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New fine arts digs at CL



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Central Lee High School Vocal Music Director Tracy Madsen works with students in the new fine arts auditorium Monday morning.

STUDENTS SING PRAISES: New facility to bring new opportunities for Hawks

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – The dulcet tones of high school singers rang a bit truer on Monday morning at Central Lee High School.

Students at the school got their first chance to practice in the new fine arts auditorium that is part of the district's \$12.9 million facilities upgrade as the new school week began.

The new auditorium added to the southeast corner of the current building is almost three stories high with a full mirror on the far east wall where show choir performers can

actually see their workouts. Acoustic panels are attached to the walls and the ceiling, while the history of the Central Lee fine arts program sits in the way of about 300 trophies perched above the classes on the west side.

Additional offices and practice rooms are also included with the upgrade.

Vocal Music Director Tracy Madsen said the new facility requires a small temporary adjustment with the ear, but will allow the district's programs to grow quickly.

"It is a little adjustment. The acoustics are much, much

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LEE COUNTY NEWS

Hamm says GRRWA landfill in good shape, good hands

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – One man's trash is not another man's treasure.

That's one thing former Great River Regional Waste Authority general manager Wade Hamm has taken away from

26 years of service to the landfill.

Hamm retired from the position on April 16th after handing the keys of the operation over to Austin Banks, a former employee of the landfill's engineering firm.

"You just can't have the attitude that

one man's trash is another man's treasure. First of all there's rules and laws against that," Hamm said with a laugh.

But in all his years working at the landfill since his days as a corrections

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OPINION

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen

Sunburn used to be the badge of courage. As kids, we'd get so sunburned detasseling corn and walking beans that our noses had a semi-permanent hard, crusty blister. Peeling was the early camouflage. We never wore caps. Caps weren't cool. (Actually, they are cool, but not the type of "cool" we wanted.)

If anyone would have told us that we would be paying for this sun exposure later in life, they would have been ostracized. Even as late as last summer, I was still stripping down while mowing, proud of my suntan. But I was careful of my bald pate, giving it only half-an-hour of direct sun.

Stupid me. I'm paying the price now. This winter, I noticed some sore spots on the top of my head that I had picked at. (Don't do that!) I showed Ginnie. She clicked her tongue, scolding, and ordered me to the dermatologist. I reluctantly obeyed.

The dermatologist's name is Carol Menke. "Ah, ha!" I thought to myself. "A Menke. Local gal. I know a scad of Menkes."

On the call to remind me of the appointment, the voice pronounced her name, "Menk."

"Hmm," I thought. "Have I been mispronouncing Menke all these years?"

Carol Menke was real nice. She carries a gun. I apologized for mispronouncing her name, and she laughed and said I was the second person that morning to apologize. "Miss Robo," she said, "can't pronounce Menke." She then zapped the top of my head a couple of times with her freeze gun. Studying my head closer,

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05/07/21 – 8:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue H.
 05/07/21 – 11:28 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 5100 block of Avenue O.
 05/07/21 – 9:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue N.
 05/08/21 – 4:42 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of 13th Street.
 05/08/21 – 7:06 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 800 block of Avenue G.
 05/09/21 – 2:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue L.
 05/09/21 – 9:04 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Melody Ann Robinson, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue F, on a charge of dog running at large.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/05/21 – 5:24 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2500 block of Hwy. 61. where a vehicle driven by Charles Richard Mayer, 38, of Fort Madison, had struck a one-way directional sign trying to turn southbound from Climax Road. No injuries or citations were reported.
 05/07/21 – 8:07 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a three-vehicle accident on Hwy. 218 at the Central Lee entrance. According to the report a vehicle driven by Emma Marie Smith, 17, of

Donnellson bumped into a vehicle driven by Samantha Lyn Walljasper, 31, of Donnellson, who in turn struck a vehicle driven by Lizann Renae Vineyard, 16, of Farmington, as all three waited to turn into the Central Lee school. Smith was cited for following too closely, no injuries were reported.
 05/07/21 – 11:13 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremiah Johnson Turner, 23, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 05/09/21 – 3:16 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Melissa Dawn Nelson, 38, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 05/10/21 – 5:59 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James William Hopp, 41, of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

05/03/21 – Richard M Levario, age 46, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested on a Dallas County, TX Warrant charging him with Indecency with a Child. Lavario remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting extradition to Texas.
 05/05/21 – Jennifer I Harl, age 55, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Possession Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Harl was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date.
 05/08/21 – Gary T Graham,

age 70, of West Point, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Graham was released after posting the required bond and given court date.
 05/08/21 – Eric K Thomas, age 28, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Violation of Order of Protection. Thomas was also arrested on an Illinois Department of Corrections Warrant charging him with Parole Violation. Thomas remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his initial court appearance.
 05/09/21 – Shelli R East, age 49, of Augusta, IL was arrested on an Adams County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear original charges of Possession of Controlled Substance. East was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 05/09/21 -Crystal A Laktas, age 41, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, Fleeing and Eluding, and Driving While License Suspended. Laktas remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her initial court appearance.
 05/09/21 -Heather Joy Lefler, age 41, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of: Methamphetamine, Driving While License Suspended, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of Hypodermic Needle. Lefler remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her initial court appearance.
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Business News/From the Front

“Badge of courage” sunburns lead to carcinomas

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she decided a couple of biopsies were in order.

Ouch!

A week later the verdict was in, “Squamous Cell Carcinomas.” Enter Dr. Cleveland, a nice guy, wielding a scalpel. I couldn’t see him working on the top of my head, but Ginnie, who went with me for moral support, said his hands flew, like they were trained—true sign of a professional.

Then we were sitting in the waiting room with the others Dr. Cleveland had operated on that morning. It was “Thursday Surgery”—six of us all together—nose, lips, ears, cheeks—waiting for pathology reports. We eyed each other and made small talk, “Nice lip you have there.”

“You, too, baldy.”

Ah, good news. Dr. Cleveland had gotten all the cancer (I knew he would) with the first cutting—sorta like hay.

Nearly 30 stitches later, my head feels like it’s in a vise. Dr. Cleveland said I had the most flexible scalp he’d seen in a while, aiding him in closing up the incisions. I never

thought I’d be complimented for having a flexible scalp.

But I’m in downright pain. Oh, well. I need to be thankful it wasn’t melanoma.

The next day, Ginnie and I stopped at a restaurant that served liquor. I must admit, I had a fleeting thought (stinking thinking) of downing the tried-and-true pain killer—alcohol. When I told Ginnie, she had a connotation. Not to worry, I’m not about to blow 31 years of sobriety over a little, well, quite a lot of, pain.

We stopped at a convenience store for gas. I forgot to wear my cap, and a stranger asked me what happened to the top of my head. I told him I had some skin cancer removed. He told me that he had stage-4 pancreatic cancer, but that his prognosis was good. He then told me he would pray for me. I was a little taken aback—a complete stranger with stage-4 cancer saying he would pray for me, with simple skin cancer. I asked him his name. It was Bill. I prayed for Bill.

Guess what? I’m supposed to stay out of the sun. Shock, shock. In fact, Carol Menke (the lady with the gun) said I’m supposed to apply SPF-30 sun screen to all exposed skin every morning whether I’ll be out in the sun or not. This is such a far cry from the “badge-of-courage” sunburn of my youth. But she has the gun.

Let this be a lesson to all the sun bathers and tanning-booth users out there. (We have a landscaper—blonde, flat-top haircut, blue eyed, fair skin, no hat. He just laughs at me and goes about his sunburned business.) UV light, whether it be natural or man made, not only prematurely ages the skin, the largest organ of the body, but sets you up for future squamous-cell hell. Contrary to popular belief, pale skin is Holy-Grail skin!

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

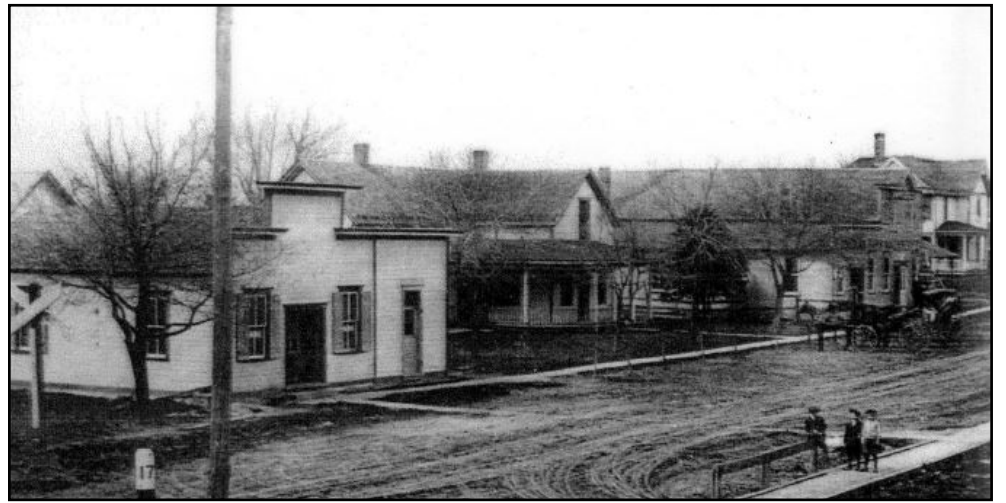
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From the Front

Landfill in position to function for another 140 years

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officer, Hamm said his goal had little to do with handling waste, but more creating a lasting career for the employees of the landfill, should they choose to have one.

“My first day back in 1995, I had to lay off seven people. I never wanted to have to do that again. So my goal was to create a landfill that would last so these employees would always have a place to build a career if they wanted it,” Hamm said.

This year’s honoree of the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award from the Iowa Society of Solid Waste Operations, is leaving a legacy of expanding the life of the landfill across from Rodeo Park in Fort Madison for another 140 years.

The board of directors has recently purchased another tract of land across the northern border of the landfill that will provide enough airspace until about 2160. That purchase, along with the purchase of a waste grinder, and an agreement with the Fort Madison Airport regarding the use of the eastern grass runway, has positioned GRRWA to remain viable for more than a century.

The grinder which sits atop the open work area of the landfill takes most neighborhood solid waste and grinds it up before it’s deposited into the active working cell. Hamm said that increased the compaction rate from 1,200 feet/per cubic yard to 1,640 feet.

He said without the

additional land purchase and the grinder, the county would have run out of landfill space in about 12 years.

“That was a big decision. We either moved forward or we became a transfer station which would have cost the tax payers more, because in addition to the tipping fees for the other landfill we would have had to pay to transport it as well,” Hamm said.

“But through a lot of work with the Federal Aviation Administration, the airport, and the state, we were able to obtain more land to the north of us from the state and now we have 144 more years of airspace.”

Hamm said his biggest concern going forward is the cost to dispose of the waste. He said GRRWA is one of the more

solid landfills in the state financially, but eventually, like everything right now, costs are eventually going to outpace revenue.

“That’ll be the biggest hurdle going forward for the board. To make the necessary changes so that doesn’t happen,” he said.

He said one way would be to find a way to convert some of the waste to energy. The landfill could already be looking at possibly capturing methane from the waste – whether they want to or not.

He said the state continues to monitor the overall footprint of the landfill and once it gets to a certain size, they require the recapture of the methane that’s put out by the decay of the waste. He said some landfills capture the gas and flare it off, but many choose to use it to power equipment and heat

buildings.

A large landfill near St. Louis, called the CHAMP Landfill captures methane gas and provides it for heating for a nearby school and some residents.

He said another big change over the past 25 years has been becoming a state environmental management system in a partnership with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

That program allows the landfill to keep about \$80,000 per year in solid waste taxes paid to the state, if the landfill is fully engaged in recycling, composting, education, ground water mitigation, greenhouse gas mitigation and household hazardous waste mitigation.

As part of those efforts GRRWA adopted Rocky the Recycler from the

children’s television series PAW Patrol. Hamm said that effort is ongoing and landfill staff wants to expand that program to reach more children.

The landfill also launched a Swap Shop about 12 years ago that he said is still under utilized.

“People bring in hazardous waste like paint and fertilizer, but if the containers are more than half full we put them on a shelf here and people can come in and just grab them. There’s no cost, all they have to do is log it so we know how many pounds went out to report to the state,” he said.

“It’s a really good program, but no matter how much we advertise it and talk about it, it still surprises me that people say they didn’t know we did this.”

Hamm has been a member of the state ISOSWO for the past eight years and will be receiving the professional award in June at the group’s annual meeting, which will be held for the first time ever in Fort Madison.

“We give that out to a person every year and truthfully – I was retiring and I think that’s probably why I got it. I’m pretty humble about that actually.”

Hamm said Banks is the right guy to take over the work, and the landfill is in pretty good shape. But the board will have to keep up with the times regarding tipping fees and future expansions.

The landfill board also just spent \$1.5 million renovating the Keokuk transfer station behind Wal-Mart in Keokuk. Hamm said there are now two additional recycling bays as well as two additional trash bays and a 24-hour drop off for recyclables.

“I had some updates I wanted to do there, but it wasn’t \$1.5 million worth. The board came down and toured the facility and decided if the landfill was going to last this long then they needed to upgrade that facility as well.”

The retirement still feels more like a vacation than a separation to Hamm.

“Not yet. It’s just in the back of your head that you’re on vacation and need to get back to work,” he said.

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Sports

Hannum leads Hounds at SEC meet

BY PCC SPORTS

KEOKUK – Garrett Hannum captured the Southeast Conference title in the 400 hurdles and ran title legs in the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams to lead the Bloodhounds to a 2nd-place finish in the Southeast Conference track meet at Keokuk Thursday night.

Hannum edged fellow Hound Macaden Rhoer by .18 seconds for a 1-2 finish in the 400 hurdles, both breaking the 1 minute mark with 59.42 and 59.60 marks respectively.

The Hounds Jakob McGowan passed the 20-foot mark again winning the long jump with a leap of 20.4.5". His longest on the year is 20-11". Fort Madison's Mikey DiPrima took 2nd with a leap of 19-11.5", his longest jump of the season.

The 4x200 team of Brock Califf, McGowan, Andrew Schaefer and Hannum finished with a time of 1:34.10, .10 ahead of Burlington. The 4x400 team of Califf, Hannum, Schaefer and Dayton Davis took the title at 3:32.70.

The Hounds finished with 130 points. Washington won the team title with 162 points.

Fort Madison also saw the return of junior Tate Johnson who has been out since the third week of the season with an injury. Johnson was a whisper of taking the conference title in the 100-meter dash posting an 11:04, .01 off Burlington's Bryant Williams mark of 11.03.

Dayton Davis raced to a runner-up spot in the 400-meter dash at 52.50. Gavin Wiseman was 4th at 57.90. Davis was also 3rd in the 110 high hurdles. Rhoer was fourth.

The Hounds shuttle hurdle relay team of Rhoer, Henry Wiseman, Kane Williams and Hayden Segoviano took 2nd place with a time of 1:09.70. Ethan Deacon had the oth-

er 2nd place finish for Fort Madison with a 47-6.75" heave in the shot put.

The girls shuttle hurdle team of Reyna Lampe, Taylor Barnes, Aija Jenkins and Chloe Sokolik had the best finish for the Lady Hounds with a time of 1:13.20

Paetyn Wiegand took fourth place in the 1500 and 3000 meter runs at 5:39.90 and 12:27.22.

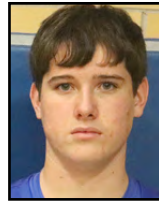
Fort Madison girls had nine other top five finishes, to finish 6th with 50.5 points. Fairfield won the ladies conference title with 198 points.

Complete Bloodhound results are listed below.
 100-meter dash: Tate Johnson 11.04 (2nd), Jakob McGowan 11.38 (5th)
 200-meter dash: Andrew Schaefer, 24.10 (4th), Mikey DiPrima 24.70 (7th)
 400-meter dash: Dayton Davis 52.50 (2nd), Gavin Wiseman 57.90 (4th)
 800-meter run: Nick Fullenkamp 2:26.80 (8th), Austin Miller 2:33.40 (10th)
 1600-meter run: Will Gager 5:04.90 (7th), Hayden Wolfe 5:25.50 (10th)
 3200-meter run: Gager 11:25.30 (5th), Wolfe 11:31.60 (8th)
 110-high hurdles: Davis 16.80 (3rd), Macaden Rhoer 17.20 (4th)
 400 hurdles: Garrett Hannum (59.42) (1st), Macaden Rhoer 59.60 (2nd)
 4x100 relay: Wiseman, Johnson, Joey Dodson, McGowan 47.20 (5th)
 4x200 relay: Brock Califf, McGowan, Schaefer, and Hannum 1:34.10 (1st)
 4x400 relay: Califf, Hannum, Schaefer and Davis, 3:32.70 (1st)
 4x800 relay: Fullenkamp, Dane Butler, Tanner Stoermer, George Hantzeuas 9:39.70 (5th)
 Sprint Medley: Califf, Hannum, Miller, and Schaefer 1:45.22 (4th)
 Distance Medley: Landes Williams, Dodson, Califf, and Miller 4:00.80 (4th)
 Shuttle Hurdle: Rhoer, Henry Wiseman, Kane Williams and Hayden Segoviano 1:09.70 (2nd)
 High Jump: Davis 5-6" (4th), DiPrima 5-6" (4th)
 Long Jump: McGowan 20-4.5" (1st), DiPrima 19-11.5" (2nd)
 Shot Put: Deacon 47-6.75" (2nd), Jake Perry 33-25" (11th)
 Discus: Deacon 120-2" (5th), Perry 88-1" (12th)
 Girls Results
 100-meter dash: Mackenzie Rainwater 15.00 (9th), Emma Kerns 15.4 (10th)
 200-meter dash: Taylor Johnson 28.80 (5th), Emily Steffensmeier 31.00 (9th)
 400-meter dash: Madison Meyer 1:16.50 (9th), Chloe Sokolik 1:16.90 (10th)
 800-meter run: Lauren King 2:51.90 (6th)
 1500-meter run: Paetyn Wiegand 5:39.90 (4th)
 3000-meter run: Wiegand 12:27.22 (4th)
 100 hurdles: Reyna Lampe 17.02 (6th)
 400 hurdles: Taylor Barnes 1:24.40 (6th)
 4x100 relay: Kylee Cashman, Taylor Barnes, Reyna Lampe, and Madelyn Swigart 58.70 (6th)
 4x200 relay: Cashman, Aija Jenkins, Rylee Steffensmeier and Johnson 2:00.20 (4th)
 4x400 relay: Meyer, Sokolik, Jordyn Burch and Kern 5:24.70 (5th)
 4x800 relay: Cashman, King, Meyer and Burch 12:27.70 (4th)
 Sprint Medley: E. Steffensmeier, Swigart, Barnes and R. Steffensmeier 2:12.80 (5th)
 Distance Medley: Jenkins, R. Steffensmeier, Johnson and Wiegand 4:55.40 (4th)
 Shuttle Hurdle: Lampe, Barnes, Jenkins, and Sokolik 1:13.20 (2nd)
 High Jump: Jenkins 4-9" (4th)
 Long Jump: E. Steffensmeier 15-0" (6th), R. Steffensmeier 13-3" (10th)
 Shot Put: Cashman 31-8" (4th), Alexis Whaley 30-5" (6th)
 Discus: Whaley 92-9.75" (4th)

Thurmans win SEC doubles title

BY PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Jason and Vasin Thurman dropped just three games in three sets rolling to the title at the Southeast Conference boys tennis tournament Thursday in Fort Madison.



J. THURMAN

The No. 1 seniors dropped one game to Mt. Pleasant's Jack Schimmpfennig and Owen Vansickle and then rolled Keokuk's Callum Tackes and Kaiden Stoneking 6-1, 6-1 to take the title.

The Hound twins opened play with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Burlington's Michael Mercer and Jackson Carlson, who won a play-in match over Fairfield.



V. THURMAN

Fort Madison's Levi Sissel and Bryce Workman suffered a first-round loss to Fairfield's Blake Holden and Jeremy Goodale 6-0, 6-3 to slip into the consolation bracket, where they lost in a split-set tie-breaker 1-6, 6-3 and then 5-10 in the tiebreaker to Mt. Pleasant's Jake Ensminger and Lincoln Henricksen. That loss put the Hound duo into the 7th place marathon match with Burlington's Owen Fawcett and Tyce Bertleshofer.

The Hounds won the first set 9-7 with a 7-5 set tiebreaker win, and then needed another 7-6 tiebreaker to win the second set 7-6 to earn 7th place.

In singles action, No. 9 Kaden Medland slipped into the 9th place match after falling to Mt. Pleasant's Levi Graber in a 10-7 tie breaker. Medland would rebound with a 6-0, 6-2 win over teammate No. 10. Tyler Horn 6-0, 6-2 for 9th place. Horn fell to Fort Madison's No. 7 Tristan Paton 6-0, 6-0 in a play-in.

Keokuk's No. 1 Abbott Haner won the singles title with a 6-1, 6-1 win over teammate No. 3 Ivan Lopez.

Players could only play in either the doubles bracket or singles bracket.

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LEE COUNTY BOARD
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April 12, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building, on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin and Garry Seyb. Present electronically was Rich Harlow.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld presented a visual concept of a proposed multi-million dollar project at the Fort Madison Riverfront and asked the Board for a letter of support to Representative Miller-Meeks for a Community Funded Project Grant.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to submit a letter of support for the Fort Madison Riverfront Project. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Secondary Roads Five-Year Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Iowa DOT Second-

ary Roads Budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a letter of support for Optimae's designation of a Community Mental Health Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to renew an agreement with Health Solutions to administer the County's Wellness Program for Fiscal Year 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-64. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021 - 64 WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer currently distributes interest into the General Fund, Jail Bond Fund, Debt Ser-

vices Fund, County Conservation Land Acquisition Fund, E-911 Surcharge Fund, E-911 Contribution Fund, Cash Bond Fund, Board of Health Memorial Fund, Records Management Fund, Emergency Management Fund, Neff Memorial Trust Fund, REAP Fund, Electronic Transaction Recorders Fund, Self-Insured Fund, Early Childhood Program Fund, School Ready Children Services Fund, and the Drug Task Force Forfeiture Fund, Capital Project - Jail Remodel 2013, Capital Project - Conservation Building Fund monthly, and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors will now include the Capital Project - Countywide Communication Project Fund into an interest bearing account

monthly, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors direct the Lee County Treasurer to distribute interest into the Capital Project - Countywide Communication Project Fund monthly, beginning April 1, 2021.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Class C Liquor License for Bar Candy, West Point, for the period April 17, 2021 through April 22, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, April 5, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a step increase for Crystal Coffman, Administrative Assistant at the Health Department, from \$16.86/hr. to \$17.20/hr., effective 6/12/21; a step increase for Erin Andries, Oral Health Coordinator, from \$22.00/hr. to \$22.44/hr., effective 5/13/21; a step increase for Michael Shelangoski, Environmental Program Director, from \$32.23/hr. to \$32.87/hr., effective 5/13/21; a step increase for Tammy Wilson, Finance Operations Program Director, from \$36.71/hr. to \$37.44/hr., effective 5/10/21 and a step increase for Amy Cook, MIEC Family Support Worker from \$19.74/

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hr. to \$20.13/hr., effective 5/29/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2021, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2021 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Dingman Farms in Marion Township.

Committee Reports:

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Larkin reported on conducting interviews for EMS personnel and a meeting at the Newberry Senior Center with the Senior Group. Seyb reported on a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting and the EMS interviews. Health Department Director Michele Ross gave the Board an update on the Covid-19 numbers for the County.

At 10:20 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman

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From the Front

Facility brings programs in 21st century

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better than what our last room was," he said.

A shot into the full-size mirror in front of the risers shows the full scope of the new Central Lee fine arts auditorium. Students got a chance to experience the new digs for the first time Monday morning at the high school. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The last room was about the size of two regular classrooms all surrounded by cinder block.

Madsen said the school already has a rich history of success and the added facilities will allow more opportunities for students to showcase their skills.

"Right now we're going to stick with our traditional programming. There is room to grow in many different ways and one of the benefits here is that we have space to create transitions that are smoother between concert and show choir, jazz band and concert band and keep the flow between classrooms moving," he said.

"We'll still use the gym for traditional events, but smaller performances and sneak peaks of solo and ensemble or impromptu show choir performances can be added here."

Keating Fuger, a sophomore said he could immediately hear the difference in the more open space.

"The volume change is the biggest thing. In the old room it was so loud we couldn't tell if we needed to be better individually. Now we can have fun with it. The new room is great and it's really a step up from where we were," he said.

Emily Barnhardt said she was excited to get out of



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A shot into the full-size mirror in front of the risers shows the full scope of the new Central Lee fine arts auditorium. Students got a chance to experience the new digs for the first time Monday morning at the high school.

the tiny room.

"Right now you can hear everyone singing and we can get louder without worrying about being too loud," she said.

"And when we're in show choir and dancing around we can spread out more and practice so I'm excited to see that grow."

High School Principal Nicole Herdrich said Madsen will now take the program in a 21st century direction.

"He's always got ideas. I thought I worked hard until Tracy got here. He runs circles around me."

Herdrich said the new facilities can also be used for work-based learning for students that may want to look at lighting and sound careers.

"You've got kids that could want to go into that kind of technology. Tracy can take those kids and work with them on that," she said.

Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said the facility brings the district into 21st century fine arts education.

"I think the greatest potential is that our performances are limited right now. Obviously with the new gym that expands but we can do performances in this room, too." Crozier said.

"Tracy is always coming up with new ideas for our kids to perform at another level and some of those are smaller venues. This is still a pretty big spot so we could do a performance here for a smaller crowd. Even beyond music, this space can be used by others.

"That room was not going to be conducive to grow our fine arts. Our enrollment is growing, but even if our enrollment stayed stagnant its not what our students need in the 21st century for fine arts.



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