27th & L intersection work to start soon

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - The reconstruction of the intersection at 27th Street and Avenue L is scheduled to begin in the next 10 to 12 days, according to city officials.

At Wednesday’s regular meeting of the Fort Madison City Council, Public Works Director Larry Driscoll said the work would begin in the next week and a half.

The intersection will be closed during the construction work, with the exception of the week of the Tri-State Rodeo in September.

Councilman Mark Lair asked City Public Works Director Larry Driscoll if the work would be done before Rodeo. Driscoll said it wouldn’t be done and it was put into the construction agreement that the roadway would be re-opened for four-lane traffic during that week.

“It adds a little bit to the city’s cost, but we thought it would be in the city’s best interest to open the four lanes back up,” he said.

Driscoll said the city received several phone calls about the new no parking signs on the east side of Hy-Vee.

“We had a few calls about no parking signs on 26th Street,” Driscoll said. “That’s a temporary parking situation there to allow Hy-Vee to get their semi trucks to the store since 27th Street is closed.”

Currently, the traffic through the intersection daily is about 11,500 cars per day and the intersection has an accident rating of .97 according to Varley. The second highest in the city.

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Rracers with the Iowa Harness Racing Association come around turn four at the Lee County Speedway on Wednesday as part of harness racing’s return to Lee County Fair. About 500 fair attendees watched the races, which took place after the queen coronations.

Friday is Kids’ Day at the Lee County Fair

BY PCC STAFF

DONELLSON - Here’s what’s on tap today at the Lee County Fair Kids’ Day sponsored by Ft. Madison Community Hospital and Keokuk Area Hospital:

7-9a – Breakfast by Donnellson Organizations - Learning Center
8a – 4H/FFA Swine Show – Show Barn

9a-7p – Art Hall, Ernie Rotter Barn and Pioneer Village - OPEN
11a – 1p – Pork Producers Lunch – Learning Center
1p – 10p – KENNY’S FUNLAND CARNIVAL - OPEN $25 WRISTBANDS

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Ruptured gas line causes 15th Street evacuations

Construction workers hit line while working on Rodeo Hill

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FORT MADISON - Construction crews apparently hit a gas line at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon on the 15th Street road construction project.

Fort Madison firefighters, MidAmerican crews, and construction workers were on the scene of the rupture as gas continuously poured loudly from the line on the east side of 15th Street just past the 200 block at the start of the hill.

Dustin Foley, a resident in the 200 block, said it was a very loud explosion.

“I was just putting my grill on and BOOM, it shook the house and the windows. I turned around to see what happened and I think it must have thrown dirt over a 100 feet in the air,” he said.

Foley said firefighters evacuated him from his house in addition to three other homes around the sight of the rupture.

Firefighters had run a hose run to the location of the eruption in case anything were to ignite while workers with MidAmerican and Jones Contracting Corp. of West Point worked trying to get the gas shut off.
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Kenneth Ross Reed, 51 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 3:00 pm Sunday, July 2, 2017 at The Madison, in Fort Madison. He was born October 6, 1965 in Missouri, a son of Roscoe and Anna (Welch) Reed. He loved his daughters. He is survived by his two daughters, Ashley and Hannah; three brothers: Jimmy (Sandy) Counts, of Bonaparte, Iowa; Dennis (Diane) Counts, of Florissant, Missouri; and Ricky Counts, of Farmington, Iowa; three sisters: Shirley (Steve) Jacobs, of Farmington, Iowa; Bonnie Miller, of Pelvey, Missouri; and Micky Brown, of Texas; two grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and one sister.

His body has been cremated. No formal services are planned. Barr Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Racing highlights
Grand Stand events

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1 – 5p – FMCH/KAH Kid’s Day - games and activities
1 - 5p – Viele Schoolhouse Crafts/Story Time, Farmer Bill’s Barn and General Store - OPEN
1p – Nick’s Kid Show
1:30p – 4H/FFA Bucket Bottle Calf, Dairy and Dairy Goat Show - Show Barn
3p – Nick’s Kid Show
4p – Paulette’s Dance Kids - Connection Bank Stage
5p-7p – Bingo - Grounds Tent
5p – Blue Ribbon Diner under Grandstand - OPEN
5p – Stockman’s by livestock barns - OPEN
6p – Lee Co. Cattlemen Bucket Bottle Calf Show - Show Barn
6p – Nick’s Kid Show
6p – Human Fousball - Entertainment Pavilion
6p-7p – Hot Laps - IMCA Races - Grand Stand
7:30 p – Races
9p-2a – Captain Geech and the Shrimp Shack Shooters - EP sponsored by: Fleck Sales - MUST BE 21

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC
No parking on 26th Street during work

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city is .78 and the lowest is .11. The rating is based on per million vehicles through the intersection.

“This intersection is off-set and it’s poorly signaled. We bought the property next door to the road, I think where a Dominos or something used to sit. If you go to the alley where Hy-Vee gas is, that new street will start there and aim toward Jim Scott’s to line that up better. You should be able to get 12 cars stacked there,” Driscoll said at a previous meeting.

“We’re also adding a right turn lane to go right down the highway toward Hall’s Ice Cream for better flow. It is an expensive intersection. But the staff felt when we gave you a recommendation it was a good option to invest in.”

Driscoll also said the 15th Street reconstruction project is on target to be opened up within a couple weeks and they are starting on the sidewalk next week.

In other action, the council:
 • held a public hearing and approved, 5-0, a development incentive agreement with Boulders Inn & Suites in Fort Madison that gives the company a $250,000 upfront forgivable loan from the city upon completion of the addition, as well as six consecutive annual payments equal to 80% of the increased valuation on the improvements up to $250,000, for a total of $500,000 in incentives.
 • approved, 5-0, to hold an entry to enter into an agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., of Des Moines to serve as bond counsel on the notes.
 • approved, 5-0, to purchase a new replacement fire truck at a cost of $568,865 from Alexis Fire Equipment of Alexis, Illinois. The truck replaces the unit that tipped into a slough on a run earlier this spring.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
07/05/17 - 12:46 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue F.
07/06/17 - 2:18 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue J.
07/06/17 - 2:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
07/06/17 - 4:54 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 34th Street.
07/07/17 - 8:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1600 block of Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff report
07/05/17 - 9:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Travis Timothy Andrews, 37, of Keokuk was arrested at the Lee County Sheriff’s office on warrants for a judgment entry and voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report
07/05/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one lift assist. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

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Hounds’ 2nd baseman Kylie Cashman gobbles up a throw on a stolen base in the middle of a dust up. The throw was too late to get Keokuk’s Jalyn Wood.

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The Chiefs got the two runs back in the top half of the sixth when Broadwell was struck by a pitch and stole second. Schmidt got the next hitter to fly out and the third out when Wood reached with one out on a close play on a ground out to short and Vanessa Golowach fanned to end the inning.

With the Hounds only graduating three, Schmidt said the team needs to invest the time in the off-season a lot and that’s hard to do, “Schmidt said.

Three seniors will be leaving the team including Schmidt, Lowrey, and Emily Mitchell, and student manager Nick St. Clair. Schmidt said St. Clair has been a blessing to the team and wants to pursue a career in coaching.

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