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Pipeline to run 50 miles in county

NAVIGATOR: Pipeline planned to cross river near Montrose

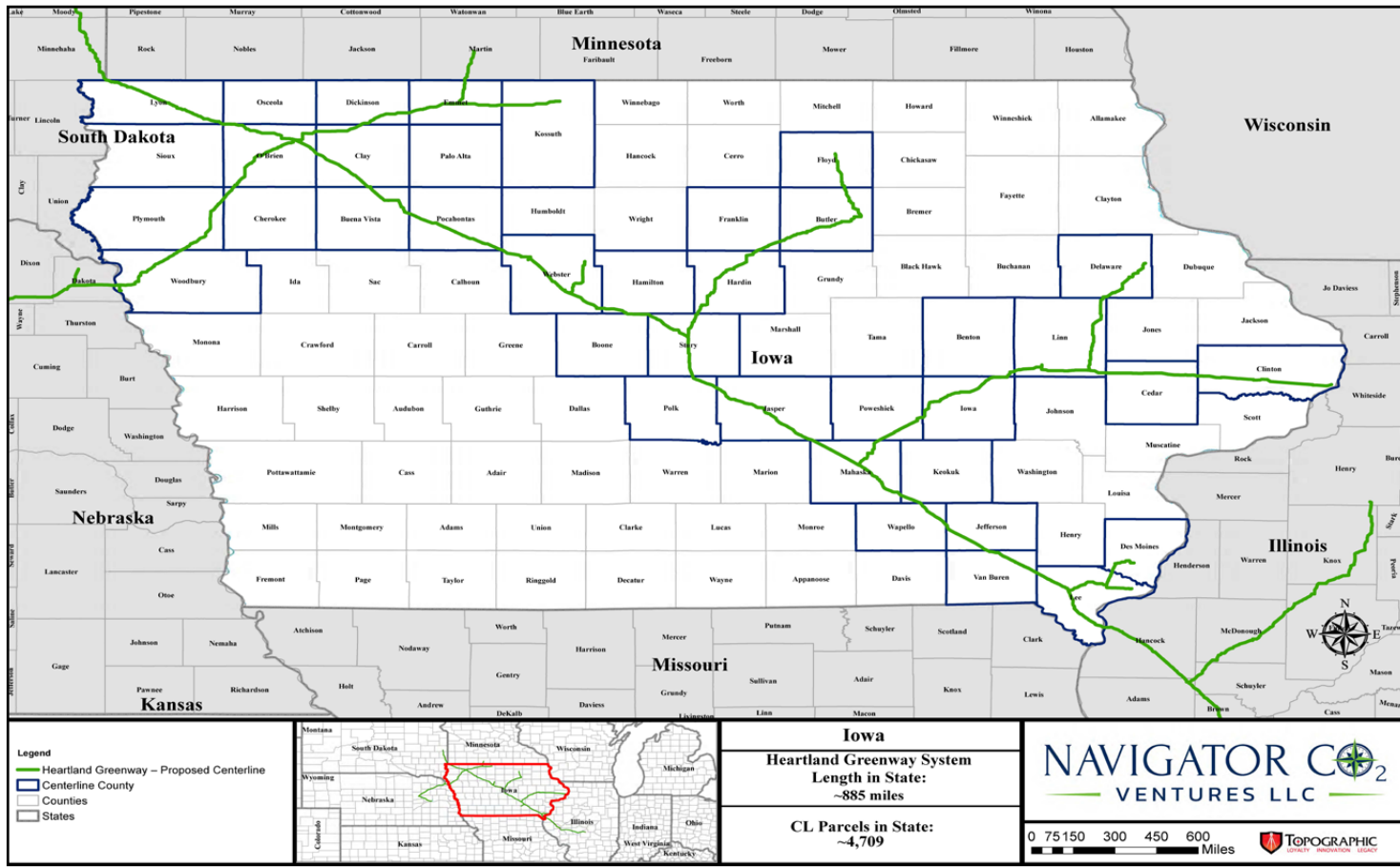


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The proposed Navigator CO2 Ventures Heartland Greenway liquid carbon dioxide pipeline is planned to pass through 50 miles of private property in Lee County. A public hearing required by Iowa law is set for Dec. 8 at Small Grand Things south of West Point.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The proposed carbon recapture pipeline that is being proposed through Iowa could put 50 more miles of additional pipeline through the county.

Lee County already has the Dakota Access Pipeline running from the northwest corner diagonally through the county. It also has anhydrous pipelines running north and south with additional piping expected around Fort Madison in the next few years.

Now a company called Navigator CO2 Ventures, LLC is looking to build another lengthy pipeline for the capture

and sequestration of liquid carbon dioxide through about 885 miles of Iowa land. The company would capture carbon dioxide produced by companies through Iowa and four other states and transport it via the pipeline to Illinois where it would be sequestered.

Company officials are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine the point in Lee County where the pipeline would cross the Mississippi River.

The pipeline will serve biofuel producers and ethanol plants including Big River Ethanol in West Burlington and OCI Iowa Fertilizer Company in Wever.

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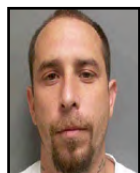
LEE COUNTY COURT

Garza gets five years for role in February shooting

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – A 35-year-old Burlington man will go to prison for up to five years for his role in a shooting that took place in downtown Fort Madison, Feb. 7.

According to Lee County Attorney Ross Braden, Roy Michael Garza Jr., was sentenced to an indeterminate five-



GARZA

year prison sentence for his involvement in the shooting which occurred in the early morning hours of Feb. 7, in the 800 block of Avenue G.

Garza pleaded guilty to Going Armed with Intent, a Class D Felony on Sept. 9 for his involvement in

the incident.

Garza was the passenger of the vehicle involved in the shooting and was alleged to have discharged his firearm with multiple shots being fired in the direction of Tommy Ross, also of Burlington. Garza admitted in open court

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We must now find our way

Fort Madison took a punch in the face Wednesday.

And for someone who knows what it's like to get punched in the face, it's a rare occasion to just stand there and take it.

Not only did we suffer the second murder in our community in less than a month, but this one essentially claimed the life of two. One tragically to a gun shot, and the other will, almost as tragically, likely spend a good chunk of the rest of his life in prison.

Both were youth in our community. According to reports and charges from the incident, 17-year-old Dimari Meredith allegedly shot and killed 15-year-old Deeunta Ceaser at Ceaser's grandmother's house on the west side of town. The shot rang quickly across the census of Fort Madison High School and teachers, coaches, and administrators prepared for a day full of engaging with our children to deal with the tragedy.

Other media outlets descended on Fort Madison High School on Thursday, but we ran the story from the local police perspective and stayed at arm's length from the school administrators. It would probably have added something to the story, but our sense of the despair of yet another lost student moved us to leave them to the students that needed them more than the readership.

So you get me on a Sunday morning with a furrowed brow and a feeling that this wasn't just a bad decision enveloped in unfortunate circumstances. It was that. But we can't help but think the bigger issue however is a failing of a community and a society et. al.

Meredith, and he is innocent until proven guilty, but if eventually convicted wasn't born wanting to do something like this. In 17 years of experiences and choices he was moved to do this.

As a community of just over 9,000 people we must start thinking now, even though it

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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

11/03/21 - 3:58 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2100 block of Avenue E.
 11/03/21 - 8:32 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue G.
 11/03/21 - 11:18 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sonya Lynn Daniels, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue P, on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/03/21 - 11:41 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of Vica Lane.
 11/03/21 - 12:55 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Joseph Theodore Gene Gray, 37, of Fort Madison in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 11/03/21 - 1:03 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue D.
 11/03/21 - 1:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Brandon Warren Traman, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 2600

block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/03/21 - 4:00 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Charles Joseph Lozano, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of 48th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear.
 11/03/21 - 4:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Amie Therese Schmitz, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 11/04/21 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue H.
 11/04/21 - 2:12 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Heather Ann Pierre, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue I, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/04/21 - 2:50 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of Crescent Lane.
 11/04/21 - 4:12 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited David Frederick Welsh, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue O, on a charge

of dog running at-large.
 11/04/21 - 5:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1200 block of 19th Street.
 11/04/21 - 6:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Lisa Denise Lane, 37, of Fort Madison in the 3400 block of Avenue N, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 11/05/21 - 12:29 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Whitney Kay Mackey, 29, of Fort Madison in the 4500 block of Avenue O., on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 11/05/21 - 2:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Misty Dawn Kirchner, 47, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/02/21 - 5:25 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of Hwy. 61 northbound. A vehicle driven by Malarie Lilianna Ross, 18, of Keokuk, collided with

the back of a vehicle driven by Hal Monroe Smith, 63, of Biggsville. According to the report, Ross reached to grab her cell phone from the floor and closed on Smith before being able to brake or swerve to avoid the collision. No injuries nor citations were reported.
 11/03/21 - 1:47 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Edward Ramlow, 46, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on 10 counts of violation of a no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/03/21 - 8:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bernaldo Parzynski Loftin, 48, of Columbia, Miss., on charges of OWI-2nd offense and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 11/04/21 - 5:30 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry Marvin Stewart, Jr., 27, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of criminal mischief-2nd degree. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Tragedy poses big questions for community

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is far too late for Ceaser and Meredith, why this type of a boil over takes place.

What are we missing, or just turning a deaf ear and a blind eye away from?

I can't help but think we all shoulder some of this blame. Maybe we're too focused on broadband expansion, skills gaps, unemployment, building marinas and trails, going to football games, and writing editorials, to see what's really happening. But I don't think so.

We have to, as Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said, have an eye toward the future. But we can't be ignorant of the present.

Are we listening enough to our children, realizing the pressures of their daily lives, and doing all we can to bring forces to bear on those issues? Apparently not.

The death of that beautiful young boy should shake us all. Not scare us from building a new 9-hole disc golf course at Ivanhoe, just a few blocks from the shooting and where another shooting took place this spring. Or pickleball courts at Victory Park, or running on trails throughout the day.

The recent violence should tell us that we must keep moving forward with those projects to enhance the quality of life that tends to keep issues like this at bay.

But we also must engage with our children more, and right now it's hard to see just what that looks like. I keep going back to the analogy that the pandemic opened our eyes to how poor our Internet access was locally. There was talk about it before COVID came, but it really showed us we needed something more. The issue then became part of nearly all economic development conversations, and now we're making real strides to improve that access in the very near future.

But it happened because we realized it was failing so many. It's not that much different with this recent violence. There has to be a realization here as well that we're just not sniffing it out.

A story broke the same day that two school aged kids tracked down a Spanish teacher in Fairfield, attacked her and left her for dead.

Some people just want to see the world burn. We have that. We'll always have that. But crimes like these have to make us look in our collective mirrors and start conversations with each other about where the change comes about.

Brianna Kramer-Riesberg is working under a grant at Lee County Health Department to peel back the layers of some of these issues. We're not liking what we're finding, and some in all fairness, have been looking for a lot longer than others. Maybe there's something here that requires a stronger effort, with more people and even greater collaboration.

What that looks like can only be brought into focus with heavy conversations, resources, and a community movement.

We have students killing students, and kids killing a teacher. I'm not sure there's ever been a more critical time for a community to examine a problem, define an approach, and execute a plan.

We have to start listening to our children... and become their better angels.

My heart is already broken, but it bled heavier Thursday as I put the two pictures of Meredith and Ceaser next to each other on my computer screen. These two were babies in our hands.

I don't know all the details of this crime. Honestly, I didn't even want to know. I knew enough. Several hundred students at FMHS may know the details or at least have played this trial out on social media already.

What I do know is we are a community of one. We must now find our way - to remain a community of one.

Chuck Vandenberg is the editor and co-owner of Pen City Current and can be reached at charles.v@pencitycurrent.com.

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Submissions are due by the end of the day Tuesday, November 9th.

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OBITUARIES

BARRY ANDERSON



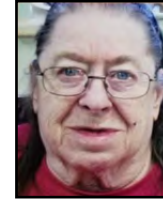
ANDERSON

Barry Anderson, 78, of Carthage, IL died Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living Center. He was born June 16, 1943 in Rockford, IL the son of George Herman and Lorraine Shirley Jones Anderson. Barry graduated from East Rockford High School with the Class of 1961. He earned his B.A. degree in 1965 from Grinnell College, his Juris Doctorate in 1968 from the University of Iowa Law School and his M.A. Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration in 1994 from Western Illinois University. On August 26, 1967 he was united in marriage to Phyllis Lichtenberg. To this union, three children were born, Robb, Seth and Kiersten. They later divorced. He married Portia Washburn on October 28, 1999 in Hamilton, IL. She survives. He is also survived by two sons, Robb Anderson (Ana) of Tepoztlan Morelos, Mexico and Seth Anderson (Marcy) of St. Louis, MO, one daughter, Kiersten Hensley (Shane) of St. Peter, Minnesota, two bonus daughters, Gracia Murphy (Dan) of Keokuk and Tiffany Roller of Carthage, IL, eleven grandchildren, Matias, Santiago, Agustin, Fletcher, Parker, Kennedy, Savannah, Georgia, Nolan, Harper and Ruby. He is also survived by two sisters, Judy Larson (Randy) of Rockford, IL and Sally Cordova (David) of Colorado, Springs, CO, several nieces and nephews and his four legged companion, Addie Lou. He was preceded in death by his parents and one

grandson, Teddy Murphy. Barry practiced law in Keokuk, Iowa for over 30 years. He was elected Lee County Attorney and served as a magistrate judge in Lee County. He had been the chairperson of the Iowa Criminal Law Section of the Iowa Bar Association and an active member of the Indigent Defense Task Force in Iowa. In 1988 he became an adjunct professor at WIU until his hiring as an assistant professor in the LEJA School in 1993. He retired from WIU on May 31, 2015. Barry enjoyed baseball and coached several different teams over the years. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and when it came to NASCAR he was a Jimmy Johnson fan. Barry had a strong interest in the death penalty and wrote an article "The Death Penalty in Iowa" for the book, Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice: Shaping Tomorrow's System. Most of all, the time he spent with his grandchildren was priceless and the memories that were made will be forever treasured. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday (Nov 11) at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend Jerry Bown officiating. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL. Visitation will be held prior to the service Thursday (Nov 11) from 11-1 a.m., at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time. Memorials may be made to Keokuk Little League. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

ROBERTA D. SEAVEY



SEAVEY

Roberta Darlene Seavey, 88, of Keokuk, passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at Southeast Iowa Behavioral Healthcare Center in Keokuk. Roberta was born on July 14, 1933, in Keokuk, Iowa, one of eight children. She enjoyed spending her free time solving crosswords and search-a-words, coloring, and feeding her sweet tooth, especially with a cold Dr. Pepper. Roberta is survived by three children: David Seavey of Hallsville, Missouri, Roberta Fulk of Murphysboro, Tennessee, and Loretta (David) Lowman of Hamilton, Illinois; her granddaughter Kimberly (Craig) Harmon of Hamilton; and two great-grandchildren: Alten Lowman and Amaya Harmon, both of Hamilton. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Southeast Iowa Behavioral Healthcare Center Activities Department. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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Opinion

Brother was a Vietnam veteran, military hero

My oldest brother was 14 years old when I was born. My first memory of him was when he came home on leave from the Army, so good looking in his uniform. He was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division. You better believe he was my hero. I loved hanging on his strong arms. He would swing my sister and me around by the arms until we were all dizzy.

He was a John Wayne type of figure: quiet, strong, quick with a laugh, always doing what was right because it was the right thing to do. I remember him giving his 1950 Ford to my parents when he was going overseas and didn't need it. He also gave us our first television, a black-and-white console with a rotary dial for which I got yelled at by my parents for spinning too fast.

My sister and I took a Greyhound Bus to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky to stay with my brother for a week with his wife and two kids—soon to be three. They lived in a trailer that he called their "Little tin house." We watched him jump out of an airplane, the blue sky filled with white mushrooms.

We knew when he was hurt from a jump gone bad. We knew the military wanted to medically discharge him, but he resisted and was allowed to stay. He was tough and determined. We knew when he was promoted to Warrant Officer. (He made light of it.) We knew when he went to Germany, and Hawaii, and Vietnam. He assured us that he was far removed from the fighting, that he was high in the

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



sky doing photo-reconnaissance work. I wasn't even aware that he went a second time.

We didn't call it "deployment" then. He was "sent."

My brother was an avid letter writer and we loved getting letters from him. They were keepsakes, his penmanship revealing so much of his personality.

His legal name was John, but he was called Jack, like my dad. Therefore, when our son was born, to continue the family tradition, we named him John, to be called Jack, like Jack Kennedy, who was John.

After 20 years in the Army, my brother retired and his wife and he bought an acreage in Canon City, Colorado, next to the Royal Gorge. We loved going there. We rode horses and my kids shot BB guns and we walked across the Royal Gorge bridge. My daughter broke her arm falling off a horse. Uncle Jack had a mule that heehawed.

Life was normal for the Swarm family. My brother was a great wood worker, and we talked about insulation and fertilizer and front-wheel drive versus rear wheel. What I'm trying to say is, my brother was the most normal person I knew. He loved his family, he loved life, he was a great guy.

When I heard he was dying of cancer (Agent Orange) I wanted to see him. But COVID got in the way and we couldn't see each other. Finally, with vaccinations, I was allowed. He was weak and frail, but still the same Jack. He could no longer hold a pen to write letters, so I offered to do it for him. He would dictate, I would write for him on my laptop.

I told Jack I wanted to write his story. He was surprised but opened up and told me the most blood thirsty, wanton tale of hand-to-hand combat, enemy atrocities, and his involvement in Cambodia and the Ho Chi Minh Trail. He also told me that Jesus Christ had entered his bedroom, wrapped His arms around him, and forgave him. Jesus was waiting for him in heaven and he looked forward to seeing Him.

Jack then proceeded to dictate the most wonderful, beautiful letters to me for our family. His hands could no longer hold a pen but they could emphasize words.

I was and still am shocked beyond belief. My whole worldview changed. I had no idea about his involvement in the horrific fighting in Vietnam. He kept it all to himself, inside him, as if nothing had ever happened.

John Swarm, to be called Jack, died on the 4th of July.

He was my brother, he was a hero, he was a veteran.

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

Miller-Meeks says Biden is infringing on medical decisions

On Thursday, the Biden Administration took another step toward dictating the medical choices of private citizens.

The November 4th ruling by the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requiring certain employers to develop mandatory vaccination policies will harm small businesses and exacerbate the current labor and supply

chain crises.

The mandate would force businesses with 100 or more employees to require employees to be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing and wear a face-covering in the workplace. The rule, which will affect more than 80 million Americans, imposes \$14,000 fines on employers for each violation. Along with the Administration's policies paying Americans to not work, this rule will have a negative impact on the current labor

shortage.

According to a September survey from the National Federation of Independent Business, a majority of small firms say they have job openings they are unable to fill. The Conference Board CEO Confidence Survey showed that the percentage of companies stating they have difficulty finding qualified candidates went up

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**CHOOSE CAR SEAT:
BY AGE & SIZE**

**THE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE
WHO THINK**

**THEY HAVE THEIR
CHILD IN THE RIGHT
SEAT.**

**THE ONES
WHO
ACTUALLY
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Sports/Opinion

Five Lee County girls named to SEISC 1st team

HTC's Natalie Randolph named to Class 1A State All-Tournament team Thursday

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Four seniors and a junior were named to the 1st-team All-Southeast Iowa Superconference volleyball team last week.

For the state semifinalist Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders, seniors Kassi Randolph and Anna Sobczak were named to the squad.

Randolph was selected as a utility player, while Sobczak was named the top libero in the South Division. Randolph had 400 assists and 221 kills on the year. She also has 225 digs and served at just under 94% on the year.

Sobczak led the Crusaders with 513 digs, second in the conference to New London's Emma Nye who also was named 1st team. She had 655 digs on the year.

Natalie Randolph, Mary Kate Bendlage and Teagan Denning were all named to the second team.

Natalie Randolph was also named to the Class 1A All-Tournament team at the State Volleyball Championships Thursday. Randolph had 19 kills, 27 digs and 19 assists in the Crusaders two matches at the state tournament.

Central Lee's Makayla Morrison, Meghan Hopp and Macy Watkins were all named first team in the south division. Morrison and Hopp both were honored as hitters. Morrison had 308 kills to Hopp's 271. Watkins was selected as a setter and led the Lady Hawks with 716 assists.

Burlington Notre Dame's Josie Bentz was named Player of the Year and Mike Davis earned Coach of the Year for the Class 1A state champion Nikes.

Holy Trinity's Brooke Mueller and Kayla Box were named honorable mention, while Central Lee's Alivia Myhre and Alix Congdon both earned honorable mention.

Lady Hawks take two from HTC in junior high basketball

DONNELSON – Riley Gregory scored 14 for Central Lee including nine in the second half to lead Central Lee's eighth grade girls to a 29-13 win over Holy Trinity Thursday night.

Kenna Sandoval had nine points in the win.

Mykayla Schinstock had six points, all in the second half to lead Holy Trinity. Adalyn Kruse had a 3-ball in the first half for her three points, second best for the Crusaders.

In the seventh grade game, Kruse had eight points in a 24-10 HTC loss. Nora Lampe had nine points for the Lady Hawks. Brynne Howard had seven points for Central Lee.

The Crusader's eighth graders are 0-3 on the year after dropping a 19-10 loss to Winfield-Mt. Union on the road Lia Fullenkamp had four points, while Izzy Wheatley-Behne, Ellie Helmmann and Kruse each had a bucket.

The HTC seventh graders downed the Lady Wolves 15-13. Kruse had five, and Elizabeth Griffin had four in the win.

Van Buren downed the eighth grade Crusaders 28-9 to open the season back on Oct. 28. Schinstock had four points in the loss. Fullenkamp had three and Kruse had two.

The 7th graders won 17-14 behind Kruse's seven points. Hellman had four in the loss.

Miller-Meeks says vaccinations are personal decision

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from 57% in the second quarter of 2021 to 74% in the third. The Bureau of Labor Statistics ratio of open jobs to hires, which helps calculate the average time of hiring, is at a series high, as is the rate at which workers voluntarily quit their jobs.

Over the last year and a half, the current labor shortage has caused an unprecedented backlog in our supply chain. This has led to higher prices of consumer goods, and in many cases completely empty shelves at the grocery store. Global supply chains are breaking down, goods are backlogged at our seaports, and new shortages are sweeping the nation.

Large numbers of companies pointed to supply-chain constraints as a drag on earnings. There are growing signs that issues like port congestion, the difficult of hiring truck drivers, slowing supplier deliveries, and rising costs for raw materials and components such as semiconductors are affecting the broader economy. These supply chain issues will only be exacerbated by the Administration's policies.

As a doctor, former President of the Iowa Medical Society, and former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I have researched the efficacy and effectiveness of each of the three vaccines and I made my personal decision to get vaccinated. I have encouraged others to be vaccinated and administered vaccines across the Second District, but I still believe that vaccination should be a decision by the patient and their physician.

Americans should choose whether to be vaccinated, not forced.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks is a doctor and member of the House Education and Labor Committee who currently represents Iowa's Second District in the United States House of Representatives.

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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input

Presentation from ISG for County Inspection of NuStar Pipeline Construction

Consider Approval of 2021 Weed Commissioner Report

Consider Approval of Compensation Board Representatives

Canvass the November 2, 2021 City/School Election

Consider Approval of Monday, November 1, 2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Personnel Actions:
 A. New Hire-Sheriffs Office (Replacement)

Reports:
 A. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
 B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
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According to the spokesperson from Navigator, the pipeline would traverse about 50 miles in Lee County with offshoots that appear from the map above to have connections at IFC, and Big River in Des Moines County. However, officials have yet to confirm those proprietary connection points.

“The Heartland Greenway carbon capture system will initially be servicing nearly 20 emission sources across the project footprint, anchored by Valero’s facilities in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota,” according to a company spokesperson.

“Navigator CO2 Ventures respects the decision of its counterparties to remain confidential until their own public disclosures are made regarding their involvement with the system. We would expect those over the coming weeks and months.”

Public meetings have been planned in both counties. Lee County’s will take place Dec. 8 at Small Grand Things south of West Point.

The pipeline would vary in size from 6 to 24 inches and would be buried at a minimum of five feet from the top of the pipe.

The project carries an initial total price tag of approximately \$3 billion, but officials didn’t specify what that investment would look like in Lee County. Economic impact statements are currently being compiled by Navigator officials.

The company must first hold the public hearing through the Iowa Utilities Board before it can speak to any private landowners about easement acquisitions.

“Navigator has a reputation for executing these projects the right way and values its relationships with all stakeholders, especially landowners,” the spokesperson said.

“Under Iowa law and regulatory authority granted to the Iowa Utilities Board, Heartland Greenway is not able to have any conversation or negotiation with landowners regarding compensation until after a public informational meeting is held in each of the counties the proposed sequestration system will traverse.”

The Heartland Greenway’s first phase is projected to commence initial service in late 2024 to early 2025 and span approximately 1,300 miles across five Midwest states.

Company officials claim the Heartland Greenway pipeline would have the capacity to store 15 million metric tons of carbon dioxide annually, equal to the emissions put out by approximately 3.2 million cars.

USDA offers pandemic help for organic crop producers

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide pandemic assistance to cover certification and education expenses to agricultural producers who are certified organic or transitioning to organic. USDA will make \$20 million available through the new Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP) as part of USDA’s broader Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative, which provides new, broader and more equitable opportunities for farmers, ranchers and producers.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, certified organic and transitional operations faced challenges due to loss of markets, and increased costs and labor shortages, in addition to costs related to obtaining or renewing their organic certification, which producers and handlers of conventionally grown commodities do not incur. Transitional operations also faced the financial challenge of implementing practices required to obtain organic certification without being able to obtain the premium prices normally received for certified organic commodities.

Eligible Expenses

OTECP funding is provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Certified operations and transitional operations may apply for OTECP for eligible expenses paid during the 2020, 2021 and 2022 fiscal years. For each year, OTECP covers 25% of a certified operation’s eligible certification expenses, up to \$250 per certification category (crop, livestock, wild crop, handling and State Organic Program fee). This includes application fees, inspection fees, USDA organic certification costs, state organic program fees and more.

Crop and livestock operations transitioning to organic production may be eligible for 75% of a transitional operation’s eligible expenses, up to \$750, for each year. This includes fees charged by a certifying agent or consultant for pre-certification inspections and development of an organic system plan.

For both certified operations and transitional operations, OTECP covers 75% of the registration fees, up to \$200, per year, for educational events that include content related to organic production and handling in order to assist operations in increasing their knowledge of production and marketing practices that can improve their operations, increase resilience and expand available marketing opportunities. Additionally, both certified and transitional operations may be eligible for 75% of the expense of soil testing required under the National Organic Program (NOP) to document micronutrient deficiency, not to exceed \$100 per year.

Applying for Assistance

Signup for 2020 and 2021 OTECP will be Nov. 8, 2021, through Jan. 7, 2022. Producers apply through their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office and can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364. Visit farmers.gov/otecp to learn more.

Garza also ordered to pay restitution

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as to going armed with the firearm with the intent

to use it against Ross.

He was also assessed restitution for the damage done to several local businesses downtown. No one were injured as a result of the shooting.

The Fort Madison Police Department was the responding and investigating agency and the matter was prosecuted by the Lee County Attorney’s Office.

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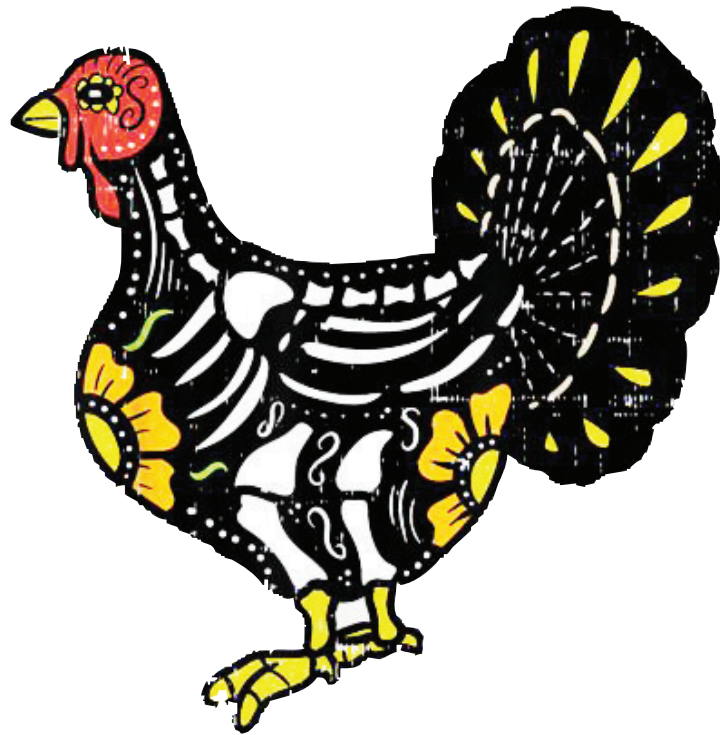
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