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## Lady Hawks one win from state



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Members of the Central Lee Lady Hawks softball team celebrate Saturday's 5-4 comeback win over No. 12 Washington in the Class 3A Region 8 semifinals in Washington. The Hawks are now one win from the state tournament and will travel to St. Vincent Athletic Complex to take on Davenport Assumption Tuesday night.

### 7TH INNING RALLY: Four straight hits kick off four-run seventh inning

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WASHINGTON – The education of softball came into sharp focus as the Central Lee girls staged a wild comeback to advance in Class 3A Region 8 softball action Saturday at No. 12 Washington.

A critical Demon base running error in the bottom of the seventh helped the Lady Hawks to a 5-4 dramatic come-from-behind win and moved them into Tuesday's regional final at St.

Vincent Athletic Complex against Davenport Assumption at 7 p.m.

Central Lee had just completed a four-run rally in the top of the 7th that ended abruptly with a double play for a 5-4 lead, when Washington went to work in the bottom of frame.

Freshman Elaina Barlow, on in relief of starter Jayln Hawk, hit Washington's Emery Walton to start the bottom half. Colbie Greiner then laid down a sacrifice bunt to move the Demon

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### IOWA NEWS

## Iowa DOC to partner on homes in ravaged flood areas

DES MOINES – As part of a rapid response effort to provide much-needed housing to disaster impacted Iowans, Governor Reynolds has directed the Iowa Department of Corrections, in collaboration with Iowa Prison Industries and Homes for Iowa, to construct

five new homes for Iowa communities located in counties approved for FEMA Individual Assistance through a federal major disaster declaration.

The five new homes will offer spacious and modern living spaces for families in need. Each home measures

24x50 feet and includes three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The homes vary slightly in layout and color, providing a range of options to suit different preferences. In addition, requiring basements

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### COMMENTARY



## Our history of violence is not unAmerican

I had this week's commentary written and submitted early Saturday afternoon but clearly things have changed. I wanted to write about my daughter's belief that capitalism is getting a reality check. She's so smart. But so much for that.

Sometimes it's a little odd for hyper local news outlets to talk about things on a national scale. It's not our role to report on those issues, but when something like an attempted assassination of a president takes place, it's a bit disingenuous to ignore it completely.

With so many questions surrounding Saturday evening's shooting in Butler, Pennsylvania that clipped the ear of former president Donald Trump while he was giving a speech at a rally, it's hard to discuss it locally.

However, as I followed the story over the Internet a theme developed that got me a little inspired to rewrite this week's *Beside the Point*.

I listened to Fox News, CNN, News Nation, MSNBC moving around trying to get a full range of coverage and as up-to-date information as I could get. In that effort I kept hearing this:

"This is not who we are."

"This is not America."

That's garbage.

This is clearly who we are.

Lincoln at a theater; Garfield in a train station; McKinley at point-blank range in a receiving line; Teddy Roosevelt just missed being shot in Miami; Truman was not yet in the White House when two gunmen broke into Blair House and killed a White House policeman wounding two others; John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy,

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### WEATHER

MON 15 Jul.....Hot & sunny, 96° F/72° F  
TUE 16 Jul.....Chance of thunderstorms, 84° F/64° F  
WED 17 Jul.....Mostly sunny, 80° F/60° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 07/13.....40 57 59 64 65, Powerball: 15  
LOTTO AMERICA 07/13.....4 11 15 18 19, Star Ball: 1 All Star Bonus: 3  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### JOANNE C. CRAMBERG

Joanne Claudine (Bell) Cramberg, 93, of Dallas City, IL passed in her home on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. She was born on September 19, 1930, to Claude and Erma Bell in Powellton, IL. Joanne attended school in Colusa, IL and was a 1948 graduate of Colusa High School. Following her graduation, she started her 50 year career at Sheaffer Pen Company in Ft. Madison IA.



CRAMBERG

When Joanne was 18, she met her lifelong love Charles "Gene" Cramberg. He proposed to her via a letter he sent while stationed in Camp Lejeune during his years of service with the Navy. They were wed on July 10, 1949, and remained married until his passing on June 30, 2014. They shared 64 wonderful years together, had 3 amazing children (Kenneth, Kathy, and Kevin), 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, lots of dachshunds, and many adventures all over the USA. Joanne was generous, loyal, brave, and was fiercely patriotic. She was strong willed, stubborn, and had a wonderful sense of humor. She had many hobbies including knitting/crocheting, puzzles, antiques, golfing, watching sports, bird watching, and playing euchre with family and friends. In 2013 she was named "the bag lady" after crocheting used plastic newspaper bags into rugs. Joanne was inducted into the Burlington WBA bowling hall of fame in 2011 and holds a national champion title in women's archery. Joanne had much to be proud of in her 93 years, but she was most proud of her family and LOVED watching her children and grandchildren play sports; especially, basketball.

Joanne was preceded in death by her husband, Gene; parents, Claude and Erma Bell; two brothers: Max and Carl Bell, and one sister: Mary (Bill) Thompson. Joanne is survived by her three children: Kenneth (A.J.) Cramberg of Carman IL, Kathy Pindell, and Kevin Cramberg, both of Dallas City, IL; 5 grandchildren: Tish (Jerry) Peterson of Gilbert, AZ, Jason (Steffany) Pindell of Dallas City, IL, Amie (Scott) Rosson of Nauvoo, IL, Randi Jo (Mark) Calvin of Morning Sun, IA, and Jessica (Collin) Gehringer of Mediapolis, IA; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren. Two sister In-laws: Jane Bell and Carol Schneider; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Friday, July 12th at 2:30 p.m. at Banks & Beals in Dallas City, IL followed by a graveside service at 3:30 p.m. at Harris Cemetery, Dallas City. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Fellowship Hall at Grace Bible Church in Dallas City following the graveside service.

Please dress in your casual patriotic attire in remembrance of Joanne. A memorial fund has been established for Harris Cemetery. Online condolences can be left at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

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### PATTY J. CLARK

Patty Jo Clark, 73, of Dallas City, Illinois went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 1, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born on September 4, 1950, the daughter of Alvin and Regina (Luehlfing) McKoon. On April 7, 1990 she married Nicky Clark Sr.



CLARK

Patty had worked at GE in Burlington, Iowa. She enjoyed cooking, quilting, bird watching and her cat, "Punkin". She looked forward to her monthly bunco nights with her sister and her friends.

She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandkids and great-grandkids. They were the light of her life. Nick was the love of her life. She loved going for car rides with her sweetheart in her red '65 Mustang.

Patty is survived by her husband Nick, two daughters, Chris (Scott) Erickson and Kim (Roger) Smith; two bonus kids, Lisa (Matt) Tate and Nicky Clark Jr. (Shar Rael); her grandchildren, Asia (Ryan) Millizer, Mariah Orton, Brandon and Gabbie Erickson, Logan Tate, Kameron and Chase Clark and three great-grandchildren, Silas, Charlotte and Everleigh.

She is also survived by her sister, Gloria (Rick) Ruiz, her brother, Tom (Diane) McKoon and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. There will be a graveside service at a later date. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Patty's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### TAMMY E. RUSSELL

Tammy Elaine Russell, 56, of Keokuk passed away on Friday, June 28, 2024, at her home.

Tammy was born to Tom and Sharon (Hansard) Clawson on May 20th, 1968, in Dayton, Ohio. She previously worked at Hardee's and Lexington Square. She was united in marriage to Harold Russell on July 9, 2014. Tammy was a kind and loving person. Anywhere around the water was her happy place and she enjoyed taking pictures and working in the yard. Above all else, she loved her family dearly, especially her grandchildren.



RUSSELL

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Crystal Hansard. Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Harold Russell of Keokuk, six children, Heather (Corey) Howes, Shawn Hansard, Elizabeth Mortimer, Jason McKinley, Kurtis (Daryus) Russell all of Keokuk, and Kristin (Mike) McKnight of West Point, IA; three siblings: Tommy Clawson and Jesse Clawson both of Ottumwa, and Diana (Jeff) Springer of Hampton, IA; nine grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family will meet friends for a carry-in dinner 3-6 PM Saturday July 6th at the Oddfellows Lodge at 1720 Blondeau.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Harold Russell.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com).

Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



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### VIRGINIA L. ANDERTON

Virginia L. Anderton, 75, Richland, WA, formerly of Keokuk, died July 3, 2024 at her home.



ANDERTON

She was born on October 31, 1948 to Dorothy Irene Malloy and Benjamin Carl Hatfield in Keokuk, IA.

She married John Walter, Jr. They later divorced. She married Vernon Anderton. They later divorced.

She worked many jobs during her working years; her favorite being a certified nurse's aide and caregiver.

She was an exceptional seamstress her entire life. She made clothing, doll clothes, dolls, care bears, and quilts. You name it she could sew it. Most recently she made COVID masks and turned the unused masks into what she called a "COVID quilt". She also worked on the Project Linus Blankets providing blankets for children in need.

Virginia is survived her three children: daughter, Karen (Tim) Bugg; son, Terren Kissler; daughter, Josey Anderton (Frank Upson); one granddaughter, Cassidy Bugg; honorary grandchildren Arie, Ryan and Justin; four brothers: Charles Hatfield, Rusty Hatfield, Clayton Hatfield, and Richard Hornung.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Walter; sister, Rhema Egley; both parents, and her beloved stepfather, Edward Dean Trone.

No services will be held per Virginia's wishes.

### RICHARD R. BELL

Richard Ray Bell, Sr., 80, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at his home in Keokuk.

Richard was born on April 9, 1944, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of LeRoy and Geneva (South) Bell. On March 9, 1972, he was united in marriage to Sharon Frye in Quincy, Illinois. She preceded him in death on February 20, 2021.



BELL

Richard was employed at Sheller-Globe and later Union Electric, where he retired. He was a member of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church and attended God's Way Christian Center in Keokuk. He enjoyed spending his free time golfing and

watching the food channel. His favorite activity was going to his grandchildren's sporting events and cheering on the Keokuk Chiefs. Richard proudly served his county in the United States Army.



Richard is survived by four daughters: Kimberly (Spencer) Jones of Keokuk, Andrea Tinder of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Julie Tinder of Wichita, Kansas, and Heather (Mike) Davis of Keokuk; fourteen grandchildren: Kimber, Larry, Justin, Shannon, Rick, Logan, Braedon, Kaedyn, Ryan, Andre, Derrick, Michaela, Michenna, and Michael "MJ" Jr.; sixteen great-grandchildren and one on the way; and extended family.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sharon Bell, his son Richard "Ricky" Bell, and his sister JoAnn Brinkley.

Funeral services will be held at 12 pm (Noon) on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, 917 Blondeau Street. Burial with military honors will be held at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday from 10 to 12 pm (Noon) directly before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in care of Heather Davis.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com).

Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### ANDREW P. BOYLAN

Andrew Philip Boylan, 30, formerly of Nauvoo, Illinois and Fort Madison, Iowa, passed from this world on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at his home in Danville, Illinois.



BOYLAN

He was born on November 20, 1993, the son of Philip and Margaret (Allen) Boylan.

Andrew graduated in Fort Madison. He later joined the United States Marines, completing basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, then he served for two years in North Carolina.

Andrew worked several jobs in his short life, with his favorite being a deckhand on a Mississippi River tow boat. He had a huge heart, a friendly smile, and he easily made friends wherever he went.



He is survived by his mother: Margaret (Bill) Schneider of Nauvoo, Illinois; father: Philip Boylan of Fort Madison, Iowa; grandmother: Rita Allen; brothers: Lucas (Cortney) Boylan and David Richards; sisters: Michelle (Eric) Grimes and Mary (Brendon Seigfried) Richards; nephews: Cooper, Brody Boylan, Eli, and Elliott Grimes; niece: Zoey Grimes; aunts: Penelope (Robert) Jastrzab and Therese (Tom) Hayes; uncles: Douglas Boylan, Philip Crull, Pat (Annie) Allen, Mike Allen, John (Debbie) Allen, and Charlie (Ruth) Allen. Also surviving are several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Clifford and Francis Boylan, John C. Allen; aunt Debora Crull and uncle William Boylan.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2024, a Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, Illinois.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2024, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo, Illinois with Father Tony Trosley as celebrant.

Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

A memorial has been established in his memory for the Veterans Administration or Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).

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## From the Front

# America is steeped in violence and we need to admit it to recover

### **VIOLENCE** - Continued from Page 1

Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr.; Gerald Ford was shot at, Ronald Reagan was shot, and now Donald Trump.

This is exactly who we are.

School shootings, mass shootings, workplace violence, suicide – we are a violent society and we need to stop telling ourselves we're not.

One of the creeds of alcoholics anonymous is that you can't recover from alcoholism until you admit you're an alcoholic. We, as a country, will

never recover from our violent behavior until we stop saying it's not who we are.

It's fair to say it's not who we want to be as a nation. And that's an admirable statement. But we have light years to go.

These are intelligent people saying violence isn't who we are. They don't have anything else to say. But to repeat the mantra that violence is unAmerican is just a bunch of hooley.

Locally we're violent. Shootings and stabbings

are part of southeast Iowa's very recent history.

Some of my best friends carry guns. Some do it professionally and some do it because judicial interpretations of the second amendment gives them the right.

When I see things like that which transpired Saturday in Pennsylvania, I think of those people who carry weapons professionally in a protect-and-serve mode. I worry about the 'when' and not the 'if'. My Taylor lives in New York City. Do you know many people in that city don't watch the news because

they don't want to know what could be happening on their regular commute to work or in their neighborhoods.?! Again just prayers of keeping her safe and away from the violence of Americans is always in my head.

People who have our attention - be it political or media or other "influencers" - need to help us realize that this behavior is defining us, and in total fairness over the past 250 years we've been unable to prove that we aren't a violent society.

This incident doesn't shock me. It doesn't even

phase me. I'm watching this event unfold and right after former President Trump is loaded into the secure vehicle, people are seen flipping off... who? They're just looking back toward cameras and giving everyone the bird. That's America, too.

Less than an hour after the shooting, talking heads were making political hay on both sides. Someone in the Trump camp said liberals "need to be punished" at the ballot box. Democrats were giving deference to the tragedy and then saying this is why we need more

gun control and need to bring the country together.

That's a day late and a dollar short.

I used to carry the mantra, and I taught my daughters this – that people are inherently good. I know I still believe in that. I do. But man it's getting harder and harder as these events continue to unfold. And I'm not just pointing to the nutbar who thought accessing a roof and trying to take out a man running for our nation's highest office as the only evil - although that was incredibly evil.

It's also damaging for Americans to keep saying this isn't America. It is.

Until we admit that we are a violent society, we will remain a violent society and things like this will continue to happen. It's been a quarter of a millenia worth of this crap, and our historians and those chronicling the events of the nation need to stop talking about these deeds being unAmerican and start admitting this is America.

Maybe then we can take steps that allow my friends, my daughter, and myself to go home and sleep in real peace – But that's Beside the Point.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
\*\*MONDAY\*\*  
July 15, 2024  
MEETING CONVENING  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
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**-----AGENDA-----**

Lee County Board of Supervisors  
Jul 15, 2024, 10:00  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Public Input  
Consider Approval of Contract with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for Solar/Wind Regulation Ordinance

Discussion of Raising Rent for Labor Union for Newberry Center Upstairs  
Consider Approval of Municipal Solid Waste Sanitary Landfill Local Government Guarantee Financial Test and CFO Letter

Consider Approval to Replace MW II and MW III for South Secondary Road Maintenance Crew  
Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun-Bums for BR 138 Replacement on Belfast

Road over Monk Creek; Project No: BROS-C056(117)-5F-56  
Consider Approval to Allow 911 Board to Name Private Road as 197th Avenue  
Consent Agenda  
• Monday, July 8, 2024  
Board Minutes  
• Claims for Payment  
• Class C Retail Alcohol License for Boonies Bar & Grill  
Personnel Actions:  
A. New Hire (Replacement) - Sheriff's Office  
B. Step Increases (3) - Health Department  
Reports:  
A. Sheriff's Monthly Report  
Commission or Committee Reports  
Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF THE  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting No. 9  
May 6, 2024**

The Burlington City

Council met in regular session at 5:46 p.m. in the Thomas J. Smith Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Washington Street, with Mayor Billups, Council Members Bailey, Graham-Murray, Scott and Weiss present.

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
PROCLAMATIONS:**  
\* Emergency Medical Services Week - Fire Lt. Kyle Moser  
\* Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day - Megan Brincks  
\* Municipal Clerks Week - Katie Music  
\* Historic Preservation Month - Eric Tysland

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:** Chris Roepke of 2228 Madison Avenue stated concerns regarding vehicles traveling too fast in Dankwardt Park, mini bikes traveling on sidewalks on Madison Avenue, excessively loud vehicles and motorcycles, signage needed at West Avenue Trail crossing behind Fareway due to safety concerns and suggested that City Council closed meetings should be held after regular meetings rather than at the beginning so that the public doesn't have to wait. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**  
To the Public:  
All matters listed under Item I., Consent Agenda, having been discussed were considered to be routine by the City Council and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. If discussion was desired, that item was removed from the

Consent Agenda and was considered separately.  
Introduced By: Bailey  
Seconded By: Weiss  
**MOTION:** To approve all items listed under Item I., Consent Agenda.  
**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Billups reviewed the items listed on the consent agenda to the viewing audience. He announced those individuals appointed to various City commissions and boards.

All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.  
**(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")**

**CARRIED**  
**HEARING:**  
1. Statement: Consideration of Proposals to Enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements

**COMMENTS:** Chad Bird, City Manager, stated that the City is proposing to enter into a loan agreement to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the purpose of paying for costs, constructing street and public infrastructure improvements, installing street lighting, signage and signalization improvements and improving and equipping existing municipal parks. He stated that the loan agreement to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$475,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of undertaking improvements to a municipal fire station, parking lot improvements at the RecPlex and improvements to a downtown public parking lot. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Bailey  
Seconded By: Scott  
Motion to Close CAR-

**RIED**  
Introduced By: Bailey  
Seconded By: Scott  
**Resolution Taking Additional Action on Proposals to Enter into General Obligation Loan Agreements and Combining Loan Agreements**  
**DISCUSSION:** None.  
**(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")**  
**ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTIONS:**  
Introduced By: Weiss  
Seconded By: Scott  
1. Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2023 Madison Avenue and 9th Street Paving Project

**DISCUSSION:** Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager for Public Works, stated that the project includes resurfacing Madison Avenue and 9th Street. He stated that bids were received through the Iowa Department of Transportation on April 16, 2024. He stated that the lowest bidder was Norris Asphalt Paving Co. in the amount of \$1,998,744.04. He stated that asphalt resurfacing of the existing roadway will take place along with the extensive upgrades to the ADA sidewalk ramps throughout the project area. He stated that this project will also establish bike lanes on Madison Avenue. Council Member Scott stated that prior to being on council he was not in favor of this project due to the removal of parking on Madison Avenue. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

**(VOTE: 4 - "AYES" - Weiss, Bailey, Billups & Graham-Murray)**  
**ADOPTED 1 - "NAY" - Scott**  
Introduced By: Graham-Murray  
Seconded

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

By: Scott  
 2. Resolution Awarding Contract for Agency Street Reconstruction Project from Melrose Court to Curran Street  
 DISCUSSION: Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager for Public Works, stated that the project includes reconstructing Agency Street from Melrose Court to Curran Street. He stated that bids were received through the Iowa Department of Transportation on April 16, 2024. He stated that the lowest bidder was Four Seasons Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,685,798.31.  
 He stated that the roadway configuration will be adjusted from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. He stated that street reconstruction sidewalks

will be installed on the north side of the street, all curb ramps at each street crossing will be brought up to ADA compliance and minor storm sewer improvements will be made. Council Member Scott stated that he was not in favor of this project due to the narrowing of lanes but feels that the road does need to be repaired. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.  
 (VOTE: 4 - "AYES" - Weiss, Bailey, Billups & Graham-Murray ADOPTED 1 - "NAY" - Scott)  
 Introduced By: Scott  
 Seconded By: Billups  
 3. Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for Construction Inspection of the Agency Street Reconstruction Project from

Melrose Court to Curran Street  
 DISCUSSION: Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager for Public Works, stated that the city has initiated a project to reconstruct Agency Street from Melrose Court to Curran Street. He stated that the City staff has reviewed Bruner, Cooper and Zuck's Professional Engineering Services proposal and recommend it for approval. He stated that daily construction inspection and testing of materials to comply with federal aid requirements. He stated that normally the City would handle these functions internally but we do not have the staff availability to inspect and documents two federal aid projects in one year without negative repercussions. All present had opportunity to speak

and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.  
 (VOTE: 5- "AYES")  
 ADOPTED

Adjournment: 6:31 p.m.  
 Approved: May 20, 2024  
 Katie Music, CMC  
 Jon D. Billups, City Clerk Mayor

(See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

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## From the Front

# Central Lee girls work some magic in top of seventh

**LADY HAWKS** - Continued from Page 1

sophomore into scoring position with one out. Washington's Riley Libe followed with a hard shot to Shanna Buford at short-stop. Buford momentarily bobbed it moving to her left and couldn't get the out allowing Walton, who had moved to second on a wild pitch to get 60 feet from tying the game, again with just one out.

Washington's Lauren Hinrichsen would work a six-pitch walk to load the bases. Her sister Kendall Hinrichsen would then fly out to right fielder Kamryn Cox. Walton had advanced halfway down the line and had to go back and tag up at third preventing a potential tying run from scoring. Leighton Salazar then popped up the first pitch she saw to shallow right field and a running Jaliann Hawk secured the flyball and the win setting off a celebration along the third-base line.

After working out of the bases loaded jam, Barlow said she just trusted the defense behind her.

"I honestly couldn't have done it without my team behind me. Coming into this game we talked about coming here and winning. It was a very big thing for

us," the freshman hurler said.

"I needed to just throw one pitch at a time. I couldn't give up because the defense behind me wanted it as much as I did. I had a little bit of nervousness on that last hitter with the bases loaded and them being down by one, but I just concentrated on one pitch at a time."

Head Coach Jason Hawk said he was very surprised to see Walton halfway down the line on the fly ball to right.

"She would've scored. They had a base running mistake there. That girl was 100% scoring."

Hawk found himself in the very same situation in the top of the seventh, when Central Lee put together quite possibly the Hawks' most important rally in years.

With Central Lee trailing 4-1 going into the seventh, Barlow popped out to second just getting under a pitch to start the Hawks' rally.

Aubree Bunnell then started a streak of four straight singles with Jaci Hawk, Carlee Pezley and Buford following suit. Buford's rip to center scored Hawk and Bunnell to cut

the lead to one at 4-3.

Kenna Sandoval would get plunked on the upper arm by an Isabella Salazar riser to load the bases again with Pezley and Buford in scoring position. Marie Young then followed with shot up the middle that got past Libe at second scoring Pezley and Buford on a close play at home. The throw home allowed Young to move into scoring position at second with the Hawks up 5-4. Jayln Hawk then flied out to center, but Young's courtesy runner Layla Gonterman was doubled off at second on the play ending the inning and stranding Sandoval at third.

Jason Hawk said the rally was put together by girls who have believed all year they can play in any game with any team.

"Honestly what I told the girls before we went up there was relax. Go up there and take a good a bat," he said.

"We have to hit our pitches. (Salazar) might come out and throw one on the outside corner or inside corner and that's not one we can hit hard. That's what we really expressed that last inning. Get a good pitch to drive.

"We had some really good at bats from some of

those girls with just foul ball, foul ball, after foul ball. They battled and there was no give up. There's no give up in this team and I'm so proud of them. It wasn't just one girl."

He said the Hawks have found themselves in several similar games this year where they've been able to put together five or six runs when they were down.

"That's just who they are. It doesn't matter who we're playing."

The game was moving at fast pace with no team scoring in the first three innings. Jaci Hawk opened the game with a single to center, but the Hawks then went down in order stranding her at second. The Demons opened the bottom of the first with a double by Leighton Salazar. She was moved to second on a sacrifice, but Sandoval robbed a bloop infield hit off the ground on a diving play and turned to find Buford at third to catch Salazar for a double play.

Central Lee got things going in the fourth when Sandoval hit a one-out double to the fence in center, and Young followed with an RBI single to center. Gonterman, courtesy running, would get stranded at second after a strikeout and flyout to center.

Washington would counter with two in the bottom of the fourth and two more in the bottom of the fifth highlighted by Alyvia Anderson's one-out shot to the left side that got past Jaci Hawk at second and Kamryn Cox in right

field scoring Reagan Miller and Ella Griener for the 4-1 Washington lead. Barlow came in and issued a walk but then got a fly out and ground out to get out of the inning.

The Hawks went 1-2-3 in the top of the sixth and Barlow worked out of tough jam in the bottom half aided by a nice throw from Jaci Hawk in left to get Lauren Hinrichsen trying to score from second base. A walk would load the bases again, but Buford would gobble up a grounder and throw out Anderson to end the threat setting up the seventh inning theatrics.

Jayln Hawk went 4 1/3 allowing four runs all earned on six hits while walking four and striking out two. Barlow went 2 2/3 without allowing a run on three hits and walking three.

Jason Hawk said both pitchers provided different looks for the Demons.

"The two pitchers pitched very well. That's a very good hitting team and they only scored in two innings and when you do that you're doing something right," he said.

"If Jaylen started struggling I had a short leash tonight. She pitched very well, but she did start struggling and I had Elaina ready. With her having a bit more speed (Washington) couldn't adjust to that change."

Maria Young led the Hawks at the plate going 2-for-4 with three RBI. Jaci Hawk and Pezley also had two-hit nights for Central

Lee. Buford, Sandoval, Jaliann Hawk and Bunnell had the other Hawk hits.

Buford, a senior, said she had a simple mindset with the bases loaded in the seventh.

"Going into that last at-bat we just wanted to find a hit. Keep it on the ground and give us something to work with," she said.

"Coach said to relax and find something up there." She said it was the most rewarding win she's had in her time on the varsity squad.

"This is the biggest win we've ever had probably. I don't think we've been past the second round."

The loss to Washington in the first round last year, and the 12-2 loss back on June 18 provided a spark for the Hawks Saturday.

"We didn't play our A game there last time and we practiced really hard this week. That loss really lit the fire for us this week," Buford said.

The win gives Central Lee its 25th win of the season and pits the Hawks against the No. 5 Assumption Knights (23-12-1) Tuesday night in Davenport at 7 p.m. Assumption rallied to beat West Burlington/Notre Dame 6-3 after trailing 3-1 through 3 1/2 innings. The Knights put up four runs in the bottom of the fourth to get that win.

The winner of Tuesday's game will advance to the IGHS AU State Softball Tournament at the Harlan and Hazel Rogers Sports Complex in Fort Dodge starting July 22.

## Reynolds pushes DOC to help flooded communities

**HOMES** - Continued from Page 1

for the homes provides a crucial area of shelter during high-wind events, an essential feature for areas vulnerable to tornadoes.

"Homes for Iowa provides a turnkey solution for disaster impacted communities that want to expedite their rebuilding process," stated Governor Reynolds. "Supporting displaced Iowans in getting back into homes in their communities is our highest priority."

"We are committed to supporting Iowans as communities recover from these devastating natural disasters," said DOC Director Dr. Beth Skinner. "These homes represent hope and a fresh start for families in need, and we are grateful for the partnership with Iowa Prison Industries and Homes for Iowa in making this possible."

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