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Hounds take Lamb title



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A bevy of Fort Madison girls lead the pack Thursday evening in the Timm Lamb Cross-Country Invitational. Junior Avery Rump is in the front, while Addison Rump and Ellie Hellman are a short ways back on the left, and Jordyn Marshall and Mara Smith take up spots on the right. Below, Jacob Shottenkirk sprints to the finish ahead of Washington's Sawyer Tschantz for 4th place.

GIRLS FIRST: Lady Hounds 1st, boys 3rd in Division A: Hawks, Crusaders place

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds got some good news and some not so good news at the Timm Lamb Invitational Cross-Country meet at Rodeo Park.

The Lady Hounds captured 1st place with 27 points as Avery Rump took second place overall with a 20:29.1, about 45 seconds behind champion Iris Dahl, who took the title with a 19:45.2.

The girls' team continues to excel as a squad, but two-time state qualifier Rump still isn't quite herself after struggling with some heat issues early in the season. Despite the heat Thursday, Rump gutted out the 3-mile course on the north-west side of the park. Her twin sister Addison had another strong showing as her times continue to improve on the year. She took 6th overall with a 20:53.3. junior Mara Smith is running in her first year of varsity cross country and continues to rack up top-five finishes for the Bloodhounds and typically top 20 overall. And freshman Ellie Hellman continues to impress as a top five Lady Hound and top 20 runner.

Hellman said she prefers casual running to competitive,

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Jobless rate shows a slight Aug. uptick

DES MOINES – Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly to 2.9 percent in August, ending a four-month stint at 2.8 percent. Driven primarily by retirements, the state's labor force participation rate fell to 66.3 percent from 66.4 percent in July. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate decreased to 4.2 percent.

"National headwinds continue to cause Iowa employers some collective concern about uncertainty in the U.S. economy," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "This might explain the sluggish hiring we are seeing now. However, opportunities still exist, as Iowa's unemployment level remains low and there are more than 54,000 job openings posted on IowaWORKS.gov. IWD career planners can help match anyone ready to work with those employers who are ready to hire."

The number of unemployed Iowans increased to 48,400 in August from 47,600 in July.

The total number of working Iowans fell to 1,635,400 in August. This figure is 2,400 lower than July and 20,300 lower than one year ago.

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

Total nonfarm employment decreased slightly in August by shedding 600 jobs and lowering the total to 1,609,400 jobs. This loss follows a similar decline of 200 jobs last month and was the result of private service firms lowering staffing levels over the last 30 days. Goods-producing firms, including manufacturing and construction, advanced slightly since July, gaining 400 jobs. Government (a sector that includes federal, state, and local political subdivisions, as well as schools, universities, and public hospitals) also added 400 jobs. Hiring was divided between state, local, and federal institutions and now rests up 3,900 jobs annually. Total nonfarm employment overall has gained 20,100 jobs over the past year.

Professional and business services shed

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WEATHER

FRI 20 Sep.....Mostly sunny & warm, 87° F/ 62° F ☀️
 SAT 21 Sep.....Chance of showers, 82° F/ 64° F ☁️
 SUN 22 Sep.....Showers, 74° F/ 60° F ☁️

IOWA LOTTERY

DOUBLE PLAY 09/18.....16 23 50 53 66, Powerball: 14
 LOTTO AMERICA 09/18.....7 17 29 42 45, Star Ball: 5 All Star Bonus: 4
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/18.....10 13 28 43 47, Lucky Ball: 9
 PICK 3 MIDDAY 09/18.....8 0 6
 PICK 3 EVENING 09/18.....4 9 6
 PICK 4 MIDDAY 09/18.....7 7 4 2
 PICK 4 EVENING 09/18.....0 0 6 1
 POWERBALL 09/18.....11 22 47 68, Powerball: 7 Power Play: 4

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

TITA F. GARCIA

Tita F. Garcia, age 75, of Ft. Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 11:03 AM at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.



GARCIA

She was born on January 4, 1949 in Manadue Cebu, Philippines to Eusebio and Metea Madelie Fernandez. On March 13, 1970 she married Michael Garcia in The Philippines. Tita was an executive housekeeper at the Radison Hotel. She enjoyed gardening and loved going to casinos.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Garcia of Ft. Madison, IA; one daughter, Debbie Thomas of Moberly, MO; three sons, Gabriel (Helen) Garcia of Seattle, WA, Damian Garcia of Albuquerque, NM and Jacob Garcia of Cedar Rapids, IA; twenty-one grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Baltazar Fernandez of The Philippines. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home. The family will meet with friends from 1-2:30 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT C. HAMMEL

Robert C. Hammel, 94, of Hamilton, IL, died Sunday, September 15, 2024 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.



HAMMEL

He was born on March 27, 1930 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, the son of Claude and Margaret (Nelson) Hammel.

He graduated from Carthage High School in Carthage, IL with the Class of 1948.

In December of 1950, Robert was united in marriage to Peggy Jane Money. She preceded him in death on October 19, 2013.

Robert proudly served his country in the United States Army and achieved the rank of Sergeant Major (E9) in the Illinois National Guard.

He was the owner of Hammel's Floor and Wall Covering in Hamilton, IL from 1961-1979. He also owned and operated three local car washes and many rentals. For several years Robert served as Tax Assessor for Hancock County.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and served on an adjunct committee for the Hamilton School District and also served as vice-president of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

Robert enjoyed fishing, hunting and horse racing. He loved cars and motorcycles and was still riding his motorcycle at age 81.



He is survived by three daughters, Debra Richards (Bruce) of Jacksonville, IL, Cynthia Adkins (Dick) of Greenville, IL and Nancy Wolber (Gary) of Rock Island, IL and one son, Jeff Hammel (Sandra) of Hamilton, IL, thirteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three sisters, Dorlene Nicklas of Mission Viejo, California, Linda Keene of Lena, IL and Ellen Temperly (Glenn) of Cuba City, WI.

Besides his wife, Robert was also preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, Lacy Hammel, one sister, Donna Piper and one brother in infancy.

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

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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

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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Do your part and get to know the candidates. To that end, we want residents to have the opportunity and have scheduled three forums, all of which will be held at the Lee County Advantage Career Center.

FORUM 1

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

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Nicholas Atwood, Martin Graber,
Jim Beres and Matt Rinker



Nannette Griffin



Jeff Reichman



Martin Graber



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Matt Rinker

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

KENNETH J. MOORE

Kenneth James "Jim" Moore, 61, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away at 2:35 p.m. Monday, September 16, 2024, at Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa.



MOORE

He was born on May 9, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the son of Larry and Mary Ellen (Goudie) Moore. On August 18, 1984, he married Lisa Rider at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife: Lisa; children: Kate (Luke) Wells of Donnellson, Jake (Stacy) Moore of Keokuk, Paige (Whitney) Moore of Des Moines; grandchildren: Avery and Carson Wells, Camron, Jason and Landon Moore; father: Larry Moore of Bonaparte; mother-in-law: Louise Rider of Farmington; siblings: Mary Jo (Keith)

Heitzman of Tampa, Florida, Sharon (Mike) Burek of Winsted, Connecticut, Doug (Angie) Moore of Donnellson. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Mary Ellen Moore and father-in-law: Tom Rider.

Jim was a 1981 graduate of Harmony High School. He attended Iowa State University and then returned to the family farm. He finished his career as a partner with his brother Doug at their business, Moore Seed and Service. Jim was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, Farmington Actioneers, Farmington EMTs, IH-SAA as a basketball referee, Lee County Cattleman, Farmington Rod and Gun Club, Atta-Boy Hunt Club. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, watching sports, woodworking, playing cards, socializing with friends and most of all, being a grandpa.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 20, 2024, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21, 2024, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at Sharon Cemetery, rural Farmington, Iowa.

A celebration of life will follow at the Houghton Knights of Columbus Rural Life Club.

Memorials have established in his memory for Houghton Rural Life Club, Farmington Rod and Gun Club or Farmington American Legion.

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

OBITUARIES

RONALD G. FOWLER

Ronald Glen "Ron" Fowler, 86, of Keokuk, passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at River Hills Village in Keokuk.



FOWLER

Ron was born on January 3, 1938, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Carl Adolf and Charlotte Ransome (Clingman) Fowler. On December 30, 1960, he was united in marriage to Janet "Jan" Mitchell in Quincy, Illinois. She preceded him in death on January 10, 2016.

Ron was a member and a deacon at Bel Air Baptist Church in Keokuk and was employed as production supervisor at Drydens (Shell-er-Globe, BTR, Henneges). He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1960 to 1966, receiving his honorable discharge.

Ron was a Private First Class with the 504 Unit at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, serving as military police and a body guard for President Kennedy.

Ron is survived by three children, Julia Ann (Steven) Roeglin of Stuarts Draft, VA; Jolene Kay (Michael) Nichols of Graettinger, IA; and Janell Marie Fowler of Keokuk; five grandchildren, Adam Roeglin, Allison (John) Forystek, Alexander (Emily) Roeglin, Christian Nichols and Isabel (Wesleigh) Nichols; eight great-grandchildren: Judah, Olivia, Ariaah, Sophia, Ariella, Javan, Annalise and Noah; his sister Sandra Dianne Fowler (Ronald) Hageman of Keokuk; three sisters-in-law Joan (Richard) Jordan, Joyce Kemper and Clarissa Fowler.



Ron is preceded in death by his parents; his wife Janet Fowler; four siblings: Leroy Fowler, Carl Leland (Laverne) Fowler, Vincent Dale Fowler and Laverne Burdette (Yvette) Fowler; his in-laws Maxine (James) Marshall, Francis Nichols and Don Kemper.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Bel Air Baptist Church in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm on Tuesday, September 17, at Printy Funeral Home, 917 Blondeau Street, Keokuk, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to the Montrose Riverfront, Inc., or Amazing Grace Building Fund in Kahoka, Missouri.

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

The family would like to thank the staff of River Hills Village and Everystep Hospice for the excellent care they provided.

Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Retail jobs fall in August

JOBS - Continued from Page 1

the most jobs since July (-1,800). This sector has now pared 3,200 jobs since June. Administrative support and waste management was responsible for most of the loss, shedding 1,300 jobs. Leisure and hospitality also lost jobs in August (-500). Accommodations and food services was responsible for all the jobs shed and has been trending down slightly since April. Alternatively, construction added 700 jobs since July, erasing a small drop of 500 jobs last month. Firms involved in new building construction were responsible for most of the loss this month. Other services also added 700 jobs and has now gained 1,300 since May.

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Sports

Crusaders blow by New London as tough week looms

LISBON TOURNEY SATURDAY: HTC gets match over in less than an hour to rest up for long week ahead

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

NEW LONDON — It was best for Holy Trinity's volleyball team to just get in and get out with what's coming up in the next week.

The fourth-ranked (Class 1A) Crusaders needed just 51 minutes to sweep New London 25-9, 25-12, 25-7 on Thursday night.

The Crusaders (5-2 overall, 3-0 Superconference South Division) are heading into a stretch that includes the Lisbon tournament on Saturday, their own tournament on Monday, and the SEI Superconference tournament next Thursday and Saturday. It's a lot of volleyball for a team that hasn't played a lot of matches.

"We're going to be busy in the next week or so," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "But that's what we need — playing games against good competition so we can get better."

"We're definitely excited," said junior middle hitter Presley Myers, who celebrated her birthday with a team-

high 13 kills and three blocks. "I think we're going into it with a lot of improvement from the beginning of the season, and I think we're going to do well."

The Crusaders didn't waste any time against the Tigers (1-9, 0-3).

"I think it was really important to get done early," said sophomore Adalyn Kruse, who had five kills and eight digs. "We can get home early, get some sleep, get some rest, and get ready for the weekend."

Holy Trinity jumped on the Tigers early, scoring the first seven points of the first set on the way to a 13-3 lead.

"We've been starting slow a lot," Kruse said. "I think it was good that we played with a lot of energy."

"Matches like this may not look as difficult as some of the ones we play," Myers said. "But they are just because there wasn't a ton of energy in the gym. We have to work hard to keep the energy up, and I thought we did that. We stayed pretty consistent, had a constant level of energy."

New London had early leads in the second and third sets before the Crusaders went on long runs. They had an eight-point run in the second set and a 16-point run in the third set. That third-set run included 15 consecutive service points from freshman Olivia Bendlage, who had four aces in the stretch.

"We wanted them to be focused and get the job done,"

Freesmeier said. "And I thought we did that tonight."

The Lisbon tournament on Saturday includes the host school, which was in the IGHSAU rankings until the newest one that came out on Thursday, as well as No. 10 (Class 2A) West Burlington.

"We're getting close to regionals, so I think any good competition we see is going to help us," Kruse said.

"We're not going to be practicing, but we're going to be on the court seeing some good teams, so that means we're going to be getting better," Freesmeier said.

"I think we're going to do really good," Myers said. "We're all getting more comfortable with each other. That's what we've been working on, chemistry and communication and stuff like that, and I think we did really good with that tonight. That kind of progress is going to help us."

HOLY TRINITY STATISTICS

Kills — Presley Myers 13, Anna Bendlage 6, Adalyn Kruse 5, Olivia Bendlage 5, Emma Mohrfeld 2.

Assists — A.Bendlage 17, Elizabeth Griffin 12, Teagan Snaadt 3, Kruse 1, Mohrfeld 1

Serving — O.Bendlage 20-20 (5 aces), Snaadt 19-20 (5 aces), A.Bendlage 16-16 (1 ace), Kruse 12-13 (2 aces), Griffin 9-9, Myers 9-9 (1 ace), Eva Denning 3-4.

Digs — Snaadt 12, O.Bendlage 11, Kruse 8, Griffin 6, Mohrfeld 1

Blocks — Myers 3, A.Bendlage 2

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PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF
WEST BURLINGTON
Regular City Council
Meeting
Wednesday,
September 25, 2024
6:00 PM
West Burlington
City Hall
122 Broadway Street**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLE-
GIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & AP-
PROVAL OF AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA
All items on the Con-
sent Agenda are Action
items that will be con-
sidered by a single vote.
Council members may
request that an item be
pulled for discussion and
held for a separate vote.
Items on the Consent
Agenda may include
claims over the City
Administrator's authorized
spending limit, payments
related to previously
approved contracts, and
non-controversial or rou-
tine expenses as defined
by the City's Purchasing
Policy.

1. Minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on September 4, 2024
2. Clerk's Monthly Financial Report for August 2024
3. Approve a quote from Dreyer Painting for repainting the swimming Pool
4. Payment to Snyder & Associates for engineering related to Phase 2 of the Gear Ave. Trail Extension Project - \$1,600.62
5. Payment to Dell Technologies - \$9,886.38
6. Payment to Municipal Supply - \$8,311.30
7. Accept Owen May's resignation from the Fire Department
8. Approve the purchase of a Dump Truck for the Public Works Department
9. Payment of Claims as listed on the Ex-
pense Approval Report - \$430,152.76

- COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS
- ADMINISTRATOR:
 - PUBLIC WORKS:
 - POLICE DEPARTMENT:
 - FIRE/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:
 - CLERK/FINANCE/IT:

- OTHER STAFF RE-
PORTS:
- COUNCIL REPORTS:
- COMMUNITY RE-
PORTS:
- PROCLAMATIONS
- 1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- CITIZEN INQUIRIES
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- 1. Consider a Reso-
lution hiring two Police Reserve Officers, Brian Newberry and Jayden Kirby
- 2. Consider enter-
ing into a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates related to Sunset Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Extension
- CITIZEN INQUIRIES
- ADJOURN

**PUBLIC NOTICE
West Burlington
Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday,
September 4, 2024**

The West Burling-
ton City Council met
in regular session on
Wednesday, September
4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at
West Burlington City Hall,
122 Broadway Street,

West Burlington, Iowa,
with Mayor Ron Teater
presiding.
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ron Teater, Ringo Co-
vert, Andy Crouner, John
Johnson, Therese Lees,
and Melanie Young
MEMBERS ABSENT:
ALSO PRESENT:
Police Chief Jesse Lo-
gan, City Clerk Kelly Fry,
Finance Manager Angela
Moore, City Administrator
Gregg Mandsager, and
Interim Public Works Di-
rector Chase Williams
CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLE-
GIANCE
ROLL CALL
PERFECTING & AP-
PROVAL OF AGENDA
Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Covert, to

approve the agenda as
presented. Motion carried
by the following votes:
Ayes: Covert, Crown-
er, Johnson, Lees, and
Young
CONSENT AGENDA
• Minutes from the
Regular City Council
meeting on August 27,
2024
• Payment to Axon
Enterprises for tasers -
\$6,083.50
• Pay Request #13
from Jones Contracting
for work completed on
Phase 2 of the Gear
Ave. Trail Extension -
\$156,153.59
• Payment to Municipal
Supply for fire hydrants -
\$16,200
• Payment of Claims
as listed on the Ex-

pense Approval Report
- \$204,805.55
Moved by Lees, sec-
onded by Crouner, to
approve the Consent
Agenda items as present-
ed. Motion carried by the
following votes:
Ayes: Covert, Crown-
er, Johnson, Lees, and
Young
COUNCIL & STAFF
REPORTS
• ADMINISTRATOR:
• PUBLIC WORKS:
• POLICE DEPART-
MENT:
• FIRE/BUILDING DE-
PARTMENT:
• CLERK/FINANCE/IT:
• OTHER STAFF RE-
PORTS:
• COUNCIL REPORTS:
• COMMUNITY RE-
PORTS:

HELP WANTED

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 and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to 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.

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.

For a job description, a list of qualifications, and to apply, download an application from our county's website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx and turn it into the County Engineer Office or email it to 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.

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DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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- 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.

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- 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 by 4:30pm on Friday, October 4th, 2024.



Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITIZEN INQUIRIES

No inquiries.
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
 Consider a Resolution adding Suzanne Ell and Rady Malcom to the West Burlington Fire Department

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve a Resolution adding Suzanne Ell and Rady Malcom to the West Burlington Fire Department. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department from Karl Chevrolet for \$49,905.20

Chief Logan asked Council to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe Police

4WD Pursuit Rated squad car. This vehicle would replace the 2016 Ford Explorer that was totaled in an accident earlier this year. This vehicle was not in the budget. The City received \$27,373 from the insurance settlement and the remaining funds will be absorbed through the Police Department Budget or included in the budget amendment at the end of the year. Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe for the Police Department from Karl Chevrolet for \$49,905.20. Motion carried by the following votes: Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young Consider a quote from Schlueter Automotive to replace the transmission on the Police Department's 2017 Ford Explorer (Unit 8)

Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to approve a quote from Schlueter Automotive to replace the transmission on the Police Department's 2017 Ford Explorer (Unit 8) for \$5,000. Motion carried by the

following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider the purchase of bunker gear (6 sets) from Dinges Fire for \$22,218

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, to approve the purchase of bunker gear (6 sets) from Dinges Fire for \$22,218. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Consider entering into a Professional Services Agreement with MB Contracting, LLC to perform stormwater project services, inspection services, and snow removal and mowing services as needed

The City Administrator requested the Council's approval for a Professional Services Agreement with former Public Works Director Mike Brissey of MB Contracting. Under this agreement, Brissey would provide consulting services as needed at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. The contract also pro-

posed that Brissey assist with snow plowing and mowing services, if necessary, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Johnson opposed contracting Brissey for snow removal and mowing, while Crowner and Young believed Brissey's involvement in addressing current stormwater issues would be highly beneficial. Interim Public Works Director Chase Williams will also benefit from working with Mike on these stormwater issues. City Administrator Mandsager pointed out that the contract did not specify a minimum amount of hours the city would be obligated. His services would be utilized on an as-needed basis.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Young, agreed to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with MB Contracting, LLC to perform stormwater project services, inspection services, and snow removal and mowing services as needed. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Lees, and Young

Nays: Johnson
 Discuss the extension of the Sanitary Sewer to Sunset Ln

Council discussed the extension of sanitary sewer to 18 homes in the Sunset Subdivision. Due to the cost associated with extending the sanitary sewer, Council members agreed the project should be considered in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, but funding a project of that magnitude was not feasible at this time.

CITIZEN INQUIRIES
CLOSED SESSION
 Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5.1g to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as current or proposed investigations or inspection or auditing techniques or schedules, which if disclosed would enable law violators to avoid detection and Iowa Code Section 21.5.1h to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as allowable tolerances or criteria for the selection, prosecution or settlement of cases which if disclosed

would facilitate disregard of requirement imposed by law.

Moved by Lees, seconded by Crowner, to go into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5.1g and Section 21.5.1h as described. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

Moved by Young, seconded by Lees, to come out of Closed Session at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken during the Closed Session. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

ADJOURN
 Moved by Crowner, seconded by Lees, to close the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The next City Council meeting will be held Wednesday, September 25, 2024. Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Covert, Crowner, Johnson, Lees, and Young

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From the Front

Shottenkirk returns with 4th place finish in boys' run

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but she's starting to fit in well with the Lady Hounds after running junior high cross country for Holy Trinity Catholic last year.

"I much prefer a nice eight-minute mile or 8:30, rather than the seven minutes I ran the last two or three here," she said.

"You know you're going up against a lot of girls that are going to push your limit, but feeling like you're going to throw up isn't always the most fun thing out there,"

Smith raced to a 21:01.7 for seventh place overall in the A Division. She said the Rump girls keep her motivated when things get a little rough mid-race.

"My goal is stay up with Addison and use her to keep me going. I feel like through the second mile is where I had to use it the most. That's where it usually gets rough and that's when you have to kick it in," she said.

Smith is a two-sport fall athlete holding a top-5 spot on the cross-country team and anchoring the Bloodhound volleyball squad as the team's primary setter this season.

"It gets tiring sometimes. I love both so that motivates me to keep going. It's easier because volleyball practice is a little later in the day. After school I go on a run and then hit volleyball and then just chill."

Addison Rump said she's looking for a strong performance from the team at district qualifiers in October and thinks the Lady Hounds have a good shot to run as a team.

"It's definitely in the front of my mind. In the fall, cross country is what I think about constantly. It's exciting that our team has a possibility of making it to state this year.

"I've been running better than last year and my freshman year. I'm really happy with how I did today," she said.

She said it's difficult to watch Avery struggle in the early going.

"It's hard seeing her go through this. I wish we could figure it out or I could help her."

The other scoring runner for the Hounds was McKayla Schinstock with a 9th-place finish at 21:22.9. Jordyn Marshall was 15th overall with a 22:23.1 and Ellie Huebner was 28th at 24:12.8.

The boys saw the resurgence of Jacob Shottenkirk who had been battling some cramping the last several meets in the final mile. Shottenkirk had a strong kick Thursday to edge Washington's Sawyer Tschantz and take 4th place in the Varsity A Division with a 17:45.8.

"I wasn't expecting a crazy run. I wanted to run well just to know that my last race wasn't about a bad season.

Calvin Johnson got one of his first top-10 finishes coming

across at 18:14.1. The other scoring runners for the Hounds were Hunter Wiegand 13th at 18:29.4, Peyton Lambert 16th with an 18:32.3, and Jacob Walker 18:34.3 (17th). Noah Schinstock finished at 19:44.8 (24th), and Mason McLey came in 28th at 20:15.10. Jake Haessig finished with a 23:00.8 (54th overall).

The boys' 60 points was good enough for third-place in the division, behind Washington's 25, and Muscatine's 48.

The Central Lee boys finished 8th in the B Division with 191 points again led by Leo Thomas who took 32nd in the division with a 20:18.7. Austin Fogarty 20:49.2 (35th), Ayden Kent 20:59.8 (38th), Caden Crozier 21:14.4 (41st) and Kaidin Humes 21:31.5 (45th) were the other scoring runners for the Hawks. Caedon Newton just missed scoring with a 46th-place showing at 21:31.6. Beau Boyd raced to a 24:22.1 (59th), Keegan Westfall ran a 25:07.6 (83rd overall), Riley Salter-Rickman posted a 27:05.1 (94th).

The Central Lee girls posted a 4th-place finish with 95 points. Danville won the event with 32 points, taking four of the five top-5 places.

Evelyn Adkins led the way for the Lady Hawks with a 23:18 8th-place finish, followed by Macy Anderson's 14th-place tally of 24:03.2. The other scoring runners were Aubree Bunnell 24:55.1 (18th), Afton Maynes 26:23.3 (25th), and Gabby Maynes 27:42.4. Other runners were Charlee Clay 27:45.0 and Sapphire Cummings 32:43.3 (39th).

The Holy Trinity Catholic boys finished 10th led by Tanner Williams who came in 43rd under first-year coach and former HTC state-qualifier Matt Hellige. Williams raced to a 21:24.2 and was followed by Layne Rung at 22:45.1 (54th). The other scoring runners were Tate Green at 23:12.3 (56th), Jay Ellison 25:03.4 (62nd), and Luke Hellige at 25:57.3. The other Crusader runner was Jacob Baker at 26:40.4.

The meet was the first time Matt Hellige had coached a run at Rodeo Park after running four times there himself as a Crusader. He then ran at Mt. Mercy University where he graduated.

Hellige said he was using this year as a building year.

"Holy Trinity has been my home since kindergarten. It's been a dream of mine to come back here," he said.

"We started early on this summer with a small group of kids that grew and grew. Half our team came on at the start of school."

He said a few basketball kids came out for their senior year because they weren't sure if they would have a time.

"I've had so many great coaches over the years, too many to name, and I'm taking in stuff from all of them. I'm in contact with them on things and go to them for advice.

"I see this as our building year. Building a team and a culture and I really have seen improvement in every meet. Mentally and physically they are improving every week," he said.

BACK PAIN?

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...



The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:

MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

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MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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