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Board christens new schools



Courtesy photo

Current and former FMCSO board members cut the ribbon with Fort Madison Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater Thursday at the new Fort Madison Junior/Senior High School.

ON SCHEDULE: \$36 million improvement completed on time, on budget

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The snap of a scissor cut over a red ribbon wrapped up more than eight years of planning and replanning, scheduling and rescheduling, designing and redesigning of the \$36 million expansion of the footprint of the Fort Madison Community School District.

On Thursday, school officials, dignitaries, and community members gathered at the Fort Madison PreK-6 building on the city's west side, and then at the newly remodeled Junior/Senior High School, to christen the new buildings a day before students walked through the doors – right on schedule.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said the facility improvements at the high school created new learning spaces, a new gymnasium, new lockerrooms, new spaces for 7th and 8th graders, new office spaces, and renovated art and culinary art spaces. New vocal and instrumental spaces were put into operation last year.

“Thank you so much for being here and celebrating an effort that has been eight years in the making,” Slater said.

She thanked administrators, staff, and students during the construction phase. She also thanked current and past boards of directors for their vision and leadership during the

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ART CENTER

Art HOP connects FM, Washington art galleries

BY LORI ILLNER-GREENE
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - The Southeast Iowa Art HOP is once again in the works and artwork is arriving daily to both the FMAAA Art Center in Fort Madison and Art Domestique

in Washington, Iowa. The art is submitted from members of the Iowa Artists Association.

The Art HOP takes place in these two galleries in southeastern Iowa. Patrons will be encouraged to visit both galleries in September for a Gallery Art Hop to see the beau-

tiful artwork produced by artists from throughout the state of Iowa. Viewers will receive a punch card to verify attendance at both galleries, which will then be entered into a drawing for a prize! Art

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COMMENTARY



Voters, be careful what you ask for

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

We are in the home stretch of another presidential campaign, and it is important for voters to be alert for the unintended consequences of candidates' promises.

Office-seekers and their supporters like to portray issues in terms of absolutes — as in, my position is the very best way to address this issue; my opponent's way is all wrong.

Most of the time, issues are not all black, nor all white. Most of the time, issues involve many shades of gray, meaning there are no simple solutions.

Take illegal immigration, for example.

There should be a vigorous debate of how the United States should deal with people who have entered our country without permission or who have remained here after their visas expired. This issue has been around for decades, but the public is imploring our leaders in Washington to confront these challenges now.

Of course, politicians find it easier to issue press releases and offer their thoughts in 30-second television sound bites.

Donald Trump, for example, has made no secret about the solution he favors: “To keep our families safe, the Republican platform promises to launch the largest deportation operation in the history of our country” — an effort that would remove 15

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WEATHER

WED 28 Aug.....Chance of thunderstorms, 88° F/70° F
 THU 29 Aug.....Mostly sunny, then chance of thunderstorms, 89° F/69° F
 FRI 30 Aug.....Partly sunny, 82° F/60° F

IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 08/26.....19 50 55 58 66, Powerball: 15
 LOTTO AMERICA 08/26.....23 38 42 43 44, Star Ball: 10 All Star Bonus: 2
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 08/26.....12 18 24 40 44, Lucky Ball: 9
 PICK 3 MIDDAY 08/26.....0 4 7
 PICK 3 EVENING 08/26.....9 2 1
 PICK 4 MIDDAY 08/26.....5 0 8 4
 PICK 4 EVENING 08/26.....2 5 2 4
 POWERBALL 08/26.....2 4 23 68 69, Powerball: 15 Power Play: 3

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Local News/From the Front



Courtesy photo

FM Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater cuts a ribbon at the PreK-6th grade building Thursday in Fort Madison.

Project was "labor of love"

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process.

The PreK-6th grade building will not only be a new preschool facility, but also benefits K-3rd grade students who will now have state-of-the-art learning spaces outside of the former Richardson and Lincoln elementaries that were recently given to the Harmony Bible Church and James Block building group for repurposing.

The building will feature commemorative plaques for the 16 board members

who've been part of leading the effort to bring the project to completion.

Officials from Carl A. Nelson and DLR Group Architects were on hand to celebrate with the community.

Andrew Van Leeuwen, Senior Design Leader at DLR, called the project a "Labor of love". He said the building is more than a school, but a place of inspiration and dreams of staff and students.

Chris Smith, president of Carl A. Nelson Co. who

shepherded the project for the district, said Carl A. Nelson was again proud to be part of a project that enhances young minds.

"Obviously you have a lot to be proud of. We're fortunate to have a great group of local contractors on this project," Smith said. "About 80 percent of those contractor partners are from within 30 minutes of Fort Madison."

Josh Wykert, the FMCSB Board President, said the day marks a significant milestone for the district.

"This represents an investment of \$36 million to benefit all students of Fort Madison, both present and the future," Wykert said.

FM woman wins \$10K in scratch off

CLIVE — A southeast Iowa woman has won a \$10,000 lottery prize.

Lisa King, 57, a sanitation technician from Fort Madison, won her prize playing the "\$100,000 Mega Crossword" scratch game. She bought her winning ticket at Casey's, 13410 Hwy. 78 near Wapello. King claimed her prize Wednesday at the lottery regional office in Cedar Rapids.

The \$100,000 Mega Crossword game is a \$10 scratch game that features 46 top prizes of \$100,000, 92 prizes of \$10,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.29. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ialottery.com.

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Obituaries/Lee County News

OBITUARIES

SCOTT C. FINCH

Scott Clifford Finch, 42 of Keokuk, IA passed away Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

He was born on March 17, 1982 in Keokuk, IA the son of Harry Clifford Jr. and Josephine Katherine Gooley Finch. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 2002.

In 2003, Scott was united in marriage to Angel Wayson in Keokuk. She survives.



FINCH

Other survivors include six children, Dylan Finch, Brady Finch, Brooklyn Finch, Jaykob Finch, Hayden Finch and Cory Finch all of Keokuk and his fur babies, Wally and Thyo, his mother, Josephine "Kathy" Finch of Keokuk, three brothers, Mike Finch (Judy), Kevin Finch (Ashley) and David Finch (Amanda) all of Keokuk, and one sister, Amanda Finch of Keokuk. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members including, in-laws and outlaws.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Finch, Jr.

Scott had been employed by Keokuk Steel Castings until the company closed. He then went to Southeastern Community College and earned his CDL and then attended Heavy Machinery School at Associated Training Services in Sun Prairie, WI and received a heavy equipment certificate. Scott became an over-the-road truck driver for Sisbro Trucking for several years. He currently was employed by OCI Global in Wever, IA.

Scott enjoyed playing sports, especially golf. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings football fan and a Chicago Cubs baseball fan. He loved all types of music, traveling and getting tattoos. He loved spending time at the beach or anywhere near water. Scott had an addictive personality and brightened the lives of many. He was always happy and bubbly and had a contagious smile. Scott loved to hang out with his friends having fun and making memories, but most of all he cherished the time he spent with his children and family.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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

Task force nabs four in Donnellson search

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of four Donnellson residents on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.

Jennifer Lynn Morris, age 44, of Donnellson is charged with: possession with the intent to deliver more than five grams of methamphetamine, a class B felony; Iowa drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony; maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

Jason William Anderson, age 51, of Donnellson is charged with: Possession with the intent to deliver more than five grams of methamphetamine, a class B felony; Iowa drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony; maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a

simple misdemeanor.

Joshua Edwin James Hartman, age 39, of Donnellson is charged with: Possession with the intent to deliver more than five grams of methamphetamine, a class B felony; Iowa drug tax stamp violation, a class D felony; maintaining a drug house, an aggravated misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

Kenneth Allan Thompson, age 48, of Donnellson is charged with: possession of drug paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor.

The charges came after the Lee County Narcotics Task Force executed a search warrant at a residence in Donnellson. All four persons were present at the time of execution and found in violation of the aforementioned criminal charges.

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OBITUARIES

CAROL A. KELLY

Carol Ann Kelly, 79, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, August 26, 2024 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington.

She was born on January 29, 1945 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia to Fred and Marie Solomon Morris. Carol was married to Michael John Tebbs from 1969-1985. She then married Robert Edward Kelly II on September 3, 1993. Carol was the owner



KELLY

of Carol's Country Crafts and later became the first female salesperson at Jim Baier Ford. She was a masterful quilter who also enjoyed gardening, reading, antiques and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Kelly II of Ft. Madison; four children, Brendan (Denise) Tebbs of Bonaparte, Danielle (Lance) Vaughn of Altoona, Joshua Tebbs of Columbia, SC and Courtney Tebbs of Ft. Madison; step children, Diana (Dan) Krueger of Keokuk, Robert "Rob" (Brandy) Kelly III of Keokuk, Kristy Kelly of Stronghurst, IL; seven grandchildren, Corinne (James) Owen, Katherine Vaughn, Lauren Vaughn, Kendyl Bechen, Kelly (Anthony) Peavy, Kolton Krueger and Brittany Kelly; three great grandchildren; one sister, Dana (Darrell) Mueller of Ft. Madison; one brother, Randy Morris of Naples, FL; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister-in-law, Patricia Morris and a grandson, Clinton Tebbs, "Clinton is waiting for you, Grandma! Did you bring your red glasses?"

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and there will be no formal services at this time. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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



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Business News/From the Front

Tightening immigration laws could have dramatic consequences

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million to 20 million people who are in the U.S. without authorization.

But his Iowa supporters who cheer his promise may want to pause to think about the economic effects such an undertaking would have.

There could be dramatic consequences in Iowa, where foreigners are an important labor source in livestock confinement facilities, in milking parlors on large dairy farms, and in livestock slaughter and meatpacking plants. The shockwaves would ripple farther, too, through landscaping and roofing businesses whose owners often turn to immigrants to take hard-to-fill jobs.

In northwest Iowa's Sioux County, farmers raise thousands of head of pigs, beef cattle and dairy cattle. About 2,000 foreign-born workers are employed on those farms, the Des Moines Register reported in 2018. The total includes people who are authorized to be in the U.S., as well as those without the proper legal documents.

Cattle producer Kent Pruisman, a former president of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, told the Register, "If all of Sioux County's immigrant labor left tomorrow, we'd have a huge problem. ... We don't have the people to replace them."

Sioux County is not unique in that regard.

The Register reported the Pew Research Center estimated Iowa had about 40,000 workers 10 years ago who were undocumented immigrants. That represents nearly half of the 84,000 immigrant workers believed to be in the state in 2018.

It is not simply a matter of replacing immigrant labor with workers born in the United States. It is difficult finding people who want jobs involving



the backbreaking work of mucking out manure, hauling bedding for the animals and moving thousands of pounds of feed for them every day.

Craig Lang, a Poweshiek County dairy farmer and former president of the Iowa Farm Bureau, told the Register in 2018, "It's just that local people are fully employed. And they don't want to milk cows when it's 20-below zero."

Don't think for a minute Lang and other livestock leaders are advocates for open borders. What they want is for the federal government to increase the number of year-round visas that are available to bring foreigners into the U.S. to work on farms and in other businesses.

But such initiatives could hit a roadblock during a second Trump administration. Ken Cuccinelli, his former acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, has recommended the government should reduce the use of temporary work visas for farm labor.

The demand for ag labor is going to continue to rise, even as the population in rural Iowa declines.

One of the nation's largest dairy companies, Daisy Brand, announced in April it will build a \$625 million milk processing plant in Boone to produce cottage cheese, sour cream and dips. The plant will employ 250 people. It will process the milk from

43,000 dairy cows each day.

That would represent an 18 percent increase in Iowa dairy herds. Those cows are estimated to need about 4,000 more farm laborers to care for them.

The former president has said his plan to round up illegal immigrants will be larger than President Dwight Eisenhower's mass deportation in 1954 of tens of thousands of illegal immigrants — and some U.S. citizens, unfortunately. But scholars note Eisenhower's crackdown came at the same time as the government was increasing the number of migrants who would be lawfully admitted to the U.S. through a "guest worker" program.

"It wasn't really about getting rid of immigrants in any real sense," University of Pittsburgh historian Eladio Bobadilla recently told States Newsroom publications. "It was a way to sell the American public that the problem had been solved."

During his four years in the White House, Trump also tried to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which affects about 500,000 undocumented people who came to the U.S. as children, called "Dreamers." Many of those children grew up in communities like Iowa and do not speak their parents' native languages.

The Supreme Court blocked the president's efforts the last time, but Trump is not one to give up after an initial court loss. This does not mean Kamala Harris and Democrats can simply dig in, ignoring the desire of Americans to find some middle ground on immigration. Middle ground means neither side will be entirely happy. But middle ground is much better than where we are.

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Alliant helps set solar energy generation record

MADISON, Wis. — The Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) set a solar energy generation record high of 6,887 megawatts (MW) on Wednesday, thanks in part to Alliant Energy's recent buildout of over 1,000 MW of solar capacity in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Peaking at 1,050 MW of solar generation Wednesday, Alliant Energy accounted for approximately 15% of the

solar energy production in MISO's multi-state region. The electricity generated by Alliant Energy's solar sites Wednesday was enough to power nearly 400,000 average homes for a day.

"This record showcases our forward-looking approach to project development and understanding the long-term benefits our customers will see from renewable projects," said David de Leon, senior vice president of operations for Alliant Energy. "Our leadership in this space demonstrates we're delivering on our purpose to serve customers and build stronger communities."

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From the Front/Classifieds

September Art HOP showcases Iowa artists

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Domestique is located at 118 South Iowa Avenue, Washington, Iowa and FMAAA Art Center located at 825 Avenue G in Fort Madison, Iowa.

The Opening Reception for the Art HOP exhibition in Fort Madison will be on Thursday, September 5 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Main Gallery at the FMAAA Art Center. Everyone is welcome to attend this event to meet the artists and take in their spectacular work. Refreshments are provided.

The Art HOP is a great opportunity that showcases Iowa Artists and the work of these really talented individuals. The partnering galleries are excited to work with the Iowa Artists Association to host this event, and looking forward to sharing the work with their members and the larger community. Everyone, including Iowa Artists members participating in the exhibition, are allowed to have their card punched for the chance to win a prize for this Art Hop.

Also on display in September at the FMAAA Gallery is an updated version of Village Art, an exhibit that showcases work for the local Mexican community with visual highlights that have flavored the heritage of Fort Madison for generations. This mini exhibition will be on display in September 1 – 21 to coincide with Rodeo and the Mexican Fiesta and will once again feature work from artists who can trace their lineage to the Village.

The FMAAA Art Center is currently open from 10am to 5pm Tuesday through Saturday but will be adding evening hours until 7pm on Tuesdays and some Thursdays beginning in September.

If you would like to take in the exhibits in the evening, please call 319-372-3996 in advance to verify the volunteer is available for the FMAAA Art Center to be open that evening.

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8/6/2024**

At 5:30 P.M., Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Thele, Roller, Sparrow, Gray, Yager, Rink and Andrews present.

On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/16/2024; Liquor License Amendment: Walgreens #11759; Liquor License Renewal: Boozy Rae's;

Claims dated 7/31/2024, July Manual Claims, Library Claims; and Payroll of 7/26/2024.

Kelly Mahoney with Milestone on Aging provided a community report describing the services and purpose of the organization.

At 5:51 P.M., Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the rezone of property approximately located at 48th Street and Avenue H. Joe Lestina, owner of the property, presented the proposed plans. With no other oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public

hearing at 5:54 P.M. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance rezoning property approximately located at 48th Street and Avenue H from R-6, Multiple-Family Dwelling District to B-2, Business District.

On motion, Council approved Special Event Permit: Fort Madison Lions Club Rodeo Pancake Breakfast and waived the associated fees.

On motion, Council approved the third and final reading of an ordinance rezoning properties located in the 2300 block of Avenue G from B-2,

Business District, General Retail & R-4, One-Family Dwelling District, to R-6, Multiple-Family Dwelling District. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance to vacate city right-of-way located south of Avenue

A and north of Avenue B along 4th Street. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-53 approving the low responsive bid and authorizing execution of a contract for the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation Project,

subject to Federal Aviation Administration AIP funding. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-54, setting public hearing for September 3, 2024, at 5:30 P.M., concerning the Denmark Hill Booster Station

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Improvements.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun Burns & Associates of West Des Moines, Iowa, for the Preliminary Design Phase of the 3rd Street Bridge Replacement Project. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Calhoun Burns & Associates of West Des Moines, Iowa, for the Preliminary Design Phase of the Richards Drive Bridge Replacement Project. On motion, Council approved

the Mayor's signature on Change Order #7, decreasing the cost of the Avenue F Bridge and 27th Street Bridge Replacement Project to a total of \$2,042,686.11. On motion, Council accepted the Civil Service Commission's Entry Level Police Officer Eligibility List. On motion, Council approved a contract with iWorQ System Inc. for mobile app services in the amount of \$7,000.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.
/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES

General	\$90,064.79
Special Rev.	153,643.19
Road Use	55,274.19
Debt	785.00
Capital	55,626.48
Water	130,622.51
Sewer	64,042.17
Sld Waste, IWC	4,185.03
SW Utility	105.10
Total	\$554,348.46

REVENUES

General	\$97,041.46
Special Rev.	350,354.92
Road Use	117,714.92
Debt	1,484.89
Capital	10,788.08
Water	427,939.25
Wastewater	309,119.48
Sld Wst & IWC	95,088.54
Sewer	19,702.19
Total	\$1,429,233.73

PAYROLL 7/26/2024

GENERAL	\$ 220,665.64
EMP BENEFITS	\$ 7,506.70
ROAD USE	\$ 28,106.09
WATER	\$ 37,132.21
SEWER	\$ 33,306.85
SOLID WASTE	\$ 17,091.50
AIRPORT	\$ 312.77
STORM WATER	\$ 3,901.34
Total	\$ 348,023.10

CLAIMS - 8/6/2024

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, LIGHTS	193.58
ACCESS LEASING SYSTEM, PRINTER LEASE	795.46
ACCESS SYSTEMS, COMPUTER/IT LEASE	5,755.36
AGRINEED, INC, WEED KILLER	63.15
AHLERS & COONEY, PC, PROFESSIONAL FEES	68.00
ALL AMERICAN SANITATION, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL (TEMP)	75.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	49,137.06
ALTORFER INC., MACHINE REPAIR/MAINT.	5,893.02

PAYROLL 7/26/2024

General	\$220,665.64
Emp Benefits	7,506.70
Road Use	28,106.09
Water	37,132.21
Sewer	33,306.85
Solid Waste	17,091.50
Airport	312.77
Storm Water	3,901.34
Total	\$348,023.10

AMSOIL, INC, OIL SAMPLER KIT..... 184.09
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AXON ENTERPRISE, INC, ANNUAL TASER FEE..... 10,973.99
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC, POSTS 1,573.18
BEN CORY BROWN, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE..... 425.01
BITUMINOUS MATERIALS & SUPPLY, HOT PATCH..... 1,971.03
BURLINGTON GLASS COMPANY, DOOR WINDOW 110.25
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CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOC, PROF FEE 1,868.00
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CITY OF FORT MADISON, LEACHATE DISCHARGE 2,007.52
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC, SECURITY SOFTWARE 2,555.50
CORE & MAIN LP, TESTING SUPPLIES.. 2,003.07
CRITICAL HIRE, HIRE REPORTS 100.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT, PUBLICATIONS..... 429.51
DAVE VRADENBURG, INSTALL WINDOW IN DOOR..... 450.00
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, INK 63.26
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE.. 16,097.06
DRAIN DOCTOR LLC, CLEAR SWR BLOCKAGE 320.00
EASTERN IOWA TIRE, INC., TIRE REPLACEMENT 376.85
EDDIE MENDEZ, BOOT ALLOWANCE 90.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, INSTALL 2-WAY RADIO1,675.11

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE, AS TESTING SUPPLIES 133.82
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING, WEEKLY SLUDGE SAMPLE 355.24
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, ELBOW..... 2.50
FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 607, OPEN HOUSE SUPPLIES 56.26
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HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, BELT/RETURNED LEAF SPRING 3,332.33
HUMBURD AUTO SERVICE, REPLACE STARTER..... 1,330.00
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, MAIN STORE CIG PERMIT REFUND 75.00
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, FILL SAND 10,498.72
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES 239.10
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS..... 135.00
JETCO, REPAIR PUMP CONTROL/TRANSMITTE 9,564.12
JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, TIMECLOCK SUB-

SCRIPTION..... 181.70
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, LAWN CARE SUPPLIES/POSTAGE 1,135.22
KNAPHEIDE EQUIP CO., TRUCK LIGHTS/BED UPGRADES 15,849.00
KNOX COMPANY, YEARLY LICENSE 721.00
LUKE GRUENING, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE..... 39.95
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., PROF SERVICES 3,591.28
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, RETURN SWIVEL 5,169.83
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, OIL 443.75
MARTIN EQUIPMENT, FILTERS 316.46
MCFARLAND, TRASH BAGS/TOWELS ... 168.57
MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO, AIR FILTERS 994.69
MENARD, STEP LADDER/FLOOR SQUEEGEE 191.48
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, UNIFORM 3,220.38
MICROBAC LABORATORIES LLC, DAILY SAMPLING..... 2,397.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, HEAT 1,020.00
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC, ANNUAL AIR TEST 184.55
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ABATEMENT 4,750.00
MONTROSE DOG BOARDING, DOG BOARDING 188.50
MOTOR PARTS & EQUIPMENT CO, GLOVES..... 208.61
MOWEN CLEANING SERVICE LLC, JANITORIAL SERVICE... 1,311.50
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., PVC/CURB STOP 2,967.91
NSI SOLUTIONS INC., CONCENTRATE SNIPS 384.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC., STEERING GEAR/

AIR FILTER 843.94
PERMAR SECURITY SERVICES, SECURITY MONITORING 262.14
PETTY CASH, TRAINING/VINEGAR/ANTI-FREEZE 177.15
PITNEY BOWES, EZ SEALER 253.99
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SOLUMLANG, BUILDING DESIGN 5,000.00
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING 840.00
STANARD & ASSOCIATES INC, OFFICER TESTING 89.50
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, LEAD/COPPER SAMPLES..... 1,223.50
TIMECLOCK PLUS, LLC, TIMECLOCK LICENSE FEE..... 1,452.00
UMB BANK, N.A., BOND ADMIN FEES..... 850.00
UPS, SHIPPING..... 12.44
USA BLUE BOOK, TESTING SUPPLIES.. 1,294.24
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, COPPER PIPE 2,610.00
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TOTAL 302,983.39	MANUALS - JULY 2024	WELLMARK BC/BS, AUG PREMIUM..... 116,088.98	TOTAL 240,953.44	FP MAILING SOLU-TIONS, MAIL MACHINE LEASE 767.40	TRAVEL PASSAGES, GUEST SPEAKER 450.00
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SPECIAL REVENUES 2,096.09	CENTURY LINK, INTER-NET 193.02	WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET..... 373.84	ACCESS SYSTEMS, PRINTER INK..... 77.25	MEDIACOM BUSINESS, PHONE/INTERNET 405.29	TOTAL 10,411.63
ROAD USE..... 37,058.28	CHASE CARD SERVICE, CREDIT CARD FEES - JUNE 2024 3,308.13	TOTAL 240,953.44	AMAZON CAPITAL SER-VICES, CRAFT SUP-PLIES 227.91	MEDIAPOLIS PUBLIC LI-BRARY, REPLACE LOST MATERIAL..... 50.00	GENERAL 3,713.32
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CAPITAL PROJECTS 55,626.48	FORT MADISON CHAM-BER OF COMM, TRAIN-ING 45.00	SPECIAL REVENUES 144,334.21	BLACKSTONE PUBLISH-ING, SHELF MATERIAL 261.54		
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Sports

Central Lee harriers building on last season's success

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – The Central Lee cross-country teams are experiencing a little up-and-down this season, but success is paramount to just rebuilding this year.

The boys team has its best numbers in quite a while and 5th year head coach Chase Newton is hoping to see some runners still going in November when the state run takes place in Fort Dodge.

The boys this year will get some senior leadership from Leo Thomas who is back as the Hawk's top runner, but Newton said Ayden Kent will challenge him and there is a bevy of underclassmen who could challenge the two seniors and create a pack-running mentality.

"We've got a young group and mix of seniors. Leo Thomas and Ayden Kent will lead us for experience. Then we've got mostly a younger crew of Austin Fogarty, Caden Crozier, Kaiden Humes, and an incoming freshman, my son, Caedon Newton," Newton said.

"We should be better than last year, and I think we'll be pretty competitive."

The Hawks finished the season eighth in the SEI Superconference meet last year. Newton said he hopes to build on that this year.

The squad also consists of junior Beau Boyd, sophomore Jovan Rule, and freshman Keegan Westfall.

"That group should work together as a pack-running team and then we'll see who separates themselves as our top runners," he said.

"We prefer to do that, but this will be one of my first years where we'll be able to have a team that can pack run."

Newton said he, along with Holly Weber, the girls head coach, have been working to rebuild the program for several years. The last Hawk to qualify for the state meet was Amanda Gilpin in 2020.

"We've been building our numbers every year and increasing in size and talent. Either this year or next we'll have some qualifying teams for state, that's the goal," Newton said.

"The squad finished eighth last year in the conference meet and we're certainly hoping to improve on that."

Newton said Mediapolis and Danville will be the top teams in the conference.

Thomas placed 36th in the state qualifying meet last year at Williamsburg with a time of 19:13.70. Newton said he's counting on that experience to drive the Hawks this season.

"Leo led our team last year and I'm looking for him to lead the team again. We have some underclassmen coming in to challenge, and I'm curious to see how my son does this year."

Caedon Newton placed 41st in the state last season in the middle school state meet.

"This is probably the largest team we've had," Newton said.

"I would say this year could be a product of the rebuilding. That's a continuing process. We're not where we want to be yet, but it's the next step."

The girls' squad has six runners, including four freshmen and a sophomore, so they are in a rebuilding year.

Junior Gabby Maynes will provide the lone leadership this year. Maynes finished 61st at the Williamsburg qualifier last season. Sapphire Cummings finished 69th as a freshman and will also help the younger Lady Hawks, including Macy Anderson, Afton Maynes, Aubree Bunnell, and Evelyn Adkins.



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