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# Central Lee cuts ribbon on \$13M upgrade

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Central Lee School board president Mark Hulsebus may have said it best Friday morning when he said the district's completed \$13 million upgrade took more than 13 years to get completed.

District officials, community members, dignitaries, and construction officials were on hand Friday morning to cut a couple Hawk gold ribbons ushering in a new generation of education, academic, and fine arts facilities to the Central Lee campus.

"It's been a long journey, and I think some important context to where we're at today is the history of where the district has been," Hulsebus said.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier talks to guests at the school district's ribbon cutting Friday in Donnellson, with students in the background.

# sports Fumble dashes Hounds' hopes

#### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

BURLINGTON – What started as a storybook season for the Fort Madison Bloodhounds became a nightmare as a football lay in the purple turf of the Bracewell Stadium north endzone.. and no Bloodhounds could get to it in time.

Burlington's Bryant Williams ran for 250 yards on 37 carries Friday night. A monster day, but all of that was put aside as he ran for the goal line with 27 seconds left on first and goal from the six.

Williams would carry to the right, a rarity on a night where running left seemed to be the preferred Grayhounds' game plan, and turned a corner with his eyes on the prize.

But the Bloodhounds rallied to the ball and looked to have Williams stopped just short, but as the state's top back was going down with 22 seconds left in the game, he fumbled the ball into the endzone where



# SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FMEA picks 3 candidates to endorse

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Education Association held a candidate interview forum on Thursday night and are endorsing three candidates out of the seven for the upcoming Nov. 2 city/school general election.

The FMEA picked the three based on answers to questions that were provided to the candidates prior to the forum and they are siding with current board member Pred Manka and two

ber Brad Menke, and two open candidates Mio Santiago and Paul Wilkerson.

"We were looking for candidates who have an understanding of issues that are important to our teachers and families,

locally. That would've been the number one thing. As a union we're just looking for candidates who are pro-education locally and universally," said Cory Byrne, the FMEA president.

He said the panel scored each candidate on responses to a questionnaire that was provided several weeks before the forum.

"These three were the ones that, based on our questions, showed they

had an understanding of the district, it's needs, the positives and the negatives, and had goals and plans for what our needs are," Byrne said.

The questionnaire had six questions



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two Burlington lineman were in the area to recover it for the game-winning score.

The score turned out to be the dagger for the Bloodhounds' season as they fell 24-20, the third loss in three weeks, when a Landes Williams' pass deep right was picked off at about the 35 yard line.

With the win, Burlington secured the runner-up spot in District 4A-3 to No. 1 ranked

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Tate Settles (14) and Henry Wiseman bring down Burlington's Bryant Williams's on a kick return in the third quarter of Friday's loss. The Bloodhounds lost in a 26-24 heartbreaker that ended their season.

focusing on major issues facing the district, perception of the district's learning environment, perceptions of transparency and relationships with media, master contracts under pre-2017 collective bargaining laws, living wages for support professionals, impact of the pandemic, and usage of state and federal relief packages. In a release issued on Friday, Byrne

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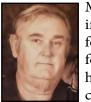
# **Obituaries/From the Front**

### **OBITUARIES**

# ANDREW J. MCWHORTOR

Andrew "Andy" James McWhortor, 69, of Fort Madison passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12:47 PM at his home.

He was born on May 23, 1952 in Keosauqua to Craig and Iris Phillips



McWhortor. On July 1, 1994 he married Deborah Franklin in Ft. Madison. Andy retired from Fruehauf as a welder and following retirement he was a tax preparer and also drove bus for the FMCSD. Andy proudly served in the US Navy where he built ships. He enjoyed woodworking, trading baseball cards, animals and was an avid sports fan; especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. Andy was a Boy Scout member most of his life and

MCWHORTOR

achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He also enjoyed his

time being a Scout Leader. He was also involved in helping with the Special Olympics.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah McWhortor of Ft. Madison; three daughters, Christina Franklin of Minneapolis, MN, Belinda Shallcross of Ft. Madison and Jessica McWhortor of Ft. Madison; six grandchildren, Alexan-

der, Zachary, Emma, Nora, David and Benjamin; a half brother, Jim Carey of Danville and several cousins including Kent and Kirk McWhortor and Randy Cummings.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Jeff Metcalf officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

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

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# Teacher's union picks three from forum

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wrote on behalf of the union that they were impressed with the number of people willing to serve on the board.

"At a time when local school board meetings are in the news for the hostilities expressed by some, we appreciate so many stepping up to seek an elected position. We are happy to have candidates for school board who are interested in a broad range of issues and have ideas about how to improve and enhance our education community. Decisions made by the school board impact the educational experiences of thousands of students now and for decades to come," Byrne wrote.

He said the interviews were informative and revealing.

"They all had strengths and I'm not just saying that. It was a hard decision for us," he said. "There were some surprises in the way they presented themselves, but Mio has some good ideas that align with what is important to the people in the district and Paul has a lot of educational knowledge."

The other four candidates are incumbent Brian Steffensmeier, David Allen, Aleena Garr, and Jadi Zioui.

Fort Madison Partners will be be holding another candidate forum on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall. The event is scheduled to be livestreamed through the Council Chambers.

## **Tickets left for SCC's Great Tastes Nov. 5**

WEST BURLINGTON - The annual Southeastern Community College Foundation (SCCF) Great Tastes event is scheduled for Friday, November 5, at the PZAZZ! Entertainment Complex in Burlington. The benefit begins at 6 p.m. with the live auction starting at 7:30 p.m.

Guests will enjoy a wide variety of wines, beer, ales, and spirits. A broad array of appetizers and desserts will

be served throughout the night.

Executive Director for Institutional Advancement Val Giannetino appreciates the support that the community offers to students each year, even when the event was moved online in 2020.

"Generous donors made it possible for us to have a successful online fundraiser in 2020." She adds, "This year we are excited to be back in person at the Pzazz Event Center. We look forward to hosting a great event and raise funds for our students."

Charity auctioneers from Fraise Auction & Realty Company will auction off items donated by employees, alumni, and friends of SCC. Items include gourmet dinners, boat rides, hand-made jewelry, home improvement services, event tickets, and many other specialty items.

Individual tickets are \$50 each in advance or \$60 at the door. A few sponsor tables for eight are still available for \$500.

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# Opinion

# Pandemic will have emotional, lengthy impact on education

I sat through a marathon school board meeting Monday night. I'm serious, this thing was, like, four hours long.

One of the agenda items was a presentation from Kim Harmon, the Fort Madison Community School District's Director of Student Services and guru of all things curriculum.

It was a tough presentation and Harmon took some heat from the board for what, in a nutshell, was student performance in the K-6 level.

Board director Brad Menke went so far as to say Harmon was saying our teachers aren't good enough. The comment was appropriately received with distaste from many on the board and Harmon.

I've compared Menke to a bass drum in a room of flutes. He really is. Brad says what's on his mind in these meetings and it's refreshing, but it stings sometimes.

I think the comment was made from a frustrated board member and not meant to be absorbed the way it was said. However, it does give one pause.

Of course we don't believe our teachers aren't good enough. That's a tough gig and I'm not speaking out of turn. I have three public school teachers in my immediate family and hear the stories on a regular basis.

And we can't forget the overhaul of collective bargaining and the souring of the relationship between the State of Iowa and its respective teacher's unions.

But the bigger picture

and the blame falls directly on the pandemic, in our opinion.

The pandemic created a learning environment that was close to the worst possible learning environment imaginable. Virtual learning just didn't work. I tried to sit in on a virtual classroom when schools were completely shut down.

Not one student showed up for the class. But they were volunteer, and I was told that even though they were volunteer, because not everyone had reliable Internet access, students were participating at about a 60% rate. Not one student showed up for the class. The teacher was clearly embarrassed and we talked briefly and then I politely stepped away.

I've spoken in classrooms before about writing and journalism and I know and can feel when there are distractions and there are distractions for teachers. In other words, it's tough enough when you're teaching in person.

Now try to imagine teaching modules to an 8-year-old who is sitting in his or her bedroom, or at the coffee table, or kitchen table, with 20 other students doing the same thing. Folks, as my dad used to say all the time, that dog don't hunt.

So, not only was that extremely difficult for teachers and students alike, now the modules, or in my day chapters, that they were supposed to learn a year-and-a-half ago are being revisited now. While that's going on the students



advanced modules in accordance with a typical grade system.

Think about it. These kids are essentially a year-and-a-half behind, and short of making a school day 12 hours, that's going to be extremely difficult to cycle out of.

Top that with the current shortage of teachers and extreme shortage of special education teachers and we have a boiling pot that won't be stopped with a wooden spoon. (Yeah, that really works by the way).

I'm a journalist, and now a grant writer and student of ARPA funds, and with a retired teacher and two current teachers in the family, I still have no idea how you get out of that mess. If you're a P.E. teacher... good choice.

My heart went out to all the teachers in our coverage area as I saw this board get emotional about our children and how we're going to better serve them. I saw parents weeping as the district considered using a virtual special education service because they just can't find any teachers.

Menke, rubbing his forehead and shaking his head, said the district needs to listen to its people in resolving some of these issues, actually raising his voice at severshould be learning more al points and asking, "Are

we listening to what our people are telling us."

It's a tough environment for the district, it's a tough environment for a board passionate about it's mission statement and vision of making sure all students have the resources they need to be prepared for life after high school.

And it's tough on families, many of whom are still reeling economically from the pandemic, which, oh by the way... is still here. So, not only is the district grappling with curriculum, but also with finding teachers, special education teachers, and keeping a very watchful eye on a painin-the-butt virus.

Social and emotional learning is also front and center and strained under the impact that virus has had on that aspect of daily learning. Let's stack on top of all that a couple stats from Fort Madison Junior High Principal Pat Lamb that most students would rather suffer socialized bullying than give up their Facebook platform or that one-infive students has at one point thought of a plan to commit suicide.

There's never been a more important time to have our teachers', educators', and administrators' backs. We may not be thrilled with all the decisions that have been made in the past, but now is not the time to be pointing fingers. We have some solid, solid candidates running for three spots on the Fort Madison School Board.

The Fort Madison **Education Association** had a forum Thursday night that lasted three hours and they came out with endorsements for Menke, Mio Santiago, and Paul Wilkerson out of candidates that also include incumbent Brian Steffensmeier and newcomers David Allen, Aleena Garr, and Jadi Zioui..

This election, and it's said almost every cycle, but considering all the aforementioned issues facing our educators at all levels, this election could be one of the most important school board election in decades.

And talking about schools, if you get the chance, Central Lee officials have done a miraculous job with \$13 million in creating a learning space with enhanced security, athletic, and fine arts spaces. if you get a chance, get out to see that place. You won't believe how much they got done with what really doesn't seem like that much money anymore. But that's Beside the

Point.

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# Sports Bloodhounds in it until the end Friday night



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Fort Madison's Ike Thacher (50) and Matteo Lozano (77) tangle with the interior line of the Grayhounds in Friday's 26-24 loss.



Fort Madison's Xander Wellman closes in on Burlington running back

Bryant Williams on the final drive in the Bloodhounds' season-ending

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

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North Scott. Playoff pairings are expected today.

Fort Madison dropped to 18th in the Ratings Percentage Index that is used to determine the four at-large playoff invites with the loss, dashing their hopes to return to the playoffs after going two games into the post-season last year.

"Obviously, the result sucks. But our guys laid it on the line tonight," Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty said.

"They battled and competed extremely hard, and against the number one running back in the state. We were popping him and made him earn it and at the end of the day, we can keep our chins up knowing that our kids laid it on the line."

The Grayhounds opened up a 14-0 lead and looked to be in full control with Williams and quarterback Kanyae Baker running inside and out behind 7-man fronts. Burlington opened with a 9-play, 46-yard drive after a nice return on the opening kickoff. Williams would score from 3 yards out and had 40 yards in the drive.

Fort Madison would respond starting at their own 40. Jakob McGowan would go for eight on the first carry of the night for the Bloodhounds and Landes Williams would then cut through for 27 yards on an option to make it 1st and 10 at the 25. After a bubble screen left to Gavin Wiseman lost three yards, Williams would fumble rolling to his right where Burlington would recover.

The Grayhounds would march back down and score on another Williams' 3-yard run and a 2 pt. conversion made it 14-0.

Fort Madison would get on the board on the next drive going 54 yards on 11 plays with Mc-Gowan slipping in from two yards out to make it 14-7. Williams would hook up with Kane Williams on a 13-yard strike on 3rd and 7 to keep that drive alive.

Bryant Williams went back to work for BHS on the next drive with three carries for 27 yards, but Baker would lose the handle on a shotgun on 2nd and 1 and the Hounds would strip it as Baker tried to regain control. Fort Madison would recover at their own 45 and put together a 9-play, 40-yard drive that stalled at the BHS 15.

loss on the road.

Xander Wellman would convert the field goal for a 14-10 Grayhound lead that would hold until halftime.

Fort Madison, who lost senior offensive lineman and linebacker Austin Ensminger to a nagging shoulder AC injury at the half, would take the second half kick, but give it right back on a four and out. Wellman's kick turned over in the cool



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air of Bracewell Stadium and pinned the Grayhounds inside the 10.

Burlington would put together a 13-play, 63 yard drive to the Hounds' 29. After a Baker run had the Grayhounds at 2nd and 6 at the 29, Burlington Coach Jim Krekel decided to go to the air. Baker, who had thrown just 29 passes on the year, threw short down the Burlington sideline where Wellman jumped in front for the interception and ran it all the way back to the Burlington 23. Four plays later Landes Williams would go in from two yards out to give Fort Madison a 17-14 lead.

BHS would take over at the 38 on the return and Baker became the featured back in the next series, carrying six consecutive times. He would fumble again on 1st and 10 at the FM 32, but Burlington would get back on top of it. Williams would then take the last two carries and get into the endzone from the 2. Matteo Lozano would stand up Nolan Simpson on a fullback plunge to stop the 2-point conversion and give Burlington the lead back at 20-17.

The Grayhounds would squib a kick and give Fort Madison good field position. McGowan would get three on 1st and 10 and then Williams would find Tate Johnson for 12 yards and a first down. Williams churned out three yards on the next play, and then threw two incomplete to set up 4th and 7 from the BHS 35.

Williams and Johnson, who've been playing together since they were eight years old, kept the drive alive with a huge 24-yard hookup to the Fort Madison 9. Following a timeout, Williams would lose four on a sack rolling and then wisely threw incomplete on 2nd and goal from the 13. He would pick up 11 yards

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# Sports/Classifieds

# Smith, Wiseman combine for 23.5 tackles in loss

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on a keeper on the next snap to make it 4th and goal at the three. Doherty decided to pass on the short field goal



attempt and a tie, and put the ball in Williams' hands. Williams would roll slightly to his left and find Gavin Wiseman running across the back of the endzone to the left for the score. Wellman's PAT was good and Fort Madison had a 24-20 lead with about four minutes left, setting up the final Grayhound drive,

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and the crushing fumble recovery in the endzone. Williams would throw for 98 yards and a score on

10 of 20 passing. He would have 59 yards on 14 carries

and a score. McGowan had 19 yards on six carries and a score. Johnson finished with 69 yards on four catches and Kane Williams had 29 yards on four catches. Wiseman had two catches for zero net yards, but the big fourth quarter TD catch.

Wiseman had 12 tackles, five solo, and Teague Smith had 11.5 tackles, five solo, to lead Fort Madison's defense. Tanner Settles had 9.5 and Johnson had nine.

Doherty said he was proud of how the kids played including the play against Williams despite his 250 yards.

"I could talk for hours about our seniors and how much we love them. Those guys are competitors and I'm very thankful for them and what they've done for this program," Doherty said.

"We were literally how far from writing a pretty cool story and it wasn't our night, unfortunately. Bryant has made people look silly all year and we were poppin' him and gettin' after him, and I'm excited for our guys and the job they did on him," Doherty said.

He said the coaching staff didn't make any large adjustments at halftime because they felt they had the right game plan.

"Krekel's been running that offense for a long time and he made some good adjustments. But again, I felt like our kids competed and a few things go our way and it's a different ball game," he said.

"We felt like the things we were doing schematically were there. The first series offensively we were gouging 'em. I don't feel like we played bad. But they fumble – it goes into the endzone and they recover it. That's the type of night it was for us."

Fort Madison ends the year at 6-3 and 2-3 in district play and will lose 11 seniors from this year's team.



PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda DATE: Monday, October 25, 2021 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: 933 Avenue H

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Public Input Consider Approval of Request for Extended Leave

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Consider Approval to Replace Full-time Paramedic, Full-time EMT, and Part-time EMT

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for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), BNSF invites the public to notify BNSF of any effects the placement of this tower may have on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or any concerns the public may have with regard to the potential impact the tower may have on natural and cultural resources subject to NEPA or NHPA review and consideration. Please direct your comments to Ian Waters at HDR, 10450 Holmes Rd, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64131 or ian.waters@ hdrinc.com. Comments must be received within 10 days of this notice.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 27, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb and Rick Larkin. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. There was no Public

Input. Moved by Fedler, Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION #2021 – 91

INTERFUND TRANS-FER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2021-2022 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is \$2,611,758.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on September 27, 2021 is as follows: Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund \$652,939.50. Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred. Dated at Fort Madison, lowa on the 27th day of September 2021. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve amending the ARPA Funds Application by extending the deadline from September 30, 2021 to November 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, September 20, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve a correction to a pay raise for Jacob Frueh, Maintenance Worker in Secondary Roads, from \$22.85/hr., to \$23.16/ hr., effective 9/13/2021, a step increase for Barbara Altgilbers, Records Clerk, from \$15.47/hr., to \$15.89/hr., effective 10/5/2021, a step increase for Shauna Stuart, Records Clerk, from \$15.47/hr., to \$15.89/hr., effective 10/19/2021, a wage increase for Nikki Sugars, Veterans Affairs Administrator, from \$15.00/hr., to \$18.00/hr., effective 9/29/2021 and a full-time new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Justin Counts, Correctional Officer, \$18.11/hr., effective 9/27/2021. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Ball Family Enterprises in Charleston Township.

Committee Reports: Larkin reported on a Community Action meeting. Fedler attended an ARPA Committee meeting. Harlow stated that he participated in the Argyle Parade last Saturday. Seyb reported on the ARPA Committee meeting.

At 9:25 a.m. a motion was made by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m Matt Pflug, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor **Claims paid** September 27, 2021 A Nxt Degr Comm, svs A Abueg, svs...... 150.00 Action Target, equp Alliant Enrgy, svs .... 99.25 AMI Pipe, splys.....219.50 Animal House, splys Applied Cncpt, equp Auto Dr Grp, splys Blue Top Excvt, svs  N Booten, exps......68.95 Bnd Tree Med, equp ......10406.68 CenturyLink, svs.....90.95 Commerce Bank 1imprint, publ......565.02 Adobe, splys....11,195.49 Aldi, splys .....14.99 Amazon.com, splys ...4.49 Amazon, splys ...1,963.31 Apple.com, splys

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seconded by Seyb, to approve an agreement with Public Consulting Group for GEMT Services for Lee County EMS. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Amended County Procurement Policy. Motion carried. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to Approve an updated 28E Agreement between Lee County Health Department and Iowa DNR for private wells. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-91. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye. Hilton, lodg...... 1,081.24 Hulu, svs.....2,949.66 Hobby Lobby, splys Hotels.com, lodg...109.99 Huffman welding, splys ..... 110.88 Huffman's, splys ..... 59.98 HyVee, fuel ...... 1,049.40 IA Dept Pub Saf, svs IA SOS, notary...... 30.00 Intab, splys ......60.00 IA Co ME, fees...... 43.03 ISAC, regis ...... 127.02 IA EMS Assoc, fees ISSDA, regis......260.00 J & S, svs.....250.00 Jim Baier, svs ..... 129.38 Kempker's, splys .... 76.39 Kirby, splys ......2,727.44 Midstates, splys.... 309.64 Mail Finance, svs.. 208.81 McFarland's, splys 

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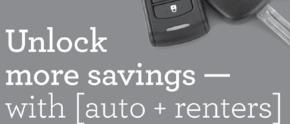
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# From the Front

# School upgrades began with work done 12 years ago

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"Back in the mid to late 90s we were in a very tough financial position as a district and we've had the good fortune of having a couple good superintendents come in that are both strategic and tactical at the same time."

Hulsebus was talking about former Superintendent John Henrickson, now at Mt. Pleasant, and current superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier.

"There's always been the conversation – especially with the gym and fine arts - we needed better spaces and, as security became an issue over the past 20



years, that became part of the conversation," Crozier said.

"It wasn't just four years, it took leadership on behalf of the board and the community to get together and say, 'Lets make a difference. Let's do something. Let's quit talking and take some action."



The \$12.9 million facility upgrade features improvements to security, learning, fine arts, and athletic space to the campus just southeast of Donnellson. It also afforded improvements to security all around the campus, and learning space at the elementary school just to the east.

HERDRICH

A revamped cafeteria with cushioned booths all in Central Lee Hawk colors, a courtyard, an extended cafeteria lobby, complete with furniture and television monitors, have been added as an attraction for fans and students alike.

The district has pods with swinging desk tables where students can get comfortable while doing homework.

The new gymnasium can host simultaneous volleyball games with a third possible in the old gym.

Senior Maura Watkins said the improvements are good for the community and the students.

"It benefits us a lot because we have a bigger area and we can have two courts going for basketball and three courts going for volleyball," Watkins said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors help cut a ribbon with Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier at the grand opening of Central Lee's new \$13 million facility upgrade in Donnellson Friday.

"I've had grandparents coming here for years and they struggled getting up on the bleachers and sitting down. Now they have free space, too, and can get around easier."

She said the academic improvements have given students additional opportunities.

"I'm in consumer sciences and, with the new food areas opened up, you learn more. The commons area, since I'm a senior I take a lot of college classes, I can sit comfortably and work and not worry about being squished in the same room," Watkins said.

High School Principal Nicole Herdrich said this is the 'we're here' moment.

"I'm really glad we got to do this because it's culminating, 'We did it, we're here'. But the essays were the final thing. Originally we were just going to pick four to cut the ribbon and there were six essays. So I said let's just let them all cut the ribbon, but then I started

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reading them and was like everyone needs to hear this," Herdrich said.

"Just hearing that – that it means that much to them. We do have really good kids here and they deserve this and so does our staff."

She said even though the seniors are getting just over one year in the facility, it's a special one.

"This is a WOW factor for the kids. This senior group, I know they are only getting a year, but it's a very special year. This is about school pride, really ultimately," she said.

Hulsebus said the day does seem a bit anticlimactic.

"It's been a long project and we have some finer details we hope to get finished up shortly, but it is good to get to the day where it's kind of formal and public and the community gets to see what's going on." Crozier agreed.

"To be able to celebrate it is part of the process. You go through the planning and you go through the construction. You go through the opening for students, but a lot of these community members are part of why this is happening. So to be able to celebrate it with them and see the excitement on their faces is what makes it worth it for us," he said.



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