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## New police chief tapped



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Newly selected Fort Madison Police Chief Cody Potthast addressed the Fort Madison City Council at Tuesday's regular council meeting. Potthast will take over as chief on Oct. 18.

### APPOINTMENT: City council affirms appointment of Potthast as new chief of police

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A three-year captain with the Fort Madison Police Department has been selected as the department's next Chief of Police.

Cody Potthast was announced as Fort Madison City Manager Laura Liegois' pick to replace current Police Chief Mark Rohloff when his retirement takes place on Oct. 18.

Liegois said she will make a formal announcement and swearing in at that time.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said the interview process was a "healthy one" with four internal candidates applying for the

position.

"We had a lot of community interaction with staff, elected officials, and other people out in the community. As you know, there were four people who applied and they all did a very good job," he said.

"I think the fact that we had good candidates and selected an excellent candidate is a real commentary to our current chief. I think that would not have gone as well had you not prepared your people to take the next role," Mohrfeld said.

Liegois said with internal candidates its always a tough

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## School board may add student board member

**CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Dr. Erin Slater gets pay raise and 3-year extension thru the 2027 school year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors could be looking at an expansion in the coming year.

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the board, an agenda item brought up the discussion of adding a student representative to the board.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said several of the other districts she's been part of have had a student sit as a non-voting member of the board.

Central Lee School District has had a student representative as part of that board for many years.

Adding a student representative is allowed by process to have a student on the board, Slater said.

She said the board would go through an interview process. The term of office would be for a full year.

An Iowa Association of School Board memo on the subject said the district should determine what process should be in place to select the student representative.

"I've seen it in the two other districts I've been in," Slater said.

She said the two districts had different approaches where one used a junior to serve for two years and continuity, and the other used a senior so more students were part of the program.

The idea was presented as a form of policy, but Slater wanted to have a discussion with the board about the interest level.

Board member Mio Santiago said he thought it was a great idea.

"I hope we could find some students that would be interested, but my only concern is that those that would be inter-

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## LEE COUNTY CONSERVATION

### LCCD brings back Halloween HOOT at Pollmiller Oct. 5

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - Get ready for a spook-tacular time as Lee County Conservation brings back its beloved Halloween HOOT at Pollmiller Park (2448 County Rd 103, West Point, IA 52656) on Saturday,

October 5th, from 4 PM to 6 PM. This free, family-friendly event is perfect for all ages and will feature games, crafts, activities, and plenty of Halloween treats. Costumes are highly encouraged, so come dressed for some festive fun—and don't forget to dress for the weather!

Trick-or-Treat in the Campground! The

campground at Pollmiller Park will be transformed into a Halloween wonderland, with campers decorating their sites and passing out candy to trick-or-treaters. While all reservable campsites have been booked, walk-up campsites will be available the week of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

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# Obituaries/For the Record

## OBITUARIES

### SHEILA M. CAMPBELL

Sheila "Toad" Marie Campbell, 57, of Newton, IA formerly of Keokuk, died Saturday September 7, 2024 at the Traditions Memory Care in Newton, IA.

She was born on January 25, 1967 in Keokuk, the daughter of Harold L. and Pauline T. Keim Hamilton.



CAMPBELL

Sheila was first married to Robert Pullins and later to Patrick Campbell.

She had been employed at several different restaurants through the years and also at Methode Electronics.

Sheila enjoyed working word puzzles, doing laundry and spending time with her family, making their home a warm and welcoming place. She was a wonderful cook and her favorite thing to make was potato soup. Mickey Mouse was her idol and she loved to collect anything and everything Mickey.

She is survived by one son, Christopher Pullins of California, three daughters, Ashley Howell (Chuck) of Keokuk, Taylor Harrison (Joel) of Warsaw, IL and Alexis Pullins (Austin) of Carthage, IL, three grandchildren, Logan Campbell, Casious Howell and Faythe Harrison. She is also survived by one brother, Kenneth Hamilton of Keokuk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Curtis Hamilton and her companion of sixteen years, Allen Harrison.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### JAMES S. McCOLLUM

James Stanley McCollum (Stan), 71, passed away on Saturday September 14th, 2024.

Visitation and funeral service will be held on Wednesday September 18th, 2024 at Barr Memorial Chapel in Fort Madison. The visitation will start at 10 AM. The funeral service will be held at 11 AM and will be officiated by Pastor Earl Beal of Joy Baptist Church, Fort Madison.



McCOLLUM

Stan was born September 16, 1952 in Brookfield, Missouri to John and Charlotte McCollum. The family moved to Fort Madison in 1956 where Stan lived the majority of his life. Stan graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1970 working many years as a locomotive engineer on the Santa Fe.

Stan was a lover of motorcycles, cars, music, and his dog Theo who he affectionately called "big Guy." He was a member of Joy Baptist Church and had accepted Jesus Christ as his lord and savior.

He is survived by his mother, Charlotte McCollum (Fort Madison); brother, Ed (Rose) McCollum (Fort Madison); sister Sharon (Mick) West (McAllen, TX); son Jeremy (Jennifer) McCollum (Mount Vernon, IA); granddaughters, Grace, Lauren, and Meredith; nieces (Shawna & Brooke) and nephews (Jared & Joel); in addition to many other beloved family and friends. Stan was preceded in death by his father, John McCollum.

To honor Stan, please consider donating to the following organizations:

P.A.W. Animal Shelter, Fort Madison: <https://www.pawfortmadison.com/donate>  
The Alzheimer's Association: <https://www.alz.org>

Compassus Hospice Care: <https://www.compassus.com/about-us/giving-and-donations/>.

Great River Health: <https://www.greatriverhealth.org/about-us/foundation/>.

Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the McCollum family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

09/17/24 - 3:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue K.

09/17/24 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

09/17/24 - 4:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Oak Drive.

### Keokuk Police Report

09/17/24 - no report received

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/17/24 - 9:20 a.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Natasha Seager, 38, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. She was held in Lee County Jail.

09/17/24 - 11:58 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jerome Paul Watson, 30, of Mt. Pleasant, at the sheriff's office on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold.

09/17/24 - 1:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested William Marion Kryzak, 39, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for failure to appear.

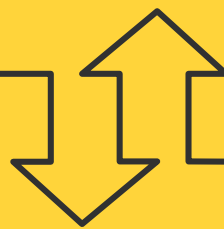
09/17/24 - 2:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies ar-

rested Dakota William Burgund, 34, of Fort Madison in the 3500 block of Avenue Q, on warrants for drug trafficking, possession of a controlled substance, drug stamp violation, eluding officers, passing in a no passing zone, speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia and reckless driving. He was held in Lee County Jail.

09/17/24 - 6:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Gerald Orval Porter, 57, of Ottumwa, in the 100 block of W. 4th Street, on a temporary hold. He was held in Lee County Jail.

*Those listed above should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## 3-year contract extension takes Slater's base over \$200,000

**BOARD** - Continued from Page 1

ested, I'm guessing, would be that small percentage that is involved in everything and it might be difficult," he said.

Part of the responsibilities would be to communicate board action to the study body. Santiago asked how that would be handled.

Board member Brad Menke agreed that it was a fantastic idea.

"I have no problem with a student being on the board with us, but there's the aspect is could there be a committee of students that sits here and represents that board," he said.

"Instead of trying to put that all on the shoulders of one individual. That's the way I can see it. Like Mio said, the people that would be involved in this, they're in everything."

Board member Amy Thacher pointed out that there's an option for more than one. Menke said there would be one seat but the students could sort out who would be on the board. Maybe one person who would have a proxy.

Board member Paul Wilkerson said the high school could put it to a student vote, or have the student council president serve as the student representative.

Board chairman Josh Wykert said that election has already been made so that could be the determining factor in who got the spot, but Menke pushed back that it could be too much for one student.

Wilkerson said if they had a limited committee that supports the student board rep, then they could nominate and vote someone out of their committee.

Menke said it's a lot of work for the adults.



DR. SLATER

"How much are we pushing on these kids to get them stressed out? But, if they had a committee to help, then that might be a good idea," he said.

Santiago said it's a leadership opportunity for students, but maybe they talk to the administration at the high school for their input.

"But I love the concept," he said.

In other action, the board approved a 3-year extension of Slater's contract through June 30, 2027. Her current contract was set to expire on June 30, 2025. With the extension, Slater's base pay increased from \$193,717 to \$204,237 or 5.4%.

Slater will continue to receive an additional \$14,000 in compensation as part of a vacation buy-back. Her contract allows her 25 days of vacation, five work weeks, but the buy-back is for seven days at \$2,000 per day. The contract also provides for full premiums on health and dental insurance, a company vehicle, and a \$100,000 life insurance policy.

Slater just started her ninth year with the district and her 34th year in education.

"I am excited to begin another year of service to the FMCS D school district and community. Together with administrators, board, and staff, FMCS D has accomplished great things and continues to provide strong education environments for kids," she wrote in a prepared statement.

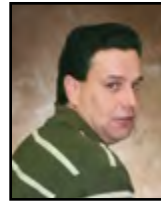
The statement indicated under Slater's term the district has improved student achievement, added preschool programs, increased extracurricular opportunities, increased concurrent enrollment offerings, overseen a \$36 million construction and renovation.

### OBITUARIES

## MICHAEL R. HORNUNG

Michael R. "Mike" Hornung, 65, of Keokuk, passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at his home in Keokuk.

Mike was born on June 6, 1959, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Clifford and Betty June (Thorton) Hornung. He graduated from Central Lee High School in 1977, and went on to work at Foote Mineral, County Market and Ace Hardware. Mike was a member of the Reorganized Church of Latter-Day Saints in Keokuk and was extremely passionate about politics. He was a homebody, but his close friends and family meant the world to him, especially his great-nieces.



McCOLLUM

Mike is survived by his brother-in-law Robert "Bob" Bender, his nephew Kevin (Brooke) Bender and two great-nieces: Bailey and Hallie Bender.


Mike is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Lucretia "Lutie" Bender.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 am on Friday, September 20, 2024, at Printy Funeral Home, 917 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa, with burial to follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 am directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to Hickory Grove Cemetery.

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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### FORUM 1


## Thursday, Sept 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### State Candidates


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Nannette Griffin




Jeff Reichman



Martin Graber





Jim Beres





Matt Rinker

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We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended and/or contributed to the recent Rack 'Em for Rosie (Beelman) Benefit in early August and to everyone who has supported us following Rose's passing.



A special thank you to Sheri and John Hawk for organizing this event and anyone who helped along the way.

We'd also like to thank The Cabaret, Boonies, and The Eagles Club for hosting the event, and to all the local businesses that donated to the cause.

The Eagle's Club hosted Rose's Celebration of Life and we are grateful to all the volunteers that contributed their time and for the delicious food.

We are completely overwhelmed by the love, support, and generosity you have shown to us in this very difficult time. Your many acts of kindness continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

We will never forget the top-notch, compassionate care Rose and our family received at Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Campus (Rochester, MN), and Oakwood Care Center (Clear Lake, IA). We deeply appreciate the exceptional way you treated her and tenderness you showed.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Ward-Van Slyke Funeral Home (Clear Lake, IA), and King-Lynk Funeral Home (Fort Madison, IA) for their professionalism and guidance.

*May God bless you all,  
Rick Beelman and family*



# Sports

## BLOODHOUND VOLLEYBALL

# Lady Hounds show toughness in win over Keokuk

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds showed some resiliency they haven't seen regularly this year in rebounding for a 3-1 win over Keokuk Tuesday in Southeast Conference girls' volleyball action.

The Hounds overcame some early match yips, giving up a 15-5 run in the middle of the first set before rebounding for a 17-25, 25-21, 25-14, 25-23 win over the Chiefs.

In that first set, Fort Madison Head Coach Kelly Knustrom



Fort Madison's Dayonna Davis reacts to a point in the fourth set as Fort Madison rallies for a win over Keokuk Tuesday night at Fort Madison High School.

said the Chiefs made the Hounds work on offense.

"Honestly, Keokuk played really good defense in game 1, but when that game got over, I told the girls we did a lot of really good things and just keep the faith that what we were doing was right," Knustrom said.

"Keokuk ran balls down that went to the wall and brought them back. So I'm really proud of our girls for sticking to what we were working on."

Fort Madison let a 7-7 tie slip away and wound up on the wrong side of a 22-12 score with Keokuk scoring just two points offensively. The Lady Hounds put together a small run of their own on a kill and a dump to cut the lead to 24-17. The Chief's Camryn Atterberg got a middle front kill to end the first set.

The Hounds trailed again 9-3 to start the second set, but battled back to a 10-10 tie, highlighted by back-to-back kills from Dayonna Davis and Alaina Schwerin. Junior Mara Smith, who Knustrom said moved the ball around well in the match, found Jaycee Fullenkamp for a kill to tie things up.

Fort Madison would get their second lead of the night on a defensive error by the Chiefs for an 11-10 lead and the two teams would work through three more ties before Fort Madison would go up 18-16 on a Davis kill and keep the lead for good for the second set win.

Fort Madison ran away in set three with leads as much as 9 points. Sydney McEntee would get her bearings in the middle of that set, getting three kills - one off her own block at 17-10, to lead the Hounds as Keokuk seemed to tire.

The fourth set saw the Chiefs open a 10-5 lead, and it looked like a fifth-set tiebreaker was coming, but a kill by Davis at 13-17 started a small rally with Keokuk hitting long a couple times and Davis and Schwerin getting a couple kills from outside spots to tie things at 18. Ties would be the norm the rest of the way, with both teams being knotted at 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

Freshman Molly Schulte got a key kill from the middle to set up the match point and, on cue, Davis pounded a ball across the front row from the left outside spot to finish off the 4th set comeback where the Hounds wiped out a seven-point deficit.

Keokuk called several timeouts as the Hounds worked their way back into the 4th set and Knustrom said she told the girls to get back to the system.

"Later in the game it was back to focused volleyball. I thought we were getting a little tired. It was an intense game and they played hard. Some of the things we worked on with passing... I saw it starting to slip," she said.

The third set saw some strong defense in the back row with sophomore Kylie Lumino getting on the floor multiple times and even diving for one-armed digs.

"She's a goer. She has a great attitude and a great personal-



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Sydney McEntee tips a ball over a Keokuk defender at the net in the first set Tuesday night in Fort Madison.

ity. She's just a sophomore but she's not afraid to hold people accountable. She's pretty infectious and people gear toward her," Knustrom said.

Davis led the Lady Hounds in the big conference win with 22 kills, 23 digs, and a block. Many of those came from the middle of the floor on a set back from Smith.

"Dayonna's full rotation this year and we do rely on her in the back row. She swings well there, but Kylie can get it done back there, too. Mara did a really good job of mixing it up and finding the hot hand."

Davis said the team was communicating better Tuesday night.

"I think we're playing better just being able to communicate," she said. "It's part of the thing to set me up in the back row. It creates more options for us and gets the defense on the other side kind of confused a little bit. It works out."

Fullenkamp had nine kills and Schwerin had six. Smith racked up 43 assists, 14 digs, and came up with two blocks. Lumino was 14 of 14 serving with an ace and 14 digs of her own. Kenzie Huebner had 41 digs as libero.

The Hounds (3-11, 1-1 in SEC) were coming off a 3-set sweep at the hands of Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday and hadn't played in a week. Knustrom said they still are developing confidence, but that showed up tonight.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES OF THE  
BURLINGTON, IOWA  
CITY COUNCIL  
INFORMAL  
WORK SESSION  
July 8, 2024**

The Burlington City Council met in an informal work session at 4:30 p.m. in the Thomas J.

Smith Council Chambers, City Hall with Mayor Billups, Council Members Bailey, Graham-Murray, Scott and Weiss present.

Items discussed at the informal work session are listed on the work session agenda on file in the office of the City Clerk. No action was taken.

Adjournment: 6:34 p.m.

Approved: July 15, 2024

Chad Bird, City Manager

Jon D. Billups, Mayor

Mississippi River and flood control, economic development and the war on drugs. 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: Graham-Murray  
Seconded By: Scott

**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**

**HEARINGS:**

1. Statement: Consideration of Plans and Specifications for the Perkins Park Permeable Parking Lots Project

**COMMENTS:** Nick MacGregor, Assistant City Manager to Public Works, stated that the project will construct two permeable

paver parking areas within Perkins Park. He stated that the first area will be at the shelter house and will establish a circle drive and will provide additional parking near the building. He stated that the second area will be near the new pickleball courts adjacent to White Street. He stated that both projects will enhance the parking and access to the park while providing stormwater benefits as opposed to conventional construction. Carla Richardson of Burlington stated concerns about the location of the circle drive in relation to the hill. 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 CARRIED**

Introduced By: Bailey  
Seconded By: Weiss  
**Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications for the Perkins Park Permeable Parking Lots Project**

**DISCUSSION:** None.  
(VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

**ADOPTED**

2. Statement: Consideration of a Permanent Encroachment Agreement with PMP Holdings LLC for Encroachment into City Right-of-Way Adjacent to 1115 North Roosevelt Avenue, Burlington, Iowa

**COMMENTS:** Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that the building at 1115 North Roosevelt Avenue

(formerly Shokai Sushi) was demolished and a new structure will be built at the location. He stated that historically the parking on the north portion of the lot has continued into the right-of-way. He stated that the developer is seeking an encroachment to continue to allow private parking. He stated that if any work in the right-of-way is needed it will be up to the property owner to restore. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced By: Weiss  
Seconded By: Scott  
**Motion to Close CARRIED**

Introduced By: Weiss  
Seconded By: Bailey  
**Resolution Approving**

### PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

September 21st, 2024 @ 9 a.m.

107 Franklin Broadway St. - West Point, IA

**Collectibles:** Large selection of Western, Monmouth, & Red Wing crocks & jugs, Antique oval table, Antiques lamps, Antique glass hutches (3), several die-cast collectable cars, Looney Tunes glasses, Antique wall phone, Currier & Ives China set, Vintage cookie cutters, Old Threshers buttons and misc items, pocket watches, and more!

**Furniture:** Dining table w/4 chairs, queen 4pc bedroom set, desk, recliner, small book cases, side table, dressers, hanging mirrors, twin bed frame, rocking chair, small regulator clocks, flat screen tv, older Kenmore washer and Whirlpool dryer

**Household/Misc:** Kitchen items, baking dishes, Chicken home décor, Hamilton Beach mixer, canister sets, pie plates, holiday décor, blue glass, older kid's toys, Tupperware items, some Pyrex bowls, Indian dolls, Western stone baking dishes, Nauvoo pottery, several pottery bowls and jugs, framed paintings, some hand tools, Clarke tool chest, other misc garage items, and much more!!!

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#### LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

### ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Lee County is accepting applications for an Engineering Technician to work out of our Fort Madison Office. Duties will include surveying, inspection and testing of materials, computer aided drafting, the ability to become IDOT certified in inspection and other related work duties. The successful candidate will be classified as an Engineering Technician IE, IIE or IIIE depending on their qualifications. The starting wage range is \$26.40 to \$28.51. Pay rates after 3 years of employment range from \$32.01 to \$34.90.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability.

For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, [www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx](http://www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx) and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to [engineer@leecountyiowa.gov](mailto:engineer@leecountyiowa.gov) along with a resume. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee County Engineer Office at (319) 372-2541 or email them to [engineer@leecountyiowa.gov](mailto:engineer@leecountyiowa.gov).

#### Public Works

### GENERAL OPERATOR

#### GENERAL PURPOSE

Performs a variety of unskilled or semi-skilled maintenance work, operates a variety of equipment in the construction, operation, repair, maintenance and replacement of City streets, sanitary and storm drainage facilities and systems.

#### DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

- Graduation from high school education or GED equivalent and
  - Two (2) years of experience relating to construction, maintenance, or repair.
- or
- Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Valid State Driver's license
- Class B CDL with the ability to obtain a Class A CDL within one year of hire

#### NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Some knowledge of equipment, facilities, materials, methods and procedures used in maintenance, construction and repair activities;
- Skill in operation of tools and equipment;
- Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; ability to work safely; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other departments and the public; ability to understand and carry out written and oral instructions.

Submit applications to Mark Boussetot at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or via email at [mboussetot@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:mboussetot@fortmadison-ia.com) by 4:30pm on Friday, October 4th, 2024.



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#### LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

### MECHANIC CLASS II

Lee County is currently accepting applications for a Mechanic Class II to work out of our Central Shop near Donnellson, IA. The successful applicant will perform skilled mechanical work in the maintenance and repair of vehicles, and construction and maintenance equipment and all related mechanical equipment including but not limited to performing diagnostics; electrical repairs; gas welding and cutting; arc and mig welding; and work on hydraulic components. Maintains records of all parts and tools used in repair and assist in inventory of parts and equipment. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements or the ability to obtain Class A within 60 days of hire.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all person regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, or disability. The position pay range is \$24.17 to \$29.51 per hour.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

Permanent Encroachment Agreement with PMP Holdings LLC for Encroachment into City Right-of-Way Adjacent to 1115 North Roosevelt Avenue, Burlington, Iowa  
 DISCUSSION: None.  
 (VOTE: 5 - "AYES") AD-  
 OPTED ORDINANCE:  
 Introduced By: Scott

Seconded By: Billups  
 1. Motion to Amend the Motion for Preliminary Adoption of the Second Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 620 North 8th Street from R-4, Multifamily Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District

DISCUSSION: Eric Tysland, Development and Parks Director, stated that there were no changes to the Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 620 North 8th Street from R-4, Multifamily Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District from the

first reading. All present had opportunity to speak and nothing additional was filed in the office of the City Clerk.  
 (VOTE: 5 - "AYES")  
 CARRIED  
 Introduced By: Scott  
 Seconded By: Weiss  
 2. Motion for Waiver of Preliminary Consideration

and Adoption of the Second Reading and for Final Adoption of an Ordinance Rezoning the Property Locally Known as 620 North 8th Street from R-4, Multifamily Residential to C-1, Limited Commercial Zoning District  
 DISCUSSION: None.  
 (VOTE: 5 - "AYES")

CARRIED  
 Adjournment: 6:08 p.m.  
 Approved: August 5, 2024  
 Katie Music, CMC, City Clerk  
 Jon D. Billups, Mayor  
 (See recording on file in the office of the City Clerk for complete discussion and documentation.)

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## Sports/From the Front

# Public invited to run after Lamb Invitational

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FORT MADISON - With Thursday's annual Fort Madison Invitational Cross Country run just a day away, the cross-country squads are hosting an inaugural 5K fundraiser following the regular Invitational.

Fort Madison's cross country team has won the Rodeo Park Cross Country Course for decades and for the first time is inviting the community to join the tradition.

At the conclusion of the boys' high school run, an open 5K, which used to held decades ago as part of cross-country invites, will be open to the public in general.

The event is a fundraiser for the school district's cross-country programs and people can preregister for the event at [getmeregistered.com](http://getmeregistered.com). Registration fees are \$40 and includes a 5K t-shirt, a bib with a timing chip, and 1st and 2nd place awards for age groups 18 and under, 19-35, and 36 and over. Both male and female divisions will be awarded.

All proceeds will go to the Fort Madison Cross Country, and Track and Field programs.

Quality Feeds and the Fort Madison LULAC Club are sponsors of the first-time event.

The Lady Hounds captured the Ron Hunerdosse Invitational at Fairfield's Waterworks Park last week, while the boys took 2nd place. They also dominated the Keokuk Cross Country Invitational and they both hung with the top teams at the SilverStreak Invitational at a loaded Galesburg event.

The Hounds could be looking at the first year where both boys and girls qualify for the state meet when qualifications come around in October.

# Chief Rohloff set to retire in October

**POTTHAST** - Continued from Page 1

process, but she felt there were qualified candidates in house so they didn't need to conduct a larger search for a police chief.

"I told them all at the start that there can only be one winner," she said following the meeting.

Liegois has authority to appoint the new chief, but she put it in front of the council as an affirmation of the selection.

Potthast came to Fort Madison in January of 2022 after a lengthy career in law enforcement in Nebraska. From March 2021 to November of 2021 he was a police officer and training officer in Mitchell, Nebraska.

From June 2019 to March of 2021 he was the task force commander for the Western Nebraska Intelligence and Narcotics Group out of Scottsbluff, Neb. In that role, he worked in in-depth intelligence on narcotics locations and movements. He also oversaw a \$175,000 annual budget and coordinated a juvenile probation program with officers helping mentor youth.

During that time, he was also a sergeant with the Nebraska State Patrol and was a trooper in that branch from Oct. 2011 to December 2018.

He went to law enforcement command school in Johnson, Iowa and did other general education and criminal justice studies in Colorado and New Hampshire.

Rohloff commended the city on the search and interview process.

"The selection process for a new chief was very satisfactory, in my opinion. The way that it was conducted allowed the four captains each an opportunity equally to participate. I think it's been well received by the department. I believe the selection was a very thoughtful one and made use of various counterparts to make that decision," he said.

"I believe, going forward, the city does have a good choice and it is my pleasure to be here and mentor Cody in that process."

He said some steps have been taken to begin the transition in hopes of speeding up the process to save taxpayers some money having a chief in training and an active chief on payroll at the same time.

Liegois said Rohloff has agreed to stay on as a consultant for three months to help the department navigate the transition.

"I've already notified my counterparts in other area law enforcement agencies. Now that we can focus on an individual, there's many things to be done," he said.

Rohloff said there are several things still in the works that he needs to clean up, including grants that he's a signatory on, and several ordinances that are in front of city staff. He's also bringing on a new officer, Riley Long, who was sworn in Wednesday.

"I believe the department is going to be in good shape and great hands and I'm enthused on what we have going forward," Rohloff said.

Rohloff's retirement is per state rules that require him to step aside with his number of years of service and age combined.

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