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Residents get peek at FMFD

BOND AT ISSUE: City wants to get voter approval to borrow up to \$12M if needed.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison fire department opened all its 75-year-old doors to the community Wednesday evening.

The first of three open houses was held at the only fire station in the city to show residents why the city is putting a question on the ballot in November that would permit them to borrow up to \$12 million for the construction of a new facility.

Fire Chief Joey Herron is quick to add that the city will only borrow what, if anything, it needs beyond grants to pay for the structure.

He said he had no expectations initially from the open

houses.

“I have no clue what to expect. We’re going to do it three times. Another one in August and then one in October. And we’ll go out to all the groups, the Lions, and Rotary...” Herron said.

“This is us asking for permission for the \$12 million so we can start working on grants. When I started filling out grants, we were told they were going to ask us if we had the money to pay if you can’t get all the grant money. Well, I don’t have that now so I need permission from voters to say we do.”

The city is also looking to build a new public works facility. But many of the city’s public works funds are enterprise funds and they generate revenues which could help with the

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A Fort Madison resident leaves the Open House at Fort Madison Fire Department with a yard sign asking residents to support the referendum on the ballot Nov. 5.

COUNTY NEWS

Chase leads to two arrests Wednesday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A chase that emanated out of Keokuk led local authorities on a four-hour chase and search near Montrose Wednesday afternoon.

According to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber deputies were called to assist in the chase as it headed north out of Keokuk.

While in pursuit, LeeComm 911 got a report of a 15-year-old being shot near the former Lincoln School in Keokuk. With most officers involved in the chase, it took a few minutes to get an officer to the location of the alleged shooting.



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After arriving at the scene, police couldn’t find any victims or suspects and a call to the number reporting the shooting went unanswered. It was determined that the report could have come from those in the vehicle being chased to get authorities to stand down on the chase.

Weber confirmed Wednesday night there’s no evidence of anyone being shot at this time and charges are being investigated against the suspects for false reporting.

“We have a detective investigating that right now, and there are charges pending on that. If we find they had anything to do with that, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. You don’t get to do that,” Weber said.

Lee County deputy Austin Wagenhauser, along with K9 officer “Mac” discovered two suspects hiding in the brush near Montrose at 320th Street and 250th Avenue. The two were taken into custody without incident.

Weber said he wasn’t informed of what started the chase, but said U.S. Marshals were involved.

“When we got there we helped set up a perimeter and then were into the timber. Then we spent the next four hours on a hot afternoon looking for them,” he said.

A third suspect is still considered at-large.

STATE NEWS

Iowa part of another Johnson & Johnson settlement

DES MOINES—Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird, with a coalition of 42 other attorneys general, today announced a \$700 million nationwide settlement with Johnson & Johnson (“J&J”). The settlement resolves allegations of deceptive

marketing practices related to J&J’s talc-based baby powder and body powder products.

J&J has sold these products for more than a century. While this lawsuit targeted the deceptive marketing of these products, numerous other

lawsuits raised allegations that talc causes serious health issues including mesothelioma and ovarian cancer. Following investigations launched by the states, J&J has agreed to perma-

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

LARITA M. HESSE

LaRita M. Hesse, 89, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:36 AM at the Kensington.

She was born on April 22, 1935 in Ft. Madison to Harold and Loretta Luegering LeHew. LaRita married William Harland Bolton, Sr. and they later divorced. She then married Bernard B. Hesse IV on November 24, 1982 in Ft. Madison and he passed away on April 12, 2023. In her early years LaRita worked at AT & T, Auge's Flower Shop which she and her husband Bill owned, Dodd Printing, the Colony Shop and the Greenhouse and Flower cottage for several years. LaRita enjoyed doing puzzles, working with flowers, sewing, her blingy jewelry and shoes and giraffes. She always had a cup of coffee in her hand and everyone knew it was hers with her lipstick ring on it. LaRita was very involved with Beautification of Old Settlers Park, the Christmas Tour of Homes, the Parade of Lights and the Soroptimist Club for several years. Most of all, LaRita loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Trina Montanez of Tucson, AZ; Franchelle Cox of Ft. Madison, IA and Cozette (Pat) Drapeau of Phoenix, AZ; two sons, Bill (Kristine Barras) Bolton of Katy, TX and Craig (Michelle) Bolton of Tempe, AZ; seven grandchildren and one great grandson; one step daughter, D.J. (Les) Weisbrod of Dallas, TX; one step son, Bernard (Melanie) Hesse V of Rowlett, TX; two brothers, Mike LeHew of Phoenix, AZ and Phil LeHew of Sun City, AZ; one sister, Maribeth Myers of Phoenix, AZ; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother Don LeHew and her husband Bernie.

The family will meet with friends from 4-6 PM on Monday, June 17, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 10 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Poland officiating. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Old Settler's Park Association and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



HESSE

OBITUARIES

KYLE J. RANDOLPH

Kyle John Randolph, 31, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2024, at his home in Nauvoo.

He was born on July 15, 1992, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Kipp and Kathy (Clift) Randolph.

He is survived by his parents: Kipp and Kathy; brother: Kevin (Ashley) Randolph of Warsaw, Illinois; nieces: Vayda and Kenley Nichols of Warsaw, Illinois; grandmother: Rosalie Clift of Kahoka, Missouri; aunts and uncles: Gary (Cathy) Randolph of Canton, Missouri, Deana (Mirko Beusan) Owen of Georgetown, Indiana; Chad Owen of New London, Missouri; Sherry Koonce of St. Genevieve, Missouri; Debbie (Kirt) Malone of Palmyra, Missouri; Cindy (Jacob) Kumm of Palmyra, Missouri. Also surviving are several cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Richard and Linda Randolph and maternal grandfather: Don Clift.

Kyle was a 2010 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He worked at Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy on the service team. Kyle was of the Christian faith and in his youth attended Victory Faith Community Church. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson, mixed martial arts, attending St. Louis Cardinals games and drawing. Kyle looked forward to weekend trips with his brother and spending time with his family and friends.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, June 14, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Anna Sadler officiating.

Burial will be at Frazee Cemetery, Alexandria, Missouri.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

Snake Alley film fest in July

BURLINGTON - The 12th annual Snake Alley Festival of Film (SNAFF) will take place at the Capitol Performing Arts Center in downtown Burlington from July 11 - 14.

Showcasing over 100 short films, SNAFF draws filmmakers and screenwriters worldwide. This year's film submissions spanned from nearby contributors to those

as far as Hong Kong.

Over the course of four days, attendees will take in a variety of genres including comedy, drama, documentary, sci-fi/fantasy, music videos, and animation. Additionally, the event features screenplay table reads, offering a unique opportunity for filmmakers to see their scripts come to life for the first time.

"Some people come to SNAFF to enjoy the films, some are new to filmmaking, and others are established in the industry," Good shares. "The whole event is a fun opportunity for people to network, exchange ideas,

and build friendships."

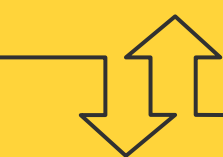
This year, the festival will feature filmmaker Justin Behm, who will lead "The Art of Documentary Filmmaking," a presentation designed to offer tips, tricks and stories about his adventures in documentary filmmaking.

Tickets for the Snake Alley Festival of Film are available for purchase at snakealleyfestivaloffilm.com and at the Capitol Performing Arts Center box office. Prices are \$7 per block, \$15 for a day pass, and \$50 for a festival pass, granting access to all the films, table reads, and events throughout the festival.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DAVID GUZMAN

David Guzman, 77, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. He was born on October 6, 1946 in Ft. Madison to Jesse and Eleanor Ruis Guzman. David was a 1964 graduate of Ft. Madison High School. He enlisted in the US Marine Corp in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War and was medically discharged in 1967. David received the National Defense Medal, Vietnamese Defense Medal and a Purple Heart. David met his soulmate, Barbara Campbell at the Ft. Madison Junior High School and they later married on July 11, 1980 in Ft. Madison. David retired from Chevron Chemical and the University of Iowa as maintenance supervisor. He then was the bartender at the family owned El Zarape Supper Club. David was a Boy Scout Scoutmaster and the little league coach of his son's baseball team, the FM S & L White Sox. He spent many years at the ballpark, coaching and watching his boys play.



GUZMAN

Survivors include his loving wife, Barbara Guzman of Ft. Madison; four sons, David Guzman, Jr. of Burlington, Todd (Tracee) Guzman of Ft. Madison, Cory Guzman of Rye, CO and Edward Guzman of Muscatine; his grandchildren, Kory (Matt) Kensett, David (Marissa) Guzman III, Nicholas (Rachel) Guzman, Haley (Levi) McCurdy, Nolan Guzman, Isiah Guzman, Elias Guzman and Christopher Guzman; his great grandchildren, Skarlett, Parker & Korra Kensett, Naomi Guzman and David Guzman IV on the way; two brothers, Thomas Guzman of Celina, TX and Mark (Patty Finch) Guzman of Carthage, IL; his "daughters" Jeanette Guzman and Teresa (JB) Young; two sisters in law, Bonnie Bowen and Diana (Larry) Peck.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson and two brothers in law. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no services at this time. A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be

OBITUARIES

JOHN PENNOCK

John Pennock, 73, of Revere, Mo., passed away at 9:50 p m on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the Great River Medical Clinic in West Burlington, Iowa. John was born in Wellington, Kansas, on August 25, 1950, to John T. and Bonnie B. (Shepherd) Pennock. John and his parents moved frequently over the years, causing him to attend numerous schools and eventually settling at Central Lee High School. There, he thrived in track and field, holding a school record for several years. However, his sports career was abruptly cut short during his senior year due to a football injury that hospitalized him for several months. After high school he began his working career at The Daily Gate City as an Apprentice Printer followed by a variety of other jobs, ending his employment career at Sutton Motors in Macon, Missouri. John married Rebecca Anderson, with whom he had three children. Although they later divorced, John found lasting companionship with Deb Harrison, who remained devoted to him for 40 years, standing by him through all of life's moments. In his younger years, John enjoyed fishing with a cold drink in hand, but as he grew older, he became an avid reader who cherished his solitude. He is survived by his devoted companion Debra Harrison, 1 son: Josh Pennock of Burlington, IA., 2 daughters: Heather (Tracy) Madsen of Donnellson, IA., Chelsea (Josh) Stevens of Burlington, IA., 2 brothers: Chris Jarvis of Iowa City, IA., Mike (Lori) Jarvis of Franklin, IA., 6 grandchildren: Ethan, Jayden, Gavin, Henry, Nicholas, Harrison and other relatives and friends. John was preceded in death by his parents, his stepdad: James Jarvis, 3 brothers: Jeff, Chuck and Scott Jarvis. Memorials in memory of John Pennock are suggested to the Clark County Fair Horse Racing or to Athens Park. There will be no visitation or service. Condolences may be left for the family at www.wilsontriplett.com.



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Local News

Read, Renew Repeat at the Fort Madison Public Library this summer

BY SARA CLENDINENG
FM Library Director

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Public Library Summer Reading Program kicks off on May 28. This year's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat" and we have so many fun activities planned. First, we have incentives to keep everyone reading this summer with prizes for all ages. There are three prize levels for people up to 18 years old, prizes include a croc bracelet and croc charms and squishies with board books and bath toys for those under five. Children will also get a pass to the end of summer pool party as part of the first prize. If you make it to the third prize and want to keep reading, we have a contest to see who can read the most minutes this summer with a prize for the winner. This year's prize is an outdoor fun basket including binoculars, a rock painting kit, sidewalk chalk and an outdoor scavenger hunt game.

Adults and teens 14 and older can log their reading for chances to win one of three prize baskets. Log your reading on Beanstack or pick up a paper bookmark log. Once you have read 5 hours, you can get one entry into the drawing for one of three prize

baskets. Complete up to 10 entries before August 1. The "Read" basket includes a reading journal, diamond painting bookmarks a bedside book caddy and a gift certificate from Bent Oak Books. The "Renew" basket includes diamond painting coasters, a Burt's Bees pamper yourself gift set and a tea of the month set. The "Repeat" basket includes a journal, the book "Atomic Habits" by James Clear, a cube timer and a tea of the month set.

For kids 12 and younger we have many in-person programs. Story Hour for toddlers and pre-school age kids will continue through July 17. On Mondays, we have a craft planned and will be making things like paper Squishies, owls in a nest and a mosaic Suncatcher. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, we will alternate Minecraft and special programs including Tie-Dye, a foam party, the Iowa State Insect Zoo, a dinosaur show and ice cream.

Teens (14-19) and adults are welcome to participate in long-term crafts during Thursday Craft-ernon. We also have some additional activities planned for teens and adults. June 11 will be a Crea-TEA-Vity night at Swed Coffee altering vintage postcards. June 25 will be Snipped, a Chopped style craft challenge, where teams of 2-4 will create

something from a box of mystery supplies. The art works will be displayed in the library to be voted on by the public and the winner will receive 4 tickets to the Fox Theater. On July 16, we will have fun with papermaking. Please pre-register for the adult events as space is limited and we want to know how many to plan for.

A full schedule of activities can be picked up at the library or found at www.FortMadisonLibrary.org.

Beanstack Challenges

Everyone who wants to participate in summer reading will be signed up with Beanstack when they register for the summer reading program, or families can register themselves online at fortmadison.beanstack.org.

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library - Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Once Upon a Wednesday - Food Craft from 1:15-2:00 on May 22.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, June 6, we will be discussing "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. July's book will be "Light Beyond the Trenches" by Alan Hlad.

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Sports



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From left to right are: Anthony Barnes, Ryan Culbertson, Dave Vandenburg, David Son, while bottom center is Dan Goeke.

Barnes takes LCAA bass title with 79.25 inches of fish

WAPELLO - Early bite on Lake Darling found Anthony Barnes of Fort Madison atop the leader board. Barnes finished the day with 79.25 inches to seal the deal for first place, including the second big bass of the day. The bite was an early one that lasted till around 9:30 am when 30 mph winds arrived and made it tough to fish in the white caps. Second place was Ryan Culbertson, West Point, IA at 78.625 inches. Ryan said to have had his limit of culled fish by 6:30am and spent the rest of the day looking to upgrade his fish. Third place boater Dave Vandenburg, Donnellson, IA netted 78.375 and fourth place was taken by David Sun of at 78.25 inches.

Nonboater anglers Nathine Klece, Chad Saltzgaver and Dan Goecke had a three way tie for that division's first place at 76.375 in. Goecke was also awarded Big Bass of the tournament (18.5 inches).

The LCAA is an open club for aspiring anglers and has been an active regional and local community catch and release club, utilizing a 'bump and dump' format process for over 38 years. Prospective anglers, whether for competition or educational reasons, men or women and in some cases teenagers 15 up are welcome. No boat is needed! We are always looking for non boaters, as it is part of our verification process for each boat to have a partner.

Want to know more about the LCAA, see us on face book or contact Jim Noll at jimnoll@mchsi.com.

No. 14 Falcons handle Crusaders in three innings

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC Sports

WEST POINT — Loren Menke is still seeing the ups and downs that come with a young softball team.

Tuesday's 12-0 3-inning loss to No. 14 (Class 3A) West Burlington-Notre Dame was one of those downs that Menke would like to limit.

The Crusaders (3-4 overall, 2-2 SEI Superconference South Division) were coming off a 4-0 win over Lone Tree on Monday, and while the Falcons (12-2, 5-0) were a step up in competition, Menke would have liked to have seen his team build on what was accomplished the night before.

"I mean, we didn't play very well at all," Menke said. "Between these guys and Central Lee, they're the top of the (division). It was kind of a good measuring stick, because I told the girls we've been playing really well defensively, and tonight, we didn't play well defensively. West Burlington hits the ball hard, and they make you make plays."

The Falcons scored five runs in the top of the first inning, two coming on an error and one on a wild pitch. Holy Trinity pitcher Sydney Jarvis pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the second inning, then WB-ND put the game away with seven runs in the top of the third, with an eighth run getting erased when Lyndsey Kelley was called out for leaving third base too early on what looked like a sacrifice fly by Lacey Felkins.

WB-ND pitcher Maddy Thomas threw a no-hitter, although the Crusaders did have a scoring chance off her in the second inning. Morgan Krogmeier walked with one out and advanced to third base on two wild pitches. Krogmeier tried to score on Ellie Hellman's fly ball to center field, but she was thrown out at the plate by center fielder Anna Engberg to end the inning.

Holy Trinity got a runner in scoring position in the third inning, when Izzy Behne walked to open the inning and advanced to second on Kat DiPrima's ground out to third. But Thomas got the next two hitters to end the game on the 12-run rule.

The Falcons had 12 hits.

"We hit the ball better tonight," WB-ND coach David Oleson said. "We made a few changes with the lineup that's been pretty much the same the last couple of weeks. Those changes seemed to work, and that's good."

It was just another step in the season for the young Crusaders.

"I'm not down on the girls at all," Menke said. "It wasn't a great game. But right now, we're a young team, and we're going to have games like this. Last night we had a really good game — we played about as good of a game as we've had all season. Tonight we didn't. So we just have to keep going, get better, and see where we can go."

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The City of Fort Madison will have a vacancy on the City Council as of June 30th, 2024, due to the resignation of Donna Amandus, Third Ward Council Member. The City Council pursuant

to §372.13 of the Iowa Code, intends to fill this vacancy by appointment until the next regular City election held in November 2025, unless there is an intervening special election.

All persons interested in serving as the Third Ward Council Member are requested to submit a letter of interest, application and brief bio to the

City Clerk at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, or cityclerk@fortmadison-ia.com no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, June 21, 2024.

The position will be filled by appointment at a meeting on July 2, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa. The appointment will become

effective immediately following this meeting. If electors wish to require a special election, a valid petition requesting a special election must be filed with the City Clerk within fourteen days after publication of this notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made.

Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
LEE COUNTY BOARD
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APRIL 15, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda with one addition-the County Attorney would like permission to replace the Victim Witness Coordinator position. The amended agenda carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing for a proposed establishment of an Area Service Level "C" Road. There were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments from those in attendance. At 10:02 a.m. Schulz made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Holmes. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2024-80. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye and Schulz-aye. Seyb abstained from voting because the property borders his property.

**Lee County Resolution
No. 2024-80**

RESOLUTION FOR REDUCED LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE TO AREA SERVICE "C" ROAD

WHEREAS, Lee County desires to classify certain roads on the area service system in the County to provide for a minimal level of maintenance and access by means of a gate or barrier; and

WHEREAS, Lee County, after consultation with the County Engineer, has the authority to specify certain roads within the County as Area Service "C" roads pursuant

to Iowa Code Section 309.57; and

WHEREAS, the only persons who will have access rights to the roads shall be:

(1) the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land,

(2) The agent or employee of the owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of any adjoining land,

(3) any peace officer,

(4) any magistrate,

(5) any public employee whose duty it is to supervise the use or perform maintenance of the road,

(6) any agent or employee of any utility located upon the road.

WHEREAS, the minimal level of maintenance will be as follows:

1. Blading. Blading or dragging will not be performed on a regular basis.

2. Snow and Ice Removal. Snow and ice will not be removed, nor will the road surface be sand- ed or salted on a regular basis.

3. Signing. Except for load limit posting for bridges, signing shall not be continued or provided. ALL AREA SERVICE LEVEL C

ROADS SHALL BE IDENTIFIED WITH A SIGN AT ALL POINTS OF ACCESS TO WARN THE PUBLIC OF THE LOWER LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE.

4. Weeds, Brush and Trees. Mowing or spraying weeds, cutting brush and tree removal will not be performed on a regular basis. Adequate sight distances will not be maintained.

5. Structures. Bridges and culverts may not be maintained to carry legal loads. Upon failure or loss, the replacement structure will be appropriate for the traffic thereon.

6. Road Surfacing. There will be no surfacing materials applied to Area Service System C Roads on a regular basis.

7. Shoulders. Shoulders will not be maintained on a regular basis.

8. Crown. A crown will not be maintained on a regular basis.

9. Repairs. There will be no road repair on a regular basis.

10. Uniform Width. Uniform width for the traveled portion of the road will not be maintained.

11. Inspections. Regular inspections will not be conducted.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

12. Gate. The gate shall be purchased and installed by the County and maintained by the adjoining landowners. If not so maintained, the County may remove the gate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY that this County does hereby establish the road described as an Area Service "C" road, with restricted access and a minimal level of maintenance.

A portion of 350th Street being more particularly described as commencing at a point 1980 feet East from the centerline of Argyle Road (W62) and continuing east approximately 660 feet to the end of the road, all located on the section line between Sections 6 and 7, T65N, R5W of the 5th

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Application packets must be returned to the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 240, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627 or emailed to cityclerk@fortmadison-ia.com no later than 4:30 p.m. on 06.14.2024.



P.M., Jackson Township, Lee County, Iowa.

Resolution adopted this 15th day of April, 2024.

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

Seyb read a proclamation declaring the week of April 14 – 20 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

At 10:10 a.m. Seyb opened a Public Hearing to approve the FY25 County Budget. There were no comments received prior to the hearing. The Board members held a short discussion. At 10:15 a.m. Holmes made a motion, seconded by Fedler, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2024-81. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz—aye and Seyb-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2024 – 81

Resolution - Adoption of Budget & Certification of

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Taxes FY2025

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing has been completed concerning the Proposed Lee County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, 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 & Certification of Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 as presented is hereby adopted.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 15th day of April 2024.

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

Public Input: Fort Madison Public Works Director Mark Bousselet said the Port Trails benefit the County as well as the City.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to hire Fitch & Associates Consulting Services to perform a review of the EMS Department. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye. Motion carried.

Conservation Director Heather Huebner told the Board that the Conservation Board voted to split the seasonal Beach position into two part-time positions so that 1 person does not have to give up every weekend and it makes it easier if they need to take time off. The hours will be the same as if one person was covering the position.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve a change to the Personnel Policy Grid stating that if a current employee transfers, they will start at the step corresponding with their date of hire. Motion carried.

County Attorney Ross Braden told the Board that the Victim Witness Coordinator decided to stay so replacement is not necessary.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to appoint the ISAC Group for employees' health insurance, with no option of a PPO. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-nay, Pflug-nay and Seyb-nay. Motion failed. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to

appoint Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan for employees' health insurance. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye, Schulz-nay and Seyb-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the April 8, 2024 Board minutes and the claims for payment. Motion carried with Fedler abstaining from approval of the Board minutes.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve a transfer for Brent Fraise, from Mechanic Class III \$27.55/hr. to Maintenance Class II \$28.65/hr., effective April 2, 2024. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2024, the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the months of February and March and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2024.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a meeting he had with County Engineer Ben Hull regarding the Port Trail on 302nd Avenue. Fedler reported on a RUSS matter. Seyb reported on a Keokuk Economic Development Board meeting.

At 12:15 p.m., Schulz made a motion to go into a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(c) To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the County in that litigation. Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Present in the closed session were the Board of Supervisor members, County Attorney Ross Braden, County Engineer Ben Hull, Assistant to the County Engineer Sean Malcolm and County Auditor Denise Fraise. At 12:55 p.m. a motion was made by Holmes and seconded by Fedler to end the closed session. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Schulz, to direct the County Attorney to serve a notice of Intent and Demand pursuant to items H, I and J of the 28E Mutual Aid agreement filed 8-13-20; filing number: M512908, with the City of Ft. Madison for the purpose of notifying them of our intent to exercise our rights under the 28E agreement and bring the response back to the Supervisors for consid-

eration of exercising its contractual rights under the 28E by filing a petition in District Court. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

Claims paid April 15, 2024

Ace Hardware, splys	509.62
Airgas USA, splys	282.53
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	11893.14
Anderson Mssge, svcs	1925.00
E Andries, exps.....	17.00
J Baier, svcs	59.98
Ball Volvo, splys....	247.08
S Barker, exps	23.00
Barr Mem Chapel, svcs	994.55
A Bauer, exps	13.00
Benco Dntl, splys..	710.99
Blessing Hlth, svcs ...	45.00
J Booth, exps.....	46.00
Bound Tree Med, splys	307.39
Brightree Home, svcs	3621.82
A Cook, exps	101.00
M Cook, exps.....	347.50
CJ Cooper, svcs	50.00
D Coovert, svcs	259.05
Cullen Pest Cntrl, svcs	140.00
Culligan, water.....	65.45
D.I.A.L., prmt	300.00
Democrat Co, publ	315.00
Darkside Tint, splys	200.00
L DeFord, exps	135.50
Dept of Insp, prmtrs	40.00
LDettmers, exps	63.00
Dodd Prtg, splys ...	352.00
Donnellson Tire, svcs	62.00
Downeys Fire, equip	71.51
Dunkin Garage, svcs	105.00
ES&S, svcs.....	2798.22
Emmons/Oliver, svcs	1850.00
EMSLRC, edu.....	8.50
Enderle Htg, svcs ...	400.91
Everyday Heroes, svcs	1625.00
B Fader, exps	316.50
FM Water, svcs.....	158.47
City of FM, svcs....	4385.00
B Gaylord, exps	40.00
Geotechnics, svcs ..	228.00
N Granaman, svcs	1452.62
GRRWA, svcs.....	13955.00
J Hall, exps	257.50
Hartricks Lumber, parts	32.86
A Hayes, exps.....	177.00
Heritage Equip, splys	9.00
hibu Inc, publ	153.00
J Hudson, exps.....	79.00

IA Assoc/Edu, eq	1200.00
Imperial Privacy, svcs	2215.00
IA Law Enfnt Acdm, ed	150.00
ISACA, reg.....	500.00
ISCTA, edu	150.00
Jays Auto, svcs.....	513.89
S Jeffries, exps.....	253.50
Jet Gas, fuel	8443.43
J Johnson, exps.....	34.00
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Kimball Midwest, svcs	123.53
King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs	1200.00
B KramerRiesberg, exps	55.50
Lee Co Libry Assc, contr	27862.50
Lee Co Treas, fees	269951.41
Lee Co Trea, costs	18688.25
McFarlands, splys...	23.08
D Mehl, exps.....	288.99
MARC, svcs.....	387.98
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	777.76
MW Grp Bnfts, costs	960.40
F Millard, svcs	1520.00
O Miller, exps.....	390.50
MMIC Ins, ins.....	2119.00
Montrose Hlth Ctr, svcs	11998.83
D Morgan, svcs	20.00
L Mullins, exps.....	313.50
NAPA Auto, parts	3759.35
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R Swainey, exps ...	140.50
M Terhune, exps ...	459.50
S Thompson, exps	165.00
Patricia Tripp, exps	246.00
US Cell, svcs.....	2043.22
C VanBerkum, exps	22.00
Vertical Comm, svcs	642.83
L Wallingford, svcs	284.00
West Pt Utility, svcs	161.01

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From the Front

City officials looking to feedback from residents

OPEN HOUSE - Continued from Page 1

costs of construction.

Herron said when he started in 1997, the fire department was doing 300 runs a year, and now they are at 1,800 or so per year.

The new fire station is being planned for space where the current public works buildings are in the 2000 block of Avenue L. The building is designed at approximately 26,000 square foot with living spaces, training spaces, public entry space with restrooms, a workout area, 12 bays, a hose drying tower, bunker gear, cleaning and drying spaces, a mezzanine for additional storage space, and critical decontamination stations.

Herron said the city is a couple years out on construction, but the bond will help them move forward.

Fort Madison City Manager Laura Leigois said the open houses are important to get information out for people to come and see what the current fire station situation is.

“They can see and understand the need for a new fire station,” she said. “We have equipment in other places beyond the station so we need to upgrade.”

The impact of a \$12 million bond in the current levy environment would impact a property owner with a \$100,000 home about \$9.57 per month or about \$115 a year. A \$200,000 home would be impacted about \$243 annually.

The current rollback by the state on assessed valuations is 46.3%.

“I think it’s good to get feedback from the community with this open house. I would like people to come back, especially if they’ve never been here, and give us feedback. They should talk to our staff and get to know them,” she said.

She said the estimated cost of \$12 million is one thing, but the city has in the past seen bids come in way over what was designed and estimated.

“You plan ahead and then you get all the money in line and then the bids come in high and you’re in trouble,” she said.

She said Fort Madison’s relationship with state elected officials is strong and Mayor Matt Mohrfeld has done a lot to make them stronger.

“If you have a good preliminary design and feedback you can go get the money,” she said. “That’s my whole thing. I need preliminary design funds to get going.”

Other open houses will be on Aug. 24 from noon to 4 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

There is also a Coffee with a Firefighters at Swed & Co on Oct. 26th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Firefighter John Lange talks with some visitors on the front side of the firehouse early Wednesday during an open house. The department held the open house to show residents the condition of the current facility.

Iowa to get \$9.5M from J&J

SETTLEMENT - Continued from Page 1

nently stop the creation and sale of these talc-based products within the U.S.

“It is important that Iowans know the truth about the products they are using, especially when it concerns the health of their babies,” said Attorney General Bird. “This settlement holds Johnson & Johnson accountable for deceptive marketing and keeps dangerous, talc-based baby powder products off the shelves.”

The settlement requires J&J to stop the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution and sale of all baby and body powder products that contain talc. That includes Johnson’s Baby Powder and Johnson & Johnson’s Shower to Shower.

Iowa will receive \$9,455,006.54 from the settlement.

Iowa joined the Texas, Florida, and North Carolina-led settlement. They were joined by Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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- Move more** – commit to 30 minutes of physical activity every day.
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