

Businesses honored



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FM Chamber recognizes area small businesses

Friday’s annual Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Small Business breakfast ended with the recognition of the Micro-business and Small Business of the Year awards. Above left, Dannette Baier of Bent Oak Books is presented her plaque for 2025 Small Business of the Year. Above right, Pauline and Curtis Wingert of Wingert Bakehaus were presented with the Micro-business of the Year.

Central Lee News

Central Lee boys break 28-year scoring record

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – The Central Lee boys’ golf team has never shot below a 300 at home before and it’s been 28 years since they hit the 300 mark. But on Saturday, the Hawks blew that mark up, and did something fairly phenomenal.

The Hawks had five golfers shoot under 77 at Green Acres for a remarkable 292 and their sixth golfer, who is actually seventh on the Hawks’ depth chart, shot an 81, just missing having the entire team at 80 or under.

Central Lee head coach Mike Ungerer said at the beginning of the season that, at any point, just about any of the top five golfers could win, or medal, at any

given event this year. They’ve had four medalists with Mylan Lowenberg, Carter Jones, Caleb Jones, and Carson Morrison all medaling at events this year. Lowenberg won the SEI Super Conference title earlier this week. Carter Jones won Saturday’s event in Donnellson with a two-under par 70. Jones shot a 36 on the front and then hit three of four birdies on the second trip around on holes 1, 2, and 4. He bogeyed the 160-yard par 3 No. 5 hole and then parred out for the 70.

That was just one better than Caleb Larson. Larson shot an invitational best 3-under 33 on the first nine, but shot a 38 the last nine with a birdie on Hole 3, but then got stuck with back-to-back bogeys on holes 6 and 7 before parring the last two for the 71. Morrison shot a 37/38

for a 75 and Lowenberg carded a 39/37 for a 76 to round out the scoring golfers. Bo Herdrich shot a 77 and Carver Hayes shot an 81 for the Hawks.

Ungerer said he hasn’t had a season like this one. The 1997 team of Tony Sciumbato, Jeremy Hawk, Eric Hocker, and Bobby Anspach were the closest to this performance.

“I haven’t had a team like this,” Ungerer said. “They all shoot very similar to each other and, on any given day, either one could win. At conference it was our No. 3 and 4 guys that shot really well. On Saturday, it was our Nos. 1 and 2 guys.”

He said the student-athletes have been playing a lot of golf together and actually

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COMMENTARY



Champions can be found in the 1-on-1

Journalism is the activity of writing for news organizations.

We observe and report, and in most cases, we do so with some objective posture. Many times it requires patience, and it almost always requires someone else to be part of the story. I’ll get to why that’s relevant here.

On Monday night I was covering a typical soccer game at Baxter Sports Complex. It was a frustrating game for Hounds’ fans. Connections weren’t happening well and the Bloodhound boys couldn’t sustain possessions. A freshman keeper was worked over pretty good with more than a dozen shots on goal in the second half alone, and Fort Madison lost 4-0.

Obviously, its less fun to do a post-game with a coach after they lose a game that, according to records, they should’ve won. But records don’t mean anything on any given night and that’s a message coaches give to kids almost daily.

So why does this typical soccer game get into my Beside The Point? Good question. Glad you asked in your head while coffee smoke wafts up from your cup, or you rolled on your side reading from your phone in bed. Either way, good morning.

This soccer game, to me, was anything but typical. I usually meander around the coach and team after the game as they do a team huddle and recap. Some are longer than others, but most of the time I get a few tips on what strategies worked or failed, and get a sense of where the coaches’ heads are at for post-game questions.

This post-game huddle was very short. Just a statement. “It just wasn’t our night.”

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

ELDA WOODROFFE

Elda Woodroffe, 108 years, of rural Denmark, Iowa died Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington, Iowa.

She was born in Des Moines County on September 24, 1916, a daughter of Herman and Emma (Wagner) Hasenclever. She attended school until the 8th grade, walking a mile and a half over two creeks, and eight fences each way.

On May 17, 1949, she married Glenn Woodroffe at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. She was a homemaker, and she stayed busy with her family and community. Elda was a 4-H leader for 10 years, and for many years she was a member of Women's Farm Bureau, Denmark Senior Citizens, T.T.T., and Denmark United Church of Christ Church Circles.

She was proud of her family, noting that at least one family member had become a doctor, lawyer, engineer, Army officer, Airman, computer technician, farmer, lumberman, and world traveler. She remained active and supportive in the lives of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, attending countless concerts, ball games, and graduations. She was loved and an inspiration to many.

She is survived by her children: Randolph (Janice) Woodroffe and Kerwin Woodroffe, both of Denmark; Jeanne Woodroffe and Reginald Woodroffe, both of Des Moines, Iowa, and Anita Woodroffe, of Atkins, Iowa; four grandchildren: Nicole (Jeffrey) Blumenauer, Royce (Lisa) Woodroffe; Alexander and Gunnar Erickson; great grandchildren: Julia, James, Beauregard, Graham, Wilhelmina, Montgomery, and Ella; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, seven siblings: Harlan Hasenclever, Everett Hasenclever, Delbert Hasenclever, Calvin Hasenclever, Lelia Hasenclever, Leona Wilbert, Velma Johnson, and two infant sisters.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Monday May 12, 2025, at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, Iowa. Her funeral service will follow and begin at 11:00 am, Monday May 12, 2025, at the Barr Memorial Chapel, with Reverend Chad Savage officiating. A memorial has been established, and contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Woodroffe family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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Fort Madison Police Report
05/08/25 – 12:59 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue C.
05/08/25 – 12:48 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 700 block of Avenue G.
05/08/25 – 6:41 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue A.
05/08/25 – 11:48 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Chelsey Victoria Manning, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was held in Lee County Jail.
05/09/25 – 12:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Margery Dawn Hawkins, 59, of Fort Madison in the 1600 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving under suspension.
05/09/25 – 3:01 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5100 block of Avenue O.
05/09/25 – 5:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Daymeon Jayshawn Dome Virgil, 24, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue H, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
05/09/25 – 5:49 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Dustin Jay Krueger, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue H, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and interference with official acts. He was held in Lee County Jail
05/10/25 – 4:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Elliot Mathius Hemphill, 33, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of possession of marijuana.
05/11/25 – 8:52 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3400 block of Avenue N.
05/11/25 – 12:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue G.

05/11/25 – 5:11 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Mason Paul Williams, 22, of Fort Madison in the 2700 block of Avenue N, on a charges of eluding, interference with official acts and driving while barred. He was held at Lee County Jail.
05/11/25 – 8:12 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Robert Alan Ulik, 44, of Fort Madison in the 4000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.
05/11/25 – 9:49 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Carrie Mae Smith, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for driving while barred. She was held in Lee County Jail.

Keokuk Police Report
05/08/25 – 9:32 a.m. – Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1600 block of Morgan Street.
05/08/25 – 1:47 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of N. Park Drive.
05/08/25 – 2:26 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Christina Lee Orellana, 50, of Keoku, in the 300 block of N. Park Drive, on charges of 5th-degree theft, possession of a controlled substance, and an active arrest warrant. She was held in Lee County Jail.
05/08/25 – 5:56 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Main Street.
05/08/25 – 5:57 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the in the 2000 block of Main Street.
05/08/25 – 7:03 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Des Moines Street.
05/08/25 – 10:27 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Joe Brooks Cleveland, IV, 18, of Keokuk in the 3500 block of Main Street, on a charge of OWI. He was held in Lee County Jail.
05/09/25 – 12:25 a.m. – Keokuk

police arrested David Andrew Sartory, 40, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Concert Street in a charge of public intoxication. He was held in Lee County Jail.
05/09/25 – 7:02 a.m. – Keokuk police cited Johnathanne Taylor Plam, 28, of Fort Madison, in at Carbine Lane and Main Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
05/08/25 – 7:44 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Cody Rhodes, 36, at the N. Lee County Courthouse on a judgment hold.
05/08/25 – 7:54 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kyle Gerard Wellman, 26, of West Point at the sheriff's office on judgment holds.
05/08/25 – 8:39 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ambert Jade Schmidt, 19, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Main Street, on charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, being ineligible to carry a weapon and possession of alcohol under age. She was held in Lee County Jail.
05/09/25 – 4:53 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Cory Marvin Ransell, 56, of West Point, at the N. Lee County Courthouse on judgment holds. He was held in Lee County Jail.
05/09/25 – 9:41 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Alan Lee Vincent, 45, of Lomax, Ill, in the 2700 block of Hwy. 218 on a charge of driving while arred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
05/09/25 – 9:25 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Victor John Wenke, 39, of Mt. Pleasant, on Hwy. 16, on charges of OWI and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.

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



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Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans
Thursday, May 15th
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Friday, May 16th
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL SANFORD

Michael “Mike” Sanford, 65, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at his home.

He was born on December 8, 1959, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Darrell and Etta Lou (Wilcox) Sanford. On August 15, 1993, he married Judith Sue “Judy” Hagmeir in Fort Madison, Iowa. She preceded him in death July 30, 2017.



SANFORD

Survivors include his two step-sons: Matthew (Cheritie) Mahoney of Granger, Iowa and Kevin (Bailie) Mahoney of Fort Madison, Iowa; five step grandchildren: Ethan, Madeline, Gavyn, Kellen, and Cameron; one brother: Joe (Rosie) Sanford; three sisters: Sandy (Vino) Gonzales, Susie (Robert) Muerhoff, Lori Grens and longtime friend and caretaker: Elaine Johnson. Also surviving are eleven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Judy; two brothers and one nephew.

Mike worked for Lee County Secondary Roads. He enjoyed mushroom hunting, fishing, music, painting and spending time with his family.

Per his wishes, his body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 2025, at Joy Baptist Church in Fort Madison, Iowa with Reverend Earl Beal officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

KURT D. MYERS

Kurt D. Myers, 61, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 7:11 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, IA. He was born on January 19, 1964 in Fort Madison, IA to Dale Duane & Karen Sue Krieger Myers. His mother, Karen Drummond, survives.



MYERS

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. The family is grieving privately and would like everyone who knew him to remember him and grieve in their own way. Online condolences to Kurt’s family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: 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.

OBITUARIES

HELEN L. KEMPER

Helen Lucille Kemper, 76 of Montrose, IA passed away Friday, May 9, 2025 at her home.

She was born May 25, 1948 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Richard and Hazel Bernice Skow. Helen graduated from Central Lee High School in Donnellson, IA.



KEMPER

On April 9, 1967 Helen was united in marriage to Gerold Eugene Kemper at Melrose Methodist Church in Argyle, IA. He survives.

Other survivors include one son, Mike Kemper of Milan, IL, one daughter, Lora Hatfield (Kevin) of Carthage, IL, two grandsons, Kyle Jorgenson (Liz) who are expecting a little one, and Blake Jorgenson (Andrea) all of Montrose and two great grandchildren, Josie and Jase Jorgenson both of Montrose. She is also survived by two step granddaughters, Hillary Hatfield of Wasilla, AK and Erika Vermillion (Chaise) of Rolla, MO, one step grandson, Tyler Hatfield (Skylnn) of Keokuk, eight step great grandchildren, Aubrey, Booker, Willow Hatfield and Ember Courtois all of Keokuk and Oliver, Jackson, Kendal Hatfield and Blair Vermillion all of Rolla, MO, one sister, Geri Coats of Pennsylvania, one brother, Dickie Skow (Vickie), one sister-in-law, Louise Skow of Montrose, one brother in law, Ron Kemper (Bev) of Oregon and Helen’s dog, Daisy.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Diane Kemper, four brothers, John Skow, Gerald “Red” Skow, Herman “Butch” Skow and Paul Skow, sister, Norm Curtis, mother in-law, Mable Kemper, two brothers-in-law, Don Kemper and Jerry Kemper, and sister-in-law, Lela Tillotson.

Helen had been employed by Scotts in Ft. Madison, IA for over thirty years, until her retirement in 2012.

Helen loved to garden and would work for hours in her flower gardens. She found joy in crafting, baking, and collecting cookbooks, always looking for new recipes to share with family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 16 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in the Argyle Memorial Garden in Argyle, IA.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

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GRHS physicians honored by IMS

WEST BURLINGTON – The Iowa Medical Society (IMS) recognized multiple Great River Health Physicians at their 175th Anniversary Celebration and President’s Dinner on Friday, May 2, at Hancher Auditorium in Iowa City.

Muhammad Ajmal, MD, Interventional Cardiologist, Cardiology-Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, and Maria Story, MD, Nephrologist, Nephrology-Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, received the “Five Iowa Physicians to Watch” award for 2025. This is a new award created by IMS to recognize physicians who are paving the way in medicine in Iowa.

IMS’s Leadership Development Committee chose winners based on their contributions to their field of medicine and the communities they serve. The other winners included: Christopher Kim, MD, Orthopaedic Sports Medicine and Shoulder Surgery, The Iowa Clinic, West Des Moines; Yogesh Shah, MD, Medical Director, Broadlawns Memory Center, Des Moines;

and Angie Wild, MD, University of Iowa Department of Emergency Medicine, Iowa City.

In addition to Dr. Ajmal and Dr. Story, Michael McCoy, MD, President & CEO of Great River Health, was honored with a special Presidential Citation Award for his leadership as the Co-Chair of Operation I.O.W.A., elevating IMS as the leading voice in medicine. Operation I.O.W.A. (Innovative Opportunities for Workforce Action) was formed in response to growing concerns from Iowa Medical Society members and policymakers of our state’s physician workforce shortage. A one-day summit in December brought together nearly 60 physicians, healthcare executives, policy experts, and community leaders from across the state to develop solutions to the current physician workforce crisis in Iowa.

Finally, Joel Ryon, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Great River Health, was named Board Secretary/Treasurer of the Iowa Medical Society Executive Committee.

Naig calls weather nearly perfect for planting

DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig commented on the Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report released by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service. The report is released weekly April through November. Additionally, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship provides a weather summary each week during this time.

“Much of Iowa enjoyed a stretch of nearly ideal weather this week. The warmer temperatures paired with drier conditions allowed farmers to keep the planters rolling and we saw a big leap in planting progress over the past seven days,” said Secretary Naig. “Looking ahead to next week, there are increased chances of rain and cooler temperatures in the forecast. Farmers will keep an eye on the sky and continue with planting and other field work as conditions allow.”

Crop Report

A warm and dry week made for excellent planting conditions, allowing 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending May 11, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers made quick progress planting corn and soybeans. Conditions were also favorable for spraying.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 22 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 5 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Corn planted reached 76 percent 8 days ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the 5-year average. Corn emerged reached 30 percent, 4 days ahead of last year’s pace and 2 days ahead of normal. Sixty-four percent of the expected soybean crop has been planted, 10 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average. Soybeans emerged reached 16 percent. Nearly all of the oat crop has been planted, with 74 percent emerged, 3 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of normal.

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Sports/From the Front

MONDAY SPORTS DIGEST

Hounds get win over Washington

WASHINGTON – The Fort Madison Bloodhounds rebounded from a loss last week to Burlington with a 5-1 win over Washington Thursday night.

Henry Graham got the hat trick with three goals, all on assists, in the first half to set the tone for the Hounds. Five minutes into the match, Graham scored on an assist from Hunter Wiegand. He would score again eight minutes later off a pass from Connor Horn. He would complete the three-goal game with a double assist from Jacob Shottenkirk and Connor Horn with 18 minutes left in the first half. Shottenkirk would wrap the scoring in the first half with a goal on assists from Noah Swigart and Olive Tackett for a 4-0 lead at the half.

Shottenkirk would score again 10 minutes into the second half off a ball from Swigart. Washington would get their lone goal with two minutes left in the match for the 5-1 score.

Keelynd Ross had three saves in the win.

The Hounds improve to 6-6-1 overall and 5-2 in the Southeast Conference and play host to Mt. Pleasant (10-3-1, 6-0-1) Monday night at Baxter Sports Complex. They wrap up the regular season Friday in Fort Madison.

Weber takes 1st at SEISC meet in shotput

WAYLAND – The Central Lee Hawks’ boys and girls got in a final tune-up before state qualifying track and field this Thursday at Prairie City-Monroe.

Aubrey Weber won the shot with a 30’5.5” heave for the only title on the night for Central Lee. However, the Hawks had six runner-up finishes, three for the boys and three for the girls.

Allison Gruntmeir was second in the 100 hurdles with a 17.54 and was second in the high jump at 4’10”. Ava Washburn was second in the 400 hurdles at 1:16.68.

For the boys, Kegan Damico was second in the 400 hurdles with a 57.57 – a season best for him. Ostin Moore was runner-up in the shot at 39’3” and Owen Krogmeier had a solid discus event finishing at 2nd with a 116’5”.

The boys’ sprint medley team of Luke Kruse, Blake Davis, Evan Fogarty, and Brett Cook finished at 1:41.78

for third. Kamryn Cox was third in the 400 hurdles for the ladies at 1:18.38. Kylie Forture was 3rd in the high jump at 4’8” and Weber was third in the discus with a spin of 92’6.5”. The girls finished 5th of the six SEISC South Division teams with 71 points. The boys finished 6th with 43 points.

State qualifying begins at 4 p.m. Thursday at PCM with the top two finishers in each event guaranteed a spot at state, plus others based on performance against the rest of the class in the state.

Hawks fall 6-1 to Hillcrest Saturday

DONNELSON – Central Lee dropped to 10-3 on the season and 5-3 in the SEI Super Conference with a 6-1 loss to Hillcrest Academy Saturday in Donnellson.

The Ravens (7-3-2, 4-2-2) jumped out to a quick 3-0 first-half lead, scoring in the first 90 seconds and then putting up two more goals in the final six minutes of the first 40 minutes.

Central Lee scored first in the second half to cut the lead to 3-1. Brayden McCarty scored on a set up from Zach Estrada, but Hillcrest would score three more goals in the final five minutes of play to put the game out of reach. Max Jones had seven saves on the night.

The Hawks play Danville Tuesday night in the SEISC tournament quarterfinals with semis and finals played on Friday and Saturday at Central Lee. Action starts at 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday. Substate action starts on May 20 at 7 p.m. with the site and opponent to be determined.

The Hawks downed Albion 2-0 on Thursday. Peter Seyb and McCarty scored both the Hawks’ goals. The first came at 20:11 when Seyb scored unassisted. McCarty also scored unassisted with nine seconds left to set the final. Jones had two saves in the win.

Former IHSAA director Saggau dies at the age of 96

BOONE, Iowa – Bernie Saggau, the longest-tenured and most impactful executive director in the history of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, passed away Friday at 96 years old. Saggau’s iconic passion helped turn Iowa into a national leader for school activities during his IHSAA career from 1963 through 2005.

Hawks putting together record type year

GOLF

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push each other competitively.

“They’ve put in a lot of work and they played a lot of golf last summer. They all get along pretty well together, and honestly, it’s a bit of a rivalry,” he said. “They’re very competitive.”

The Hawks start post-season play Wednesday at Wapello’s Twin Lakes golf course. Ungerer said he’s hoping for a deep run.

“We’re hoping so. Our district is pretty loaded, though. Sections I think we should be okay, but the district will be tough. We could have three of the top six teams in the state there. But we’re 10th, so we’ll see.

District will be played at Pella.

Lowenberg, Jones, Morrison, Larson, and Herdrich are all in the top 10 in the SEI Super Conference South Division. Herdrich is the only senior on the team.

“We’re still pretty young yet, but these kids play a lot on their own and in the offseason. I’m at the course a lot, but they do it on their own,” Ungerer said. “We put in our holes every day when we can.”

Fort Madison finished 3rd with a 329. Brady Wade shot an even-par 72, but Fort Madison couldn’t get anyone else under 80 at the event. Cole Quittem shot 40/40 for an 80. Rowan Benda came in with an 85 and Colton Boyer carded a 92 to round out the Bloodhounds’ scoring golfers.

Holy Trinity Catholic got a couple 88s from Max Kruse and Luke Hellige. Blake Mohrfeld shot a 90, while Brock Scheetz and Jameson Denning each shot a 93 for a final tally of 359.



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DONNELLSON CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2025

Oath of Office was given to Brian Moeller-May or to fill vacancy, Tony Keefe-Council Member to fill vacancy, Dan Benner-Council Member to fill vacancy. Regular Meeting Minutes Monday April 14th, 2025 6:30PM, City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Moeller, with Council Members Newton, Wagner, Marshall, Keefe & Benner present. City staff were City Clerk Rebecca Schau, Librarian Sunny Robbins, Police Chief Brad Roberts & Public Works Todd Herdrich. Others in attendance were Olivia Krehbiel, Nadine Allen, Miriam Karaff, Christina Carroll, Local Boy Scout Troop & parents. Amended agenda by adding building permit @ 125 Garden St for new home. Motion by Wagner second by Newton to approve the agenda: all ayes. Citizen comments - None
Motion by Newton,

second by Wagner to approve the consent agenda (minutes, financial reports, disbursements/ bills to be allowed, building permits & alcohol license): all ayes. 202 Burlington St now city owned property. Clerk was asked to speak with the city attorney regarding selling home. Land for sale west of Lincoln Ave, clerk was asked to speak with city engineer regarding infrastructure cost for subdivision. Public Hearing regarding FY25 Budget Amendment, no written or oral comments.
Motion by Wagner, second by Newton to approve Resolution No 2025-04 A Resolution approving the FY25 Budget Amendment: RCV all ayes. Motion by Keefe, second by Marshall to approve Resolution No 2025-05 A Resolution amending the transfer of funds for FY25: RCV all ayes. Public Hearing regarding FY26 Budget, no written or oral comments.
Motion by Wagner, second by Newton to approve Resolution No 2025-06 A Resolution approving the FY26 Budget: RCV all ayes. Motion by Keefe, second by Newton to approve Resolution

No 2025-07 A Resolution approving the transfer of funds for FY26: RCV all ayes. Motion by Newton, second by Wagner to approve 5 year lease to Mark & Leslie Hulsebus to maintain approximately 6 acres of land at sewer plant: all ayes. Motion by Marshall, second by Wagner to approve Resolution No 2025-08 A Resolution amending Resolutions No 2019-13 & 2020-12 providing for the issuance of a \$625,000 General Obligation Refunding Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same: RCV all ayes. Roadside Cleanup will be held May 3rd 2025 meeting at the fire station @ 8:30am. Police Report – There were 34 calls for service, 16 traffic stops and 8 citations. Water / Sewer Superintendent Report – Motion by Wagner, second by Marshall denying a property owner in city limits to have a propane tank installed: all ayes. City Clerk Report – The City of Donnellson had a visit from State Auditor Rob Sands who presented the city with the Public, Innovations and Efficiency Award, Donnellson was selected from towns of their size across the

entire state. This award recognizes the strides the city has been taking to be more efficient and save taxpayers money. There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Newton, second by Wagner, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes. /s/ Brian Moeller, Mayor Attest: /s/ Rebecca Schau, City Clerk Summary of All Receipts: General \$42,584.08 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$23,038.58 Employee Benefit \$539.98 Local Option Sales Tax \$10,858.52 Debit Service \$20,987.87 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$20,741.10 Water Sinking USDA \$1816 Sewer \$27,568.96 Sewer Sinking \$0. Summary of All Disbursements: General \$28,243.21 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$4,739.04 Employee Benefit \$2,550.97 Local Option Sales Tax \$45,447.26 Debit Service \$0 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun -\$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$40,139.28 Water Sinking \$1816 Sewer Sinking \$0.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
KEOKUK CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
City Council Special Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2025
3:30 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in special session on April 28, 2025, at 501 Main Street. Mayor Mahoney called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Tyler Walker, Jeff Mullin, Dorothy Cackley, Steve Andrews, Dan Tillman, Roger Bryant and Michael Greenwald were present. Carissa Crenshaw and Devon Dade were absent. Staff in attendance: Interim City Administrator Dave Hinton, City Clerk Celeste El Anfaoui, Public Works Director Brian Carroll, Sewer Department Manager Michael Clark and Director Keokuk Public Library Monica Winkler. Mayor Mahoney opened the public hearing at 3:31 p.m. on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Budget. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on April 18, 2025. Comments: Hinton gave overview of tax levy and overall budget. No more comments or objections were made, Mayor Mahoney closed

the public hearing at 3:43 p.m. Motion made by Tillman, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 201-2025: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried. Motion made by Bryant, second by Tillman to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

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MEETING NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
****TUESDAY****
May 13, 2025
MEETING CONVENING
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Approve Agenda
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Consent Agenda

- Tuesday, May 6, 2025 Board Minutes
- Claims for Payment
- Tax Abatement Resolution
- Class C Retail Alcohol License- PaPa's Bar and Grill
- Claims for the BOH/ EMS Building Project
- Carl A. Nelson, Board of Health/EMS, \$60,394.88
- Public Input
- Discussion and Possible Action of Contract Negotiation Letter to Harris for Solutions
- Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Management for Security Software
- Consider Approval of Proposal for Bridge 31 Geotechnical Investigation by Geotechnics
- Consider Approval of a Resolution establishing Fire Safety and Emergency Response standards for wind energy conversion systems and solar farm energy systems in Lee County, Iowa
- Consider and Approve Budget Amendment for FY 2025 and Set Date for Public Hearing
- Reports
- Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
- Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
- Sheriff's report of Fees Collected
- Personnel Actions
- Temporary Part-Time New Hire - Conservation (4)
- New Hire - Sheriff's Department (CO)
- Step Increase - Treasurer's Office
- Step Increases (2) - Health Department
- Commission or Committee Reports
- Adjourn

Possible Workshop to Follow

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ORDINANCE D-119

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10 "ZONING" OF THE FORT MADISON MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTIES FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO R-4, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 10 "Zoning" of the Fort Madison Municipal Code by changing the zoning district designation of property generally known as Ridgewood Addition from R-1, Single-Family Dwelling District to R-4, Single-Family Dwelling District, legally described as follows:
Beginning on the Township Line and South line of said Sec. 33, at a point

2048.5 ft. west of the SE corner of said section, this point of beginning is further described as the intersection of the Township Line and the East right of way line of State Highway No. 88;
thence with said right of way the following courses and distances: N00°36.5'W, 356.41 ft.; N48°54.5'E, 301.52 ft.; N48°59'E, 356.95 ft.; N72°49'E, 27.0 ft.; S39°24.5'E, 24.8 ft.; N50°35.5'E, 60.7 ft.; N72°48'E, 145.4 ft. to the NE corner of the Subdivision; thence S00°53.5'E, 838.7 ft. to the Township Line; thence S88°23.5' W, 733.5ft with the Township Line to the point of beginning.
SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this

ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.
SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.
PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 15th day of April, 2025
/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
City of Fort Madison, Iowa
ATTEST:/s/ Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

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From the Front

Process of coaching can be championship stuff

WELLMAN - Continued from Page 1

They huddled and did a “breakdown” and that was that. I walked in to grab the coach and Kevin Wellman’s attention was on something else.

One athlete, who was frustrated and already in street clothes, was headed out. The frustration was legit as this was a game the Hounds wanted to win, but Monday games, especially following prom weekend, can be a little stale.

Wellman stopped this young student athlete, knowing that I was waiting in the wings for a quick interview. I paced around in the grass, and looked at my phone because I didn’t want to eavesdrop, or even to be seen as possibly eavesdropping. I started a conversation with an assistant coach and then I just leaned against a light pole.

I wasn’t listening to their conversation, that would be bush league. I thought a couple times about leaving and just getting some comments from him via email or the phone. But then I thought about something. Who would I be to leave, while he was spending time working with a student-athlete, a kid, who was struggling with something?

I stayed and began to think about what was transpiring.

In Fort Madison, we rarely see championship teams or championship performances. In my time, I’ve seen one. Harlan Steffensmeier. Holy Trinity’s volleyball team always has a sense of something special, Central Lee’s baseball team has teased us a bit over the years, but the rest of our coverage is localized. We have great moments, but usually our last interview of a season is one of a loss.

So sometimes the side stories become the championships. Kevin Wellman on Monday night was a champion. And I told him as much.

For a coach to take 20 minutes one-on-one with a student athlete - and for that athlete to stand there and make a defense of his position and then have a respectful exchange with the coach was something to take in.

This athlete didn’t want to talk and tried to walk away, but Kevin asked him to stop. At that point, I knew I was going to be waiting for a bit. We’re not going to use anything said here because it clearly wasn’t meant for public consumption, but the actions of a coach and an athlete in a time when we see less-than-exemplary behavior, should be discussed.

This was a coach who put a heavy loss aside. A loss that may have hurt their chance for a conference title wasn’t in his mind. It was this student-athlete and issue that had surfaced that was important enough for a

coach to stop, put the next game taking place on the field at the time, out of his head, and spend time with a student.

In the real world, our students have such a minimal chance of making a living playing a game. We’re lucky if some of the ridiculous costs of education gets paid. So what happens is coaches teach a sport, but here in Fort Madison, we see regularly how they teach something else. How to be a person. How to deal with adversity, and how to deal with not always winning.

Twenty minutes I leaned against a light pole. I wasn’t going anywhere because, if Kevin Wellman wants to take an hour coaching outside of the game, that deserves some patience from the rest of us.

I don’t know if that athlete was comforted or calmed and I’m not sure it matters, although I hope he was.

I know coaches who would have let that kid walk off angry and dealt with it later because other commitments were at hand – a jayvee game, other athletes needing a moment, or even a reporter hanging around waiting for a comment.

What has to be said is that we have some of the best coaches in the state. I told Kevin what I witnessed that night by him was very impressive. He was humble, as anyone who knows Kevin would expect. But champions are right in front of us and on this one Sunday morning, we’re giving that the headline, and that really is Beside the Point.

Charles Vandenberg is editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at Charles.V@PenCityCurrent.com.

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...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don’t notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you’re lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you’re lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

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!”

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

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BY FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILLARY
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STATE HISTORICAL BUS 8:30 AM
HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT BANK 9AM-12PM
PEDAL TRACTOR PULLS 9 AM
SIDEWALK CHALK DRAWING CONTEST 10 AM-12 PM
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