WP stamps sewer rate bump, ATV ordinance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Two large ordinance changes were swept through the West Point City Council Monday night.

An ordinance that will bump the city’s sewer rates to help pay for $1.9 million in upgrades to the city’s lagoon was approved on second reading 4-0. The City Council then voted 4-0 to waive the final third reading of the ordinance and set the new rates in motion.

At a meeting in May, Travis Squires from the city’s bond consulting firm, Piper Jaffray, proposed a set of increases over three years and then inflationary increases to follow, but Mayor Paul Walker said he felt a one-time increase would be easier to explain to city residents.

The council then moved to accept a 63% increase in the minimum user charge and an increase in the charge per 1,000 gallons.

The current minimum charge for all users is $11 and that will go to $19.25 for the first 2,000 gallons of water used per month. In addition, each contributor will pay a rate of $9.98 per 1,000 gallons used until 2025. That current rate is $5.70 per 1,000 gallons.

The city set a public hearing for its August 5th meeting for a budget amendment to cover the increased costs of the lagoon work. Original estimates had the work projected to cost $1.5 million, but additional costs have pushed the work to $1.9 million. That hearing will take place at 5:30 p.m.

The council also approved, on a waived third reading, a new ordinance that will allow golf carts, all-terrain cleaners and snowplows on city streets.

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Chris Swed of Swed & Co serves up lattes, Blueberry Mint Lemonade, and other fares at the Fort Madison Farmer’s Market in Central Park along 9th Street Monday afternoon. The Farm-

WEST BURLINGTON – Fort Madison’s Cassie Powers had one of her best outings of the year in a 1-0 make-up win at West Burlington Monday night.

Powers retired the first 12 hitters she faced and then gave up a double to the Lady Falcons Elise Oleson to start the fourth. She would get the next three batters to pop out to leave Oleson stranded at second.

Senior Vanessa Golowach would single to open the Bloodhounds half of the third inning and would swipe second and then come around to score on Olivia Williams two-out single to right field for the only run of the game.

Powers would give up two more hits, one each in the sixth and seventh, but the Lady Falcons couldn’t get anything going offensively. Reagen Engelbeng singled to center with two outs in the seventh to put the tying run on for West Burling-

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ton, but Lauren Summers would fly out to Golowach in center to end the half of the third inning and would swipe second and then come around to score on Olivia Williams two-out single to right field for the only run of the game.

Powers's hit was one of the only two hits for the Bloodhounds in the 1-0 loss.

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FM blades to anchor new wind power field

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Siemens Gamesa has been selected by MidAmerican Energy Company for the Rolling Hills wind power project for a total of 429.3 MW, the largest repowering order to date in North America. The company will repower the project with 163 SG 2.7-129 and 18 previously sold SWT-2.3-108 wind turbines.

Rolling Hills is located in Adair, Adams and Cass counties in Iowa and currently features 193 SWT-2.3-101 turbines. The repowering project includes replacement of the blades, hubs and nacelles for all units, and top tower sections for the SG 2.7-129 units. Commissioning of the project is expected for late 2021.

The SG 2.7-129 turbine builds on the robust and successful 2.3-MW geared product series.

“We are excited to provide upgraded equipment and technology to the Rolling Hills project in Iowa, a national leader in the wind energy industry. This new project is a testament to MidAmerican Energy’s confidence in us as well as Iowa, where we have supplied them with more than 2.6 GW” stated José Antonio Miranda, CEO of Onshore Americas at Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy. “The blades will be produced right here in Iowa and the nacelles and hubs will come from neighboring Kansas, making this a truly local project.”

The company will supply and install 163 SG 2.7-129 wind turbines, operating at 2.38 MW and 18 previously sold SWT-2.3-108 wind turbines to repower the Rolling Hills wind project (429.3 MW).

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OBITUARIES

LINDA L. KENT

Linda L. Kent, 72, of Donnellson passed away Saturday morning at her home. Born May 18, 1949 in Hannibal, Missouri the daughter of Ray and Melba (Bischoff) Drenbestedt. On May 23, 1970 in the Kingston United Methodist Church she married John Kent.

Survivors in include her husband John. Three sons: Leroy (Janel) Kent of Donnellson, David Kent of Keokuk and Martin Kent of Donnellson. Five grandchildren: Travis, Alex, Mason, Brittany and Riley. One sister Ruth Groene of Delphos, Ohio and one brother Dick Drenbestedt of Mediapolis, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law and one great grandson.

Linda was a member of the Donnellson United Methodist Church where she helped with Vacation Bible School and the Blood Mobile. She worked as an LPN at Sacred Heart Hospital and the Donnellson Health Center. She also babysat for many of the neighborhood kids. She enjoyed the farm, birds, nature and gardening. Linda gave every animal on the farm a name.

Friends may call after noon Tuesday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with the family meeting friends from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday evening. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday July 10, 2019 at the Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor David Barnett officiating. Burial will be in the Embury Cemetery near Donnellson.

Memorials may be made in her memory to the Donnellson United Methodist Church or the P.A.W. Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

The Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

FOR THE RECORD

Pen City Current Police Report

07/05/19 – 11:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burgundy in the 600 block of 34th Street. 07/05/19 – 1:29 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burgundy in the 2800 block of Avenue I. 07/07/19 – 11:13 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 8400 block of Avenue O. 07/07/19 – 1:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/07/19 – 1:36 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2800 block of Avenue I. 07/07/19 – 2:56 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2400 block of Avenue E. 07/07/19 – 6:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2300 block of Avenue E. 07/07/19 – 7:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/07/19 – 9:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2300 block of Avenue E. 07/08/19 – 6:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burgundy in the 2600 block of Avenue L. 07/09/19 – 6:43 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a shoplifter in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff’s Report

07/05/19 – 5:41 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested James Lincoln Holmes, Jr., 43 of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of assault. He was held in custody.

07/05/19 – 6:12 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Matthew Cameron Crews, 29, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of simple assault. He was held in custody.

07/05/19 – 6:47 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Daniel Patrick Mahair, 60, of Keokuk, at Oakland Cemetery, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. All persons in these listings are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

07/05/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical calls, one burn complaint and two assists.

07/06/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls

07/07/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one burn complaint.

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JAMES F. JINKENS

James F. Jinkens, 78, of Ft. Madison passed away at 1:50 PM on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Great River Hospice House. He was born on August 5, 1940 in LaJunta, CO to James O. and Montressa Burchett Jinkens.

On May 15, 1959 he married Loretta Vickers in Keokuk. Jim retired as foreman from Sheaffer Pen Company with thirty-three years of service. He then worked for Burrows Packaging and retired from there after nine years. Jim was a member of the First Baptist Church for fifty-seven years and was very active in various church activities. He loved to go camping, fishing, hunting and listening to Blue Grass music. He was also involved in genealogy and enjoyed woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Jinkens of Ft. Madison; two daughters, Kathleen (Kurtis) Delpipe of Bondurant, IA and Sarah (Steve) Blodgett of Burlington; one son, Dale (Kristie) Jinkens of Grain Valley, MO; eleven grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; one brother, Norman “Pete” (Kitty) Jinkens of Mt. Sterling, IL; two sisters, Lynda (Ken) Mellinger of Medlapolis and Patricia Holland of Burlington; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Sharon Cruz and a son, Jimmie Jinkens.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at King-Lynk Funeral Home where the family will meet with friends from 5-7 PM. The funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM Thursday, July 11, 2109 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established for First Baptist Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

DORIS JOANN HIGGINS

Doris Joann Higgins, 85 of Keokuk, IA died Saturday, July 6, 2019 at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

She was born October 28, 1933 in LaGrange, MO the daughter of Franklin and Bernice Bronteine Fishback. On February 14, 1953 she was united in marriage to Jerl Bowman in Maywood, MO. To this union, three children were born. Jerl preceded her in death. Doris was later united in marriage to Harry Higgins on April 15, 1972 in Canton, MO. He survives. Others survivors include one daughter, Jerlyn Lindsay, one grandson, Jeron (Elisha) Lindsay, two great-grandsons, Ryan and Blake Lindsay, one brother, Ron (Louise) Fishback, brother-in-law, Bob Meyer and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jerl Bowman, her parents, two sons, James Bowman and Jerry Bowman, two sisters, Carolyn Sue Job and Betty Meyer and brother-in-law, Larry Job. Doris graduated from LaGrange High School with the Class of 1952. She had been employed by Sheller Globe in Keokuk.

Throughout her life, Doris delighted in quilting, crocheting and needle point. She enjoyed spending time outdoors bird watching. She also enjoyed traveling to dog races with her husband and friends.

PATRICK W. ROBERTS

Patrick W. Roberts, 31, of Keokuk died Friday, July 5, 2019 at his home. Patrick was born on July 17, 1987 in Landstuhl, Germany the son of Mark and Ronda Sue Patrick Roberts.

He graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the Class of 2006.

Patrick had been employed at Henniges in Keokuk.

He enjoyed fishing and camping, going on walks and spending time at the river.

He is survived by his son Zackery Roberts of Keokuk, his fiancé Karley Schmitz of Keokuk, his father and step-mother, Mark and Linda (Gaslik) Roberts of Indianapolis, Indiana, his mother and step-father, Ronda Sue and Murfery “Beau” Schlib of Farmington, IA, two sisters, Ashley Roberts and her fiancé Jason Lorn of Ft. Madison, IA and Cecilia Roberts of Colorado Springs, CO, three brothers, Darren Roberts and wife Amanda of Whiteman Air Force Base, MO, Derek Roberts and wife Christina of Keokuk, and Brian Jinkens, Jr. of Keokuk, maternal grandfather, Jack Patrick of Littleton, IL and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Billy Dean Roberts, Betty Sue Roberts and Wanda Patrick.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 4 – 6 pm Wednesday at The Crossing in Keokuk followed by a Celebration of Life with Pastor A.J. Fuhrman officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made for Zackery’s Education Fund or for final expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com. The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

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New London’s 6-run sixth dooms Hounds

BY ETHAN LILLARD  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON — New London came away with the 11-7 win against Fort Madison baseball Monday night at Fort Madison High School.

On the surface the matchup was just like any other game. But for those with background knowledge of the coaches and players on both sides, this game was a fun one.

For starters, Fort Madison Head Coach Ron Walker got into coaching thanks to New London’s JV Head Coach and Varsity assistant Justin Schulte. The two also coached together at Southeastern Community College after Schulte asked Walker to come back and help with the program having had Schulte as a coach during his college playing days at SCC.

“He’s done a great job,” Schulte said of Walker. “You can tell there is a little pride in what they’re doing. He brings energy to the ballpark and demands doing. He brings energy to the dugout (Monday) night and playing the game we’ve been taught to play.”

New London gained the upper hand in the top of the first inning. An error to begin the game put the Tigers’ lead-off runner on, before a walk and a single loaded the bases for New London with no outs.

Another walk then scored the first run of the game. The Hounds regrouped for back-to-back outs, but a hit by pitch plated the second run and gave the Tigers the 2-0 advantage.

In the top of the third inning Carter Allen blast ed a home run over the left field fence, giving New London a 3-0 advantage. The Bloodhounds responded immediately as they’ve done many times this year coming from behind.

Landelis Williams started the bottom of the third with a single, before a Kane Williams groundout moved him to second. An error allowed Reed Fe hseke to reach safely and move Williams to third. Jason Thurman then singled in Williams, before Jordyn Gerdes singled in Fehseke to cut the lead to one. Thurman followed by crossing home on an error to tie the game at three.

A walk, a hit by pitch and a single to start the fourth gave the Tigers the back the lead. Another fielding error from Fort Madison allowed another run to score in the fourth, as New London built a 5-3 lead.

Once again the Hounds responded. Dayne Cordray singled in the bottom of the fourth, before Tate Johnson followed with a single of his own. Landes Williams laid down a sacrifice bunt and moved the runners up, before Kane Williams brought in Cordray on a groundout. Fehseke then singled in Johnson to tie the game at five.

The game fell apart for Fort Madison in the sixth. A single, a double and a triple with two outs gave New London a 7-5 lead, but that was just the beginning. The triple was followed with three-straight singles and a double to extend the Tiger lead to 11-5.

“There were about four or five plays that inning that weren’t good baseball,” Walker said. “They took advantage of our laziness . . . then leaving 0-2 pitches over the plate. 0-2 you have to execute a pitch, you can’t throw a fast ball right down the middle of the plate and let them hit a ball down the right field line.”

Johnson was hit by a pitch in the bottom of the sixth. Landes Williams then doubled to put runners at second and third with no outs. Jason Thurman came through with a two-out double to plate both Johnson and Williams to cut the lead to 11-7.

That would be all the closer Fort Madison would get, as New London went on to win by the final of 11-7.

“Tip your hat to New London,” Walker said. “They came out and created their own breaks. They took some great at bats and worked some balls up and they took advantage of all of our mistakes. A lot of our mistakes are from not being ready to play and going through the motions. I’m not really thrilled with the way the guys played tonight, not going to lie.”

Jason Thurman led the way at the plate with three RBIs, while Fehseke, Gerdes and Kane Williams each had one. Landes Williams was hit with the loss after coming on in relief, going 2 1/3 innings, and allowing seven hits and six earned runs. Brandon Reichelt drew the start and gave up four hits and two earned runs over three innings.

Fort Madison is now 13-13 on the year and will take on Central Lee tomorrow back at home for a doubleheader.
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack will have a member of his staff in Southeast Iowa for open office hours. Jared Hershberger, Loebsack’s District Representative, will be at the following locations: Hershberger will be on hand to work with individuals who are having difficulty with a government agency, have suggestions for Dave, or would just like to share their concerns. Members of the public are invited to attend. Hershberger holds regular office hours throughout Iowa. If residents are unable to attend but have a concern to share with the Congressman, please call our district office toll-free at 1-866-914-1OWA (4692).

Hershberger’s schedule for July is as follows:

- **Tuesday, July 9**
  - Burlington City Hall
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - Washington Chamber of Commerce
  - 205 West Main Street
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - Mount Pleasant City Hall
  - 307 East Monroe Street
  - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- **Thursday, July 11**
  - Fort Madison City Hall
  - 811 Avenue E
  - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
  - Keokuk Library
  - 210 North 5th Street
  - 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
  - Burlington City Hall
  - 400 Washington Street
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Senior night tonight at FM takes on Davenport West

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the game.
The Lady Hounds also were held to just three hits, two from Williams including the game-winning RBI, and the single from Golowach.

Powers threw 92 pitches and struck out eight in the win moving her to 7-7 on the year. Summers also struck out eight for West Burlington on 88 pitches in the loss.

The Lady Hounds improve to 14-16 on the year and have won three in a row. They take on Davenport West in a junior varsity/varsity doubleheader for senior night with the varsity game starting at 7 p.m.

Siemens to build blades for Rolling Hills project

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RICHARD “DUTC H” EUGENE DENLY
Richard "Dutch" Eugene Denly, 82, of Farmington, Iowa passed away at 4:35 a.m. Monday, July 8, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa. Born on February 1, 1937 in Farmington, Iowa, the son of Gerald Denzel and Dorothy Gwendolyn (Schau) Denly. On July 1, 1956, he married Tonda Leah Palmer in Santa Monica, California. She preceded him in death on August 4, 2015.

Survivors include his two daughters: Deborah (Joe) Jury of Ingalls, Kansas and Angela (Doug) Moore of Donnellson, Iowa; one son: Kevin (Debbie) Denly of Farmington, Iowa; nine grandchildren: Jason Jury of Los Angeles, California; Lesli (Beery) of Marion, Kansas; Kurt Beery of Cimarron, Kansas; Elizabeth (Matt) Graves of Gate, Oklahoma; Jessi (Brandon) Edgar of Medford, Oregon; Stuart Denly; Tonda (Cody) Jury of Farmington, Iowa; Caleb Moore of Ames, Iowa; and Connor Moore of Donnellson, Iowa; 20 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Robert (Charlene) Denly; Bill (Emma) Denly; and Johnny Denly. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife: Tonda; parents; and one brother: Dean Denly.

Dutch received his Bachelor's Degree from Northeast Missouri State University and his Master's Degree from Culver Stockton College. He began his teaching career at Harmony Junior High School teaching Social Studies. He then served as Principal of the Central Lee School System, retiring in 1996. Dutch was a member of the George Washington Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. and the Eastern Star, the Iowa State Education Association, the National Principals Association, and the School Administrators of Iowa.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, July 12, 2019 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Masonic Service at 10:15 a.m. at the Farmington United Methodist Church by the George Washington Masonic Lodge. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Farmington United Methodist Church in Farmington, Iowa with Pastor Nancy St. Clair & Pastor Goldie Laymon officiating. Following the service, his body will be cremated. Burial will be at Grangeville Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established in his name to the Central Lee Foundation.

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

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 vehicles, and utility vehicles on public streets as long as they are licensed by the state and permitted by the city.

Walker said the new ordinance allows the vehicles on the streets, but removes parks.

"I do know what's not going to be allowed any more is parks. We're going to get rid of riding through the parks…going through the parks is out now. The only place they can is on the south end of South Park to get to the ball fields," Walker said.

The ordinance says operators can use public streets in a direct route to their destination. Walker said excess revenues from the permitting will go into the police department budget, but he doesn't expect that to be a lot of money.

"I don't expect a whole lot, we'll have some golf carts, but I don't know how many ATV's we'll get," Walker said.

In an unrelated item, the council also approved an amendment to the city code allowing for temporary permitting of vendors for the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI).

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