address label.

There were plenty of people who disagreed with the outcomes of those cases and many others, but no one made wild allegations back then that the criminal justice system in Iowa was corrupt or mired in politics.

When people in positions of respect and authority make such allegations now about another case, they undermine trust and confidence in one more institution of government — and they do so all in the name of politics.

Respect cannot be reserved only for those times when we agree with the outcome.

Randy Evans can be reached at DMRevans2810@gmail.com.

Hounds bounce back with DH sweep at Washington

IPCC Staff

WASHINGTON — The Fort Madison Bloodhounds got back in the win column after a rough week last week with a doubleheader sweep of Washington on the road in a Southeast Conference matchup Monday night.

The Hounds won the opener 14-10 behind Reece Huey's solid 3 2/3. The incoming freshman gave up just one run earned on five hits walking one and striking out none. Luke Hellige got the start for the Bloodhounds going five innings and allowing four runs on seven hits while fanning three and walking one. Stefan Berlett gave up five runs in the sixth as Washington got back into the game.

Fort Madison had a 10-4 lead going into the sixth inning, but surrendered the five runs and then picked up another in the bottom of the seventh to tie things up at 10.

With one out, Huey surrendered a single to junior Mason Morgan and then junior Conner Leydon doubled to center scoring Morgan. Leydon would get thrown out for the second out trying to stretch the hit into a triple. Huey would get the next hitter to ground out to second to force extra innings.

Fort Madison would put up a four-spot in the top of the 9th. Aiden Mitchell would reach on an error at third and Caden Barnes would drive a ball into left for a double, moving both runners into scoring position.

Ames Schinstock would sacrifice to left to score Mitchell. Brody Cashman would get plunked and then would swipe second with Barnes holding the throw at third. Huey would work a walk before Hunter Cresswell grounded into a fielder's choice, getting Huey at second. Barnes would score on the play and Cashman advanced to third base.

Hellige would then walk with two outs and an error at third allowed Schelich to reach base and Cashman to score the final run of the game.

Huey would get the first two hitters in the bottom of the ninth out, but then surrender back-to-back singles before getting a foul popout to end the game.

Hellige went 4-4 at the plate with 3 RBIs. He reached base all six times at the plate with a couple walks figured into the at-bats. Huey, Mitchell, and Cresswell each scored

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PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 5, 2024 - 6:00 PM
West Burlington City Hall
122 Broadway Street

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 ROLL CALL
 PERFECTING & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 CONSENT AGENDA
 All items on the Consent Agenda are Action items that will be considered by a single vote. Council members may request that an item be pulled for discussion and held for a separate vote. Items on the Consent Agenda may include claims over the City Administrator's authorized spending limit, payments related to previously approved contracts, and

non-controversial or routine expenses as defined by the City's Purchasing Policy.

- Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on May 15, 2024
- Minutes from Special City Council meeting on May 29, 2024
- Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering related to Phase 2 of the Gear Ave Trail Project
- Payment #7 to Jones Contracting for Phase 2 of the Gear Ave. Trail Project - \$72,971.18
- Liquor License for Casey's, 1105 W. Agency Rd.
- Cigarette Permit for Casey's, 1105 W. Agency Rd.
- Approve Mike Brissey's resignation as Public Works Director
- Approve Andrew Prior's resignation from the Police Reserve Unit
- Payment of Claims as listed on the Expense Approval Report - \$1,776,440.77

COUNCIL & STAFF

REPORTS

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- FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
- CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
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- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY REPORTS:
- PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Certificate of Appreciation for West Burlington Lion's Club donation of new picnic tables for Pat Klein Park

CITIZEN INQUIRIES PUBLIC HEARING

- Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

OLD BUSINESS

- Consider accepting the donation of a 2000 Freightliner Alexis Pump-Truck from the City of Burlington

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider a Reso-

lution approving Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- Consider a quote from Burlington Trailways to repair the Cab Lift Pump on Fire Department Rescue 1
- Consider a Resolution hiring Chase Williams as Interim Public Works Director
- Discuss contracting with West Burlington School District to provide an officer to teach Public Safety Classes
- Consider Resolution authorizing a partnership with the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities, a program of the University of Iowa
- Consider a Resolution amending the Master Fee Schedule to include a fee for Small Cell
- Consider the second reading of 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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 6/3/2024

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2024. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Amandus, Gray, Yager, Rink and Andrews present.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 5/21/2024; Liquor License Renewals: Hill Side, LLC, Casey's General Store #2319, Casey's General Store #2023, and B.P.O. Elks Lodge #374; Partial List of Cigarette Permits;

Setting public hearing for 7/16/2024, at 5:30 P.M., to review an application for the State Revolving Fund loan for the 10th Street Sewer Separation Project; Claims dated 5/29/2024; and Payroll of 5/31/2024.

On motion, Council approved Special Event Permits: Fit Fest, North Lee County Right to Life March, Lee County Crime Stoppers Pickleball Tournament, Fourth of July Kiddie Parade and waived the associated fees.

Mike Greenslaugh and Nikki Wilson with United Way provided a community report.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-42, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 - Subdivision Regulations) for Cody Potthast.

On motion, Council approved the mayor's signature on a 28E Agreement between the

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PUBLIC NOTICES

City of Fort Madison and the Iowa Department of Corrections for water services. On motion, Council approved the mission and vision statements for the City of Fort Madison.

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$36,789.08
Special Rev.	2,083.24
Road Use	12,782.90
Debt	0.00
Capital	5,200.00
Water	41,728.69
Sewer	5,394.13
Slid Waste, IWC	705.17
SW Utility	887.16
	\$105,570.37

REVENUES	
General	\$12,525.93
Special Rev.	205,165.99
Road Use	0.00
Debt	1,838.17
Capital	10,699.30
Water	308,697.91
Sewer	299,415.18
Slid Wst & IWC	86,752.11
Sewer	18,000.64
	\$943,095.23

CLAIMS 6/3/2024

ACCESS LEASING SYSTEM, PRINTER LEASE & USAGE 912.36
 ACCESS SYSTEMS, COMPUTER/IT LEASE 5,740.36
 ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, DAMAGE CAB REPAIRS... 1,631.68

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The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.
 /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
 ATTEST: /s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

PAYROLL		5/31/2024
General		\$172,306.53
Road Use		21,401.25
Water		27,704.37
Sewer		26,247.14
Solid Waste		14,225.08
Airport		312.77
Storm Water		2,280.12
		\$264,477.26

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC..... 3,465.26
 ANSER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE 220.00
 AUTOZONE, LED LIGHT 36.37
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 BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE 170.00
 CORE & MAIN LP, BRASS TEES 4,531.49
 DAVE VRADENBURG, NEW ROOF @ SHOPTON 5,200.00
 DIAMOND VOGEL INC., PAINT 2,625.46
 DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, ADOPT-A-GARDEN SIGNS.. 533.15
 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, ACCESSORY POCKET 65.92
 ESRI, ANNUAL GIS SUBSCRIPTION 3,075.00
 FARM & HOME SUPPLY, BROOM 571.63
 HACH COMPANY TESTING, SUPPLIES 3,244.68
 HOENIG TREE SERVICE, INC TREE REMOVAL 1,800.00
 HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, PVC PIPE 141.28
 HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, BOLTS 10.52
 HUMBURD AUTO SERVICE, REPLACED ENGINE - TAHOE 5,347.16
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MOTORS, POWER LIGHT W/ BATTERY 832.49
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 JONATHAN LEFLER, TRAINING 1,178.44
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/POSTAGE/RENTALS 1,505.59
 LEE COUNTY RECORDER, RECORDING FEE 12.00
 LEYDA, BURRUS & METZ, MONUMENTS VETERAN'S ENGRAVING 155.00
 LINOH2O, LLC, ANNUAL CALIBRATION..... 425.00
 LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL 2,477.50
 MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SWEEPER BROOM PARTS ... 733.13
 MADISON TURF & TIMBER, BELTS 121.90
 MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY, FLAGS..... 606.36
 MCFARLAND, DISH SOAP/TOWELS 74.98
 MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO, AIR FILTERS 546.04
 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, UNIFORMS..... 1,858.30
 MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, SLUDGE SAMPLE 430.00
 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT 1,338.76
 MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE 4,775.00
 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY EMBROIDERY, EMBROIDED SHIRTS 75.00
 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, INSTALL FOUNTAIN 510.00
 MOTION INDUSTRIES INC, V BELT 726.12
 MOTOR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO, BELT 179.95
 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., PIT KEY..... 106.70
 PEN CITY CURRENT, JOB POSTING 59.99
 POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, WATER BILLS/PAST DUES 1,968.67
 PROCESS SOLUTIONS,

CHEMICALS..... 8,636.09
 RAINBO OIL COMPANY, PUMP SIPHON 26.87
 SCHNITZELBANK, CANNON TRANSFER 750.00
 SENSUS USA, INC., ANNUAL MAINTENANCE 1,949.94
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SEASON..... 10,000.00
 TOTAL 105,570.37
 GENERAL 36,789.08
 SPECIAL REVENUES 2,083.24
 ROAD USE..... 12,782.90
 CAPITAL PROJECTS 5,200.00
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Fire dept. looking for candidates

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In its entirety, the vision statement reads:

“We will be leaders in the Fort Madison community and value the following:

- operate a city government that is fiscally responsible, accountable for our actions, and we are accessible to the community of Fort Madison’s needs.
- Practice continuous improvement in operations for future developments of services, infrastructure, and long-term planning for Fort Madison.
- Provide and create a safe community in Fort Madison with strong public safety programs.
- Promote growth in Fort Madison by working with community organizations to support current businesses, growth of new businesses, and welcoming new residents to our community.
- Take pride in the community that we serve and encourage the community of Fort Madison to participate in community beautification.
- Encourage growth of housing opportunities in Fort Madison.
- Enhance quality of life opportunities for all ages in Fort Madison to be healthy, active, and engaged in our community.
- Appreciate and participate in preserving the historic areas of our community for the future Fort Madison.

City Manager Laura Liegois said the vision statements were set up to help define more specific goals for the city staff going forward.

“A lot of times when we get into those goals that fit under these vision statements that gets us into the deeper goals. Goals of new downtown sidewalks, our goal is we want five new businesses in x amount of years. Usually, we get more goal driven under those,” Liegois said.

Councilman Jack Gray said the statements cover what the city is already doing, want to do, or has achieved.

Councilman Rusty Andrews said the statement was

lengthy, but looked good to him.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said as a framework for mission and vision statement he wanted to adopt it so the council could get more granular into the goals driven by those values.

“One of the things when Laura came on board, and even prior to her arriving, we talked about having a good comprehensive mission and vision statement and some goals. This is the front of this,” he said.

Liegois said the statements are important because it gives the city something to strive toward achieving.

“There are days when we move from different vision points and goals, but a mission is something we can always see and have in front of us as to what is our overall value that we want to provide to our residents,” she said. “It keeps us moving forward and I think that’s important for us.”

The statements were built at city staff level.

Councilwoman Donna Amandus, who’s one meeting away from her announced resignation, moved to approve the statements and the council approved 7-0.

In other action, Fort Madison Fire Department Lt. Chad Hannum told the council that an open house has been set for the fire station on June 12 to help local residents know about the need for a new firehouse. The event will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will include informational activities, tours, and light refreshments.

Hannum also informed the council that applications for open slots at the fire department have been coming in slowly and additional means of attracting new candidates for testing could be needed. Current Fire Chief Joey Herron will be resigning in April of 2025 and Hannum said other candidates may be needed for additional openings in that same time frame.

In an unrelated issues, Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said he was holding to a commitment to offer to buy the city a beer at Turnwater Bar and Grill. He will be doing that on Wednesday, June 4 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Cresswell gets win in nightcap

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three runs. Huey was 2-5 with 3 RBIs.

In the nightcap, Cresswell got the win for the Hounds going 4 1/3 allowing just one run earned on two hits while fanning eight and walking four. The senior also had an RBI single. Cashman led the Hounds at the plate going 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Fort Madison put up a run in the top of the 1st and four more in the second to set the tone early. Schinstock had a 2-RBI single. Cashman would drive in a run with a no-out single and Barnes would score on a wild pitch to give Fort Madison a 5-0 lead after two. Luke Beenblossom singled in the Demons’ only run in the bottom of the third with two outs.

The Hounds move to 6-4 on the year and 3-2 in Southeast Conference play. They play Washington again Thursday this time at FMHS. They host Class 1A’s top-ranked team in Burlington Notre Dame on Friday, before heading to Davenport for a couple games Saturday.

Miller-Meeks wins 1st District GOP race

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resigned as deputy to go back into real estate, but then quickly announced his run for sheriff at a Lee County Republican meeting.

Current U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks was barely heard campaigning in the spring as David Pautsch challenged her on the right. The U.S. Army veteran and religious director of several churches and ministries was seeking his first federal office.

Pautsch had a stronger showing than expected in the county, garnering a respectable 43% of the vote but trailed Miller-Meeks 793-600. As of 9:30 p.m. Miller-Meeks had a 56.6% to 43.4% statewide lead over Pautsch.

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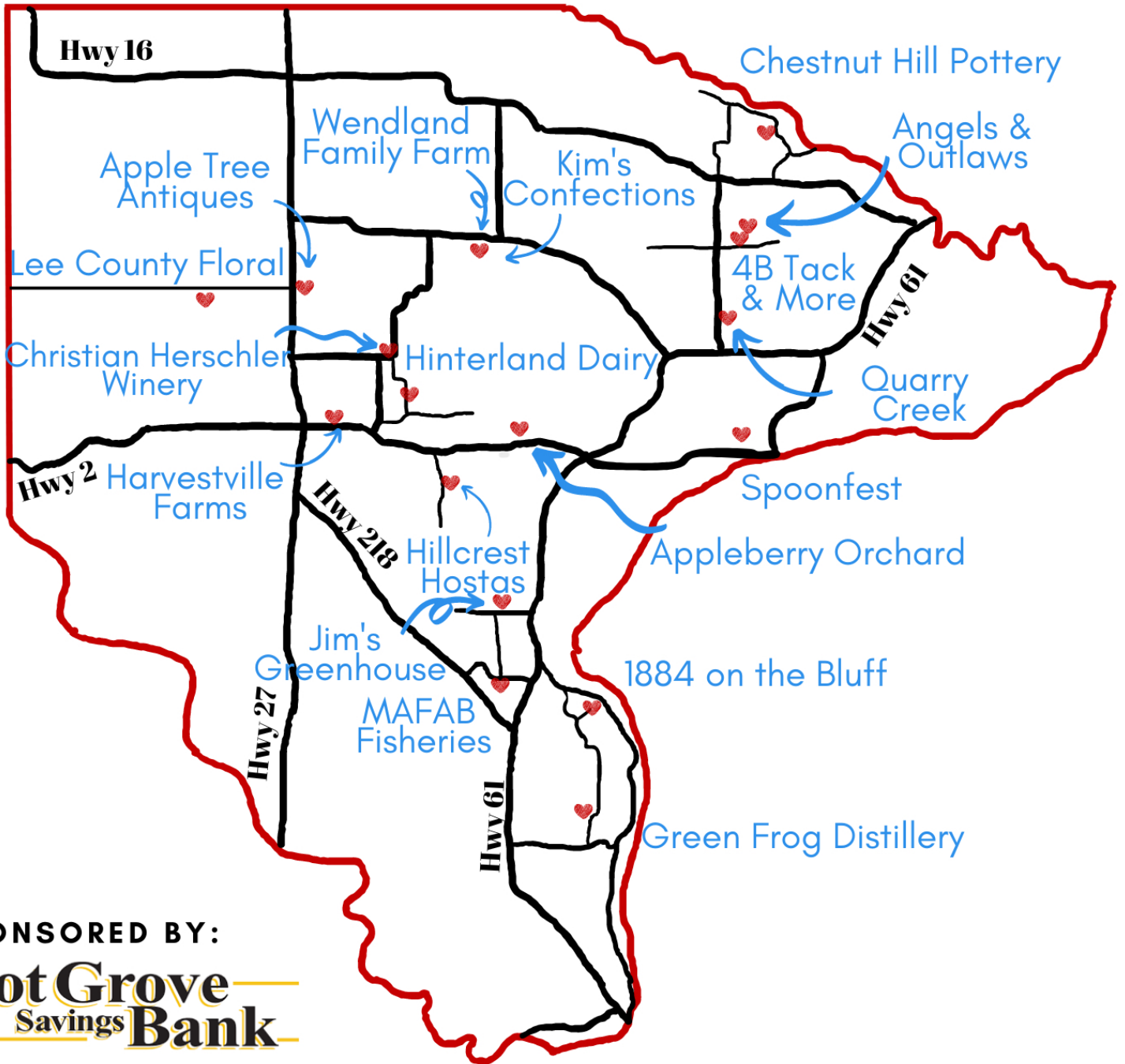
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