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FMHS courtyard completed



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison High School Principal Greg Smith stands in the refurbished courtyard inside the high school commons. The school raised \$19,500 total for the project, not including in-kind donations.

\$19K RAISED: New space will be student/community gathering spot

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - It's tucked into a open-air space between two hallways and two classrooms at Fort Madison High School, but it certainly holds a special place in the hearts of Fort Madison alumni.

All together FMHS principal Greg Smith secured about \$19,000 in donations to clean and refurbish the courtyard at the high school. When in-kind donations are figured in he said the project

totaled more than \$30,000 with some finishing touches still to come.

"I asked for \$15,000 on a Monday morning and just got that out there and in just two weeks I had \$17,000,"

While Smith, with the help of Kirk and Cathy Butler, put in most of the sweat equity he's quick to give credit to former students and the community in getting the project completed.

"We spent a lot of time out here digging up weeds and cleaning

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Flight of the ProV

Golf.

It's a beautiful sport, and sorry, Mayor Mohrfeld, it has a ball.

I don't play because I'm good. I'm not. Let's be very clear about that right now. I... am... not... good.

I've been a double bogey golfer most of my life. I've never taken a lesson. I read and watch and take hints from just about everyone in any random foursome I play in.

I'm not one of those people who doesn't like to hear what I'm doing wrong. I think it's the journalist in me. I just take in all the data and try to make something comprehensive out of it.

I have a few rules on a golf course. The first is don't have a beer until you've played at least three holes. If things look and feel good, stay away and stick with water. Who knows when that sub-90 score may come. But a cold beer can change your focus, and several cold beers will definitely change your focus.

The second rule is I don't give tips. It would be akin to a checkers player trying to help a chess guy. Laughable.

The third is don't cheat on your score. No way to get better if you don't really know how good, or in my case, how bad you really are.

But social golf, the kind you play with friends on a cool weekend morning, isn't about beating everyone else. Golf is a game of social interaction. It's the budding friendships and getting to know other people. I've been stretching that circle lately because it makes me more well-rounded. And it generates a network of people. It's about laughing and learning with like-minded, and not-so-like-minded people. Not learning about golf particularly, but learning about those people's lives and families and careers. It's about finding some of the best burgers or hot dogs around. And it's about fresh air and sunshine, and in the latter parts of the

RODEO PARADE

Colleen Krogmeier and her family ride on the Hinterland Dairy Farmstead float in Saturday's Tri-State Rodeo Parade. The parade signified the final day of the 2021 Tri-State Rodeo in Fort Madison this past weekend.

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Obituaries/Lee County News

OBITUARIES

IRENE T. SCOTT

Irene Theresa Scott, 85, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:35 a.m. at The Madison after a valiant, seven-year battle against cancer. She was born on April 18, 1936 in St. Paul, IA to Bernard and Lizetta (Fritzjunker)



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Meierotto. On September 12, 1959, she married Carlton Scott in Fort Madison, IA. He passed away on July 16, 2015. She worked for many years at the Iowa Ammunition Plant before becoming the second woman to be hired in the factory at DuPont. She retired from Du-Pont, as a lab technician, in 1997.

Never one to sit still, Irene spent many of her retirement years doing what she did so well- cooking and baking. She cooked for the Lulac

Bingo nights for several years, made desserts for people upon request and contributed to many Lulac pool league potlucks. Irene was also a lucky fan of slot machines. She loved visiting area casinos with her sisters and friends. She had the right touch because won more often than not. She also made trips to Las Vegas, Minnesota, Biloxi, Albuquerque and Phoenix to try her luck.

Irene is survived by her daughters, Michelle Scott (and grand cat, Willow) of Fort Madison, IA, Rhonda (Richard) Gonzales of Fort Madison, IA & Carla (Mark) Cody of Roanoke, VA, her sisters, Martha (Dave) Miles of Mt. Pleasant, IA & Anne (Darrell) Conrad of Kahoka, MO and her brother, Adrian (Mary) Meierotto of Revere, MO, along with her dearest friends, Janet (Don) Scott of Niota, IL & Dodie Fisher of Fort Madison, IA, and many grand, great-grand, and great great-grandchildren, nieces & nephews. Irene was preceded in death by her husband, her son, Dwight (Peewee) Scott, her eldest brother, Leo Meierotto and her parents.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services at this time. A memorial has been established for the Fort Madison Food Pantry or PAW Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM A. REED

William "Bill" A. Reed, 64, of Ft. Madison, passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 8:01 PM at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center.

He was born on February 18, 1957 in Ft. Madison to William and Jean Wilmesmeier

Reed. On July 2, 1993 he married Carol Helling Druppel in Ft. Madison and she passed away on June 14, 2020. Bill was a service technician at Shottenkirk in Ft. Madison for over thirty years. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and was currently restoring a car. Bill was very handy and had a mechanical mind. Most of all he loved his family, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include one daughter, Michelle (Jacob Ball) Reed of Ft. Mad-

REED

ison; one son, Joe (Alicia) Druppel of Urbandale, IA; six grandchildren, Adam, Lucas, Ayden & Emma Druppel and Trevin & Adriana Ball; his

mother, Jean Gunn of Ft. Madison; two brothers, Tim (Val) Reed of Waverly, IA and Mike Reed of Keokuk; two sisters, Beth (Ken) Campbell of Mt. Pleasant and Teresa (Marvin) Meierotto of St. Paul; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his Father; one brother, Christopher Reed; two sons, Mark & Matt Druppel.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Friday, September 17, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet friends from 4-6 PM. Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

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

Pen City Current obituary policy

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MEUTIA C. DAW

Meutiah "Tia" Chaerani Daw, 51 of Montrose, IA died Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at her home.

She was born April 2, 1970 in Makassar, Indonesia, the daughter of Ha Mustari and Hj Ida Zubaedah Rifai.



On February 15, 2002 Tia was united in marriage to James Daw, Jr. He survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Carolyn "Carrie" Daw of Montrose, IA, her mother, Hj Ida Zubaedah of Bandung, Indonesia, four sisters, Diah Marwijanti Ambarsari, Intan Nurcahya, Yanti Kusumawardhani and Irma Widyastuti all of Bandung, Indonesia.

She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Karen Colvin (Chuck), Kathy Ashworth (John) all of Keokuk and Teri Abston (Dan) of Daytona, FL and one brother-in-law, Eric Daw (Kelly) of Madison, AL and her father-in-law, James Daw, Sr. (Nida) of Montrose, IA, along with many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father.

On February 3, 2016, Tia proudly became a citizen of the United States of America. Tia graduated from Pasundan University Law School with a Master's Degree.

Tia had been employed by Telkom in Bandung, Indonesia in the legal department before moving to the US. Along with her husband James, they are the owners/operators of the East-West Hideout in Argyle, IA. She was also employed by Denny's in Wayland, MO.

She enjoyed watching television, especially People's Court, Judge Judy and cooking shows. Tia loved to cook and made wonderful meals for her family enjoy. She liked going on motorcycle rides, hiking, collecting pins and listening to Indonesian horror stories. There was nothing Tia loved more than spending time with her family.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m. Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>www.vigenmemorialhome.com</u>.

NICHOLAS W. REUTHER

Nicholas Wayne Reuther, 41, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:46 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison. He was born on June 15, 1980 in Fort Madison, IA to Roger & Pamela



Little Reuther. He enjoyed spending time with friends, being around people and camping.

Nick is survived by: his mother: Pam Reuther of Fort Madison, IA; 1-brother: Brad (Ruth) Reuther of Kahoka, MO; his special friend Logan Norris and his dogs. He was preceded in death by his father.

REUTHER

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A family celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Online condolences to Nick's family may be left at the

King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: <u>www.kinglynk.com</u>.



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OBITUARIES

JUNE E. ELLIS

June E. Ellis, 86, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 9, 2021 at her home.

She was born December 13, 1934, the daughter of Enileme and Eleanor (Smelsor) Zern. On March 31, 1955, she married D. LaVon Ellis in Carthage, Illi-



nois. He preceded her in death on December 31, 2012. June enjoyed working for many years at Champion Spark Plug in Burlington, Iowa. Following her retirement, she began her second career working at Circle K in Dallas City. Her greatest joy was her two grandsons. She loved to be involved with their lives and especially enjoyed

ELLIS

when they brought her grandpups to visit. Survivors include one daughter: Denise (Larry) Bland of Quincy,

Illinois and two grandsons: Konnor (Amy) Bland and Parker (fiancé Kerigan) Bland. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: LaVon; two great-grandchildram her brother. Coorgo Zern and her sisters: Jean Duffy, Julia Dannar, Kethryn

dren; her brother: George Zern and her sisters: Jean Duffy, Julia Danner, Kathryn Foglesong and her twin sister: Joan Roberts. Also preceding her in death are several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City. No visitation is planned.

A memorial fund has been established for the Lee County Hospice or Always Home. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit June's obituary at <u>banksandbeals.com</u>.

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Sports

Hounds offense pops in 55-14 win over Fairfield

Williams accounts for six TDs as Bloodhounds stay unbeaten

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A shift in strategy on offense may have been the pull pin to an offensive explosion from the Bloodhounds Friday night.

The Hounds took down Fairfield, who came into the newly polished Richmond Stadium unbeaten,



55-14 on a six-touchdown performance from senior quarterback Landes Williams.

Williams rushed for three touchdowns, two in the first quarter and threw for three more, the final one on a pitch pass to Kane Williams who had

the flip 49 yards to the house for Fort Madison's final score.

Aside from a plethora of yellow flags on the Bloodhounds, things seemed to be firing on all cylinders for the 3-0 Bloodhounds.

"That was probably the most were were dialed in coming out we've been," Head Coach Derek Doherty said.

"But we've got a problem in the second quarter. We were bad last week and and bad again this week. We didn't make a lot of adjustments we just had to go back to attitude and controllables."

Whatever was said in the locker room worked as Tate Johnson took a bounding kickoff to start the second half cut to the middle and then found his way back to the Hounds sideline for a 90-yard kick off return for a touchdown to make it 28-0.

Johnson also reeled in a 69-yard touchdown pass from Williams on a seam rout from left to right down the middle of the field. Johnson caught the ball on a full run over his shoulder and the outstretched arm of a Trojan safety for his second receiving touchdown of the year.

The Bloodhounds would score twice in the first quarter on 28- and 6-yard rushes by Williams to get a quick 14-0 lead.

A quick four-and-out for Fairfield forced a punt.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Tate Johnson (13) breaks free on the opening kickoff of the 2nd half and races 90 yards for a touchdown as the Hounds moved to 3-0 with a 55-14 win over Fairfield Friday in Fort Madison.

Fort Madison took over at their own 21. Williams would hit Johnson on a five-yard slant before Jakob McGowan picked up the first down on the next carry. Then Williams dropped back and connected with Johnson on the 69-yarder for a 21-0 lead that would carry til halftime.

After Johnson' return for the touchdown to open the second half, The Hound defense, which still had yet to be scored on, held the Trojans to one set of downs forcing another punt.

Fort Madison would take over at their own 37 on a short kick. Williams would hook up with Xander Wellman on back-to-back quick outs for 19 yards. Williams would then call his own number three times in a row for 23 yards capped by another 6-yard run to the right pylon. The extra point failed which kept the Hounds from getting the running clock.

On the next series the Hounds had Fairfield pinned to 4th and 4. The Trojans went for it on fourth down and quarterback Tate Allen threw incomplete to Evan Haines, but a pass interference call gave Fairfield the automatic first down. Allen would end up squirting through the line for a touchdown two plays later for the first points scored against Fort Madison this year.

Fairfield would get another touchdown when Allen found Haines in right corner of the east endzone with Fort Madison subbing liberally down the stretch.

After the Allen rushing touchdown, the Trojans again kicked to Tate Johnson who almost broke free for another long run, but was wrangled down at the Hounds 33. Three plays later Williams would find senior Gavin Wiseman down the left sideline. Wiseman made a nice grab of a ball over his head and raced into the endzone for his first score of the year.

Fairfield would go quickly after the touchback kick off from Wellman. The Hounds forced the four-andout and took over after a punt at the Fairfield 31. Two plays later McGowan took a hand-off to the left and made a cut up inside the outside linebacker and raced 31 yards untouched for his second TD of the year.

"I finally saw the cutback, took it and went in," McGowan said.

Doherty said that's a result of McGowan continuing to take in what coaches were telling him about his running style.

"That's credit to him for listening to coaches and them coaching the heck out of him. We knew what we had with him and we knew that he could make those cuts and get down hill. He wants to get better and he showed a ton of progress tonight," Doherty said.



But McGowan was quick to give credit to the line for opening the lane.

"Tanner (Settles) has really helped out a lot on the offensive line. It was a good decision for them to move him there."

Settles didn't play much offense last year, but was a defensive specialist getting time as defensive end and outside linebacker.

"I think being on the offensive line this year makes our team stronger. So I'm good with that," Settles said.

But he said teams are still underestimating the Hounds defense just a little bit.

"Our linebackers are killing it this year. It sucks that they scored on us, but that's going to happen."

The Hounds offense ran in a more uptempo fashion thanks in part to a new play calling system that put forearm bands with play codes on each player. The move was made because the Hounds coaching

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Sports

Pothitakises lead HTC at VB Invite

BY PCC SPORTS

KEOSAUQUA - HTC's 2020 State Cross country qualifier Mitchell Pothitakis and cousin Jacob Pothitakis led the Crusaders to a 2nd place finish at the Van Buren Cross Country Invitational Tuesday.

The Crusaders captured runner-up in the A Division behind Mediapolis in the 5K run. Central Lee took 4th in the AA Division behind State Champions Danville/New London.

Jackson Denning had the highest finish for the Hawks at 21st. Grant Anderson finished the course in 30th. Tristan Howell and Ayden Kent came in 34th and 35th.

Zach Manwill, Brenden Mulligan, Weston Fraber, Andrew Underwood and Ethan Porter rounded out the top 56 runners.

In the A Division, Mitchell Pothitakis took fourth place overall with Jacob Pothitakis claiming 6th place for Holy Trinity. Tate Green came in just behind at 8th.

The Crusaders finished with 43 points just six off the pace set by the Bulldogs.

Maddox Rung finished in 11th place racking up 10 points. Sheldon Kruse had a 17th place and Conner Gehling took 26th.

In the junior high meets Zach Estrada and Jovan Rule led the Hawks with 13th and 14th place finishes. Sam Rooney was 16th for the Hawks in the shortened 2000 meter run.

For Holy Trinity, Layne Rung had the best time for HTC finishing in 8th, Tanner Williams was 18th overall, while Caleb Rea and Gavin Peitz rounded out the top 25.

Central Lee shut out by Albia BY PCC SPORTS

ALBIA – The Central Lee Hawks continue to try and find their identity as Albia (1-2) handed Central Lee a 54-0 loss in Class 2A football action Friday night in Albia.

The Hawks managed little offense with quarterback Bryce Finney throwing for just 12 yards on three completions.

Freshman Kayden Caffee lead Central Lee on the ground with 17 yards on four carries. He also completed 1 of 11 passes for three yards.

Four different receivers had catches for the Hawks led by sophomore Riley Stuecker's 11 yards.

Central Lee's defense is giving up 55.4 points per outing while averaging only three points per Friday. Junior Ben Simmons led the white defense with 4.5 tackles. Clayton Geerdes had a sack for the Hawks' only tackle for a loss on the night.

Central falls to 0-3 on the year and hosts 0-3 Williamsburg Friday night in Donnellson.

On the year Finney is 10-29 for 109 yards, a TD and a pick. Caffey is 6 for 27 for 70 yards. Sophomore Hunter Gregory leads Central Lee on the ground with 33 yards on 19 carries.

Cory Jones has 88 yards and a touchdown receiving. He

New system yields dividends in Hounds win

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staff caught other teams picking up on hand signals that past two weeks.

"It was good decision that we were looking to make to get our offense going and it allows us to play faster and smoother," Doherty said.

"Obviously we have a lot to clean up penalty wise, however we feel about those, we still have to clean some things up." Offensive



the offense was strug-ENSMINGER gling the



than 300 yards last

"It felt like West Burlington last week and Keokuk in week 1... it wasn't like we were struggling, Landes threw for 300 yards last week, but towards the end of both those games we called enough of those plays the other teams were calling



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Jakob McGowan (22) tracks down Fairfield's Tate Allen (14) in the first half of Friday's Bloodhound win over the Trojans.

it," Menke said.

He said arm bands were part of the original design of the offense years back, but maintaining them was difficult so the Hounds transitioned back to hand signals until Friday night.

"But this year after two weeks we had kids telling us toward the end of the games that the other teams were calling out our game signals, so we pounded out these wrist bands this week and said let's give it shot," he said. "We just really liked

the transition. The other

part is we didn't like the hand signals because our far side receivers were having to come off the line and look over and weren't getting set as fast. Now they're just getting verbage, look down and go."

Williams finished 12 of 13 for 221 yards and three scores. He also had 113 yards on 16 carries and three TDS.

Johnson lead the receivers with 93 yards and a touchdown on five receptions. Kane Williams had 54 yards, Wiseman 51 and Wellman 23.

McGowan finished with 57 yards on six carries. McGowan also had five tackles including four sacks for a combined loss of 29 yards.

Tanner Settles and Austin Ensminger joined on three additional sacks. They combined for seven tackles on the night.

The Hounds travel to 1-2 Washington at Case Field on Friday night. They stay on the road in two weeks at Mt. Pleasant and then come back for Homecoming in three weeks to take on Clinton.

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previous two weeks, despite Williams throwing for more

also leads the Hawks defensively with 11 tackles on the year.





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Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution Consider Approval of Tuesday, September 7, 2021 Board Minutes Consider Approval of

- Claims Personnel Actions: A. Promotion-Health
- Department B. Step Increases
- (7)-Health Department C. New Hire-Sheriff's Office
- D. Position Transfer-Secondary Roads
- E. Step Increase-Auditor's Office

Reports: A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected B. Manure Management Update for Pieper Inc in Green Bay Township C. Manure Manage-

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- ment Update for Mehmert Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township
- Commission or Committee Reports Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DONNELLSON, IOWA 52625 **EDUCATIONAL** SERVICES CENTER **TENTATIVE AGENDA SEPTEMBER 13, 2021** WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order 2. Board Workshop -Middle School Report 3. Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING

h) Vacancies 6) Consent Agenda: (Motion) (Exhibit I)

g) Finance Report

a) Approve minutes b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse Funds, Clearing Account, Hot Lunch Account

- c) Approve prepaid bills d) Approve monthly bills
- e) Overnight Trip Re-
- quests: None. 7) Construction Update/
- Change Order Requests (Exhibit II) 8) First Reading of
- Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit III)
- a) 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of
- Directors
- b) 206.1 President c) 206.2 - Vice Presi-
- dent d) 213 - Public Partici-
- pation in Board Meetings e) 213.1 - Public Com-
- plaints f) 302.5 - Superinten-
- dent Evaluations g) 303.6 - Administrator
- Evaluation
- h) 401.14 Employee Expression (New)
- i) 501.14 Open Enrollment Transfers -Procedures as a Sending District
- j) 501.15 Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Receiving District

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7:00 P.M.

1) Call to Order 2) Roll Call 3) Approve agenda (Motion) 4) Welcome to Visitors a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda b) Introduction of New Staff

5) Superintendent's Report:

a) Preliminary Enrollment for 2021-2022

b) Sports Boosters Athletic Facility Presentation c) COVID-19 Update d) Preliminary Audit **Report & Comments** e) Homecoming Week f) IASB Board Convention: 11/17/2021 -

11/18/2021

k) 502.3 - Student Expression and Student Publications I) 502.3R1 - Student Expression and Student Publications Code (New) m) 504.3 - Student Publications (Rescinded) n) 504.3R1 - Student Publications Code (Rescinded) o) 505.5 - Graduation Requirements p) 603.6 - Physical Education q) 604.1 - Private Instruction r) 606.2 - School Ceremonies and Observances s) 701.2 - Transfer of Funds t) 711.2 - Student Conduct on School Transportation u) 711.2R2 - Record-

Classifieds/Public Notices

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ing Devices on Student Transportation (Rescinded)

v) 803.1 - Disposition of Obsolete Equipment w) 804.6 - Use of **Recording Devices on** School Property (New)

x) 804.6R 1 - Use of **District Owned Recording** Devices on School Property (New)

y) 905.3 - Weapons in the School District 9) First Reading of

Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit IV) a) 407.3 - Licensed

Employee Retirement b) 413.2 - Classified **Employee Retirement**

10) Sub Associate Pay Modification (Motion) 11) Bus Driver Sign On Bonus Adjustment

(Exhibit V) 12) SBRC Approval - Special Education (Motion)

13) Transfers: (Motion) a) Leelee Ellingboe - JH Girls' Track to Head Girls' Track

b) Tyler Bryant - JH Boys' Track to Head Boys' Track

14) Volunteer Coach Approvals: (Motion)

a) Nathan Clark - High School Football Volunteer b) Todd Herdrich - High School Football Volunteer

c) Hollie Weber - Cross **Country Volunteer** 15) Resignations: (Mo-

tion)

a) Sasha Rudd - Eighth Grade Softball Coach b) Miriam Freesmeier -

Food Service Worker 16) Contract Approvals:

(Motion) a) Ashley Welch - Tem-

porary Nurse (Effective 8/31/2021)

b) Pam Ball - Mid-Day Preschool Bus Route Driver

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County **Conservation Board** Agenda September 14, 2021 Lee County **Conservation Center** 2652 Hwy 61 Montrose, IA 52639 4:00 p.m.

1. Call To Order 2. Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2021 3. Public Input This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot





PUBLIC NOTICES

take formal action at the of an individual whose meeting on matters not appointment, hiring, perincluded on the regular formance, or discharge is agenda, but may ask being considered when the staff to research the necessary to prevent needless and irreparable matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent injury to that individual's reputation and that indi-

4. Approval of Bills 5. Approval of Financial Report

agenda.

6. Project Updates 7. Conservation Technician Step Increase

8. Staff and Director Reports

9. Board Members Comments

10. Request for closed session to evaluate the professional competency

session. Pursuant to the provisions of section 21.5(1)(i), Code of Iowa 2021. 11. Possible Action On

Matters Discussed in **Closed Session**

vidual requests a closed

12. Adjournment Next regular meeting will be October 12, 2021 Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

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c) Ryan Van Ausdall -Quiz Bowl Sponsor 17) Board Reports. 18) Adjourn (Motion)

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Classifieds/From the Front

Students, community will have access to new space

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and I'm very glad I had a physical job in college," Smith said with a laugh

Smith said when the district added the new administrative space on the front of the building they took up the courtyard space there so from that time on there was no place for the kids just to relax or do a classroom activity.

The new courtyard features red and black recycled rubber mulch, freshly poured concrete pathways and a gathering areas, and a new gazebo complete with tables and chairs.

Kempker's True Value Rental donated about \$4,500 in new heavy iron benches for the new area. And the schools building trades classes, including construction and welding students, fabricated the gazebo. Mohrfeld Electric donated electrical work to power some lights that will be added as well.

"Clint (Kobelt's) construction trades class are usually

building a home and it's hard to get them, but they really wanted to be a part of this project," Smith said. "The welding class did the metal beams."

He said the biggest donation came early, after he put out a call for help in getting the courtyard refurbished.

"We got a \$5,000 donation from someone who moved away and owns two construction companies in Texas. He called and said he wanted to make a donation, but had a problem. He said he never graduated. He got a good job his senior year and never came back, but really wanted to be a part of this."

Smith said he got other donations from classes including the 1961 class that was in town for their 60th high school reunion this weekend.

"We've had so many classes and alumni come forward. From the moment we put out the call for this, the donations have come pouring in," he said.

A large HVAC unit that sits on the northeast side of the

courtyard will be removed as soon as it begins to fail. Smith said it was too old to move to the roof, so they are just waiting for it to give out.

While all the landscape was being removed, Smith said they found a large drain on the northeast side, that will be used to help move water out of the courtyard during heavy rains

Trees and shrubbery for the space are under consideration, but Smith said they haven't made up their minds yet on those additions.

He said the space will be available for teachers and students as well as the community.

"Every time I say high school, we mean community. This is a community school so groups can call us and check on availability to use the courtyard. Teachers will be able to check it out like a piece of equipment.

He said a plaque will be created to be placed in the courtyard with the names of those who donated to the project.

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Lee County News/From the Front

Golf is about socializing, and maybe that one great shot

GOLF - Continued from Page 1

season it's about taking full advantage of fall. Get 18 and a beer in before college football comes on.

It gets endorphins going and then you come home and you still have the day with your family. Get a couple chores done, make some football food, and see if you can entice your wife into watching the Hawkeyes or the Vikings.

Nowadays that football food takes the form of chicken and greens. Doc says stay away from the nachos, cheese dip, wings, and beer.

Now the golfers out there reading this want to hear about a hole-in-one, or an ace, I found on No. 2 at Green Acres Golf Course in Donnellson a week ago.

So here you go. The hole was about a 146-yard par 3 according to my Bushnell range finder that I use more for 80s hairband music in the cart than giving two shakes about how far out I am. But it has this button you can push on it and this lady comes on and tells you how far it is to the front, center, and back of the green. It's geo-located via some Elon Musk satellite piggy back or something like that.

I just like that it plays music.

Now most golfers would say ok, 146 to the hole on the back right side, so I need to hit about 138 and let it release and roll up close to the hole. I don't think that way.

146 to the center. Ok I have to hit it 146 yards. With that distance most men would hit a wedge or a nine iron because they do it right. You see, you're supposed to hit the ball before your club hits the ground in most cases, and then after the ball strike, the club cuts through the turf and you get this nice peel.

I have NEVER, never gotten that peel, so clearly my mind says I have to hit the ball flush or on the upswing, which makes me use a bigger club.

So in my defense, I know if I tee up a five-iron I can hit that club about 140 yards cuz I'm kind of a wussy. There wasn't much thought in this for me. I grabbed the five and teed the ball about half an inch on the ground. Took an easy practice-like swing and ... click.

The ball had a gorgeous start up against a clear blue southeast Iowa morning sky. The dew from the shot settled nicely on the back of my fully rotated calf as the club cleared the ground just gently scraping the moisture that hadn't burned off in the sun.

Now, in theory, the motion of the swing from your back arm coming through should cause your back shoulder to rotate your head out of the swing. In theory. I remember seeing the club hit the ball quickly and then lifting my head.

The ball seemed to hang out there in the Donnellson atmosphere for an unusual amount of time, but it began to arc, or "fade" to those of the golf vernacular.

As a bit of preface, which fits nicely as our golf ball still finds trajectory, I had just holed in a putt from off the green on No. 1. I was on the front side of the green, off just about a foot and then about 23 feet of green before the hole. The putt came clean out of the cut and broke, or "leaked", again with the vernacular, to the right and toward the hole. My Titleist ProV 1 caught the right side of cup and went completely around the lip of the cup and fell in on the front side for a par.

I had been practice putting for about 30 minutes prior to our tee off time and was ridiculed for such prepping by my playing partner Jay Baldwin.

"That's why you practice, Jay" I said walking up to get my ball out of the cup. "Drive for show, putt for dough." We sometimes bet a soda on the round.

Back to my ball on hole 2 still hanging in the air waiting for me to return to the story.

"Boy someone came to play," I hear behind me. "That looks really good," either Gordy Fedler or Steve Knight said.

The ball lands softly making its way as if being controlled by some remote navigator toward the flag. It comes down with a very light, soft thud and bounces. It bounces again...and gently disappears.

I turn to Gordy, Steve, and Jay standing behind me and ask, "Did that go in?" They're all in full cheering mode

and high fiving and patting me on the back. I don't even recall what they said...except for Jay. "I think maybe it's hiding behind the pin and you can't see it," Baldwin deadpans. Somebody says, "No, that disappeared."

I laugh, uneasily, thinking he may be right, but I grab my phone and text my wife and daughter and brother "JUST HIT A HOLE IN ONE"

The texts fly back – "WHAT!??!!", "WOW!!!" from my wife, and daughter in NYC.

Here's what my brother John texts, "So now you have to buy beers. That's the rule." Nothing superlative from him....He's just wondering who's stocking his refrigerator.

But Jay goes one better after we get to the hole and realize the ball isn't nestled behind the pin where we couldn't see it, but indeed it was sitting in the bottom of the cup nestled against the pin.

"In Japan if you hit a hole in one, you have to buy your group new cars," he says without smiling. Jay's wit is a bit dry, much like a good whine (make note of the intentional misspelling).

We shoot some pictures for posterity and one that I think I'll use in the plaque I've ordered to commemorate the moment.

We get off the green and move to hole 3 where I tee off and hit a drive down the left side near the timber. I stayed out of the woods and went to hit my second shot and Jay said, "you gonna keep hittin' that ball?"

It never entered my mind that I was playing the same ball and I should pull the ball from the game and save it. But I caved and it now sits at home awaiting a plaque in a slide on a my desk with the words "Hole in One 9/5/21." written with a red Sharpie.

The hole-in-one really means little in the grand scheme of things. I'll take a morning of golf over most things, but not every thing.

Joining the "club" as Tom Gendron likes to say, isn't bad, though.

But that's Beside the Point.

Chuck Vandenberg is the co-owner and editor of Pen City Current. He can be reached at <u>editor@pencitycurrent.com</u>.

Health survey to be followed by virtual data analysis meetings

SURVEY - Continued from Page 2

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Blessing Health Keokuk, 1600 Morgan Street, Keokuk

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, 5445 Ave. O, Fort Madison.

In addition, the three planning organizations will be hosting a virtual community townhall meeting in October 2021. This meeting will assess available county level data, analyze the community-wide survey results,



and then identify 2-4 priority health needs to work on in the next few years. The group will also be asked to share their ideas for improvement strategies and activities they are willing to work on for improving the priority health needs. Additional details as well as the date and time of the virtual community townhall will be coming soon. If you have any questions about CHNA activities, please call one of the participating organizations and request to speak to someone involved in the CHNA planning process.



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