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Search nets one arrest



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Members of the Lee County Narcotics Task Force, Lee County Special Response Team and the Fort Madison Police Department stand by as suspects are detained and questioned in connection to a search warrant executed in the 600 block of 5th Street Monday morning.

METH BUST: Task force gets Keokuk man on multiple drug possession charges

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Members of area law enforcement shut down part of the 600 block of 5th Street after police stopped a vehicle in the 1000 block of Avenue F and arrested a Keokuk man.

According to Lee County Narcotics Task Force Director Chad Donaldson, a vehicle was stopped on Avenue F Monday morning and that investigation led to a search warrant being executed on 5th Street.

As a result of the search, which involved officers from the Fort

Madison Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Lee County Special Response Team, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and Lee County Narcotics Task Force, one Keokuk man was arrested, and several others were detained and questioned.

Benjamin Mitchell, 37, of Keokuk, was arrested in the 1000 Block of Ave. F and charged with one count of Aiding & Abetting to Delivery of more than 5 grams of Methamphetamine Within 1,000 feet of a Public Park a Class B Felony; two counts of Delivery of Less than 5 grams of Methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a

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CAREER EXPLORATION CENTER

FM board not yet on board with center

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison school officials had a disappointed reaction to the proposed budget and plans for a Lee County Career Exploration Center Monday night.

The board met in a lengthy four-hour session Monday for its regular meeting with a small portion of the meeting centered on the proposed facility on the grounds of the former KL Megla building just off Hwy. 61 near Montrose.

The facility right now is proposed as a joint operation with the three county school districts, the Lee County Economic Development Group, and Southeastern Community College.



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HOLY TRINITY

God's Portion Day items ready for Saturday auction

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – God's Portion Day for Holy Trinity Catholic will have a different look again this year.

In 2020, the GPD was impacted heavily by the pandemic and the platform shifted to an online auction, but Chad Ward, one of this year's event co-chairmen said the event was as successful as it could be in 2020.

This year, with the pandemic still hovering in the area, Ward said the event will be held on Saturday live at the Shotten-

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COUNTY NEWS

Unsworth to step down as LCCD director Dec. 1

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth announced his resignation at this morning's Lee County Board of Supervisor's meeting.

On Friday, Unsworth notified the Lee County Conservation Board of his resignation effective Dec. 1. He will be taking a position with the Scott County Conservation District as Deputy Director.

On Tuesday, the Conservation

Board will meet to officially accept Nathan's resignation and start the hiring process for the next Director.

Liza Alton, Lee County Conservation Board President, said, "We

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WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap
TUE 19 Oct......Broken Clouds, 73° F/ 52° F
WED 20 Oct......Light Rain, 74° F/ 56° F
THU 21 Oct......Overcast, 58° F/ 47° F

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LUCKY FOR LIFE 10/17.....5 11 24 42 43, Lucky Ball: 3
PICK 3 10/17 MIDDAY.....693
PICK 3 10/17 EVENING.....062
PICK 4 10/17 MIDDAY.....6581
PICK 4 10/17 EVENING.....8988

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

PAMELA GRIMSLEY

Pamela Grimsley, 70, of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, Missouri.

Pamela was born September 28, 1951, in Rock Island, Illinois, the daughter of William F. and Rose Mary (Nebes) Elder. She graduated from Blue Island High School in 1969. Pamela worked at Dadant & Sons in Hamilton, Illinois, Sheller-Globe Corporation in Keokuk and also tended bar.



GRIMSLEY

Pamela loved dogs, gardening, reading and thoroughly enjoyed taking photographs of nature. In her earlier days, she was a catcher on the Sheller-Globe softball team. Above all else, Pamela loved spending time with her grandchildren and making memories.

Pamela is survived by her son: Timothy (Rose) Taylor of Alexander, North Dakota; four grandchildren: Gage Richardson of Newton, Iowa, Race Taylor of Perryville, Missouri, Jory Taylor of Alexander, North Dakota, and Dylan Taylor of Williston, North Dakota; four sisters: Judy Walker of Keokuk, Iowa, Joyce (Harold) Williams of Citrus Heights, California, Joan Horst of Newton, Iowa, and Penny (Charles) Blakely of Keokuk; and two brothers: Mike Elder of Ruskin, Florida, and W.T. Elder of Keokuk.

Pamela is preceded in death by her parents, infant son Thomas Elder and brothers Bob Elder and Billy Elder.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Monday, October 18, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sand Cemetery in St. Francisville, Missouri. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 to 5 pm, with family meeting friends from 3 to 5 pm.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Keokuk Animal Shelter.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

OBITUARIES

ELAINE M. YOUNKIN

Elaine Margaret Younkin, 89, of Ft. Madison, IA formerly of Montrose, IA, died Saturday October 9, 2021 at the Ft. Madison Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center.

She was born on July 10, 1932 in Donnellson, IA, the daughter of Clemons and Velma Kirchner Anton. She graduated from the Donnellson High School with the Class of 1951.



YOUNKIN

On March 15, 1953, Elaine was united in marriage to Robert C. Younkin in Donnellson, IA. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2012.

She was a member of the Montrose Presbyterian Church, King's Daughters and the Republican Caucus. She sang in the St. Barnabas Choir in Montrose.

Elaine was an avid seamstress and made many of her own clothes as well as clothing for her children. She was a gardener with a green thumb and enjoyed working in her flower beds and her vegetable garden. Elaine and Robert enjoyed traveling world-wide with her sister and brother in-law, Vivian & Dale, visiting such places as Europe, Africa and an Amazon cruise. Elaine was a devoted homemaker and farmer's wife and spent her life making a wonderful home for her husband and children.

She is survived by two sons, Douglas (Martha) Younkin of Union, MO and Alan (Michael Schelp) Younkin of Manhattan, NY, one daughter, Joann (Don) Mutch of Moline, IL, eight grandchildren, Joshua Younkin of Virginia, Adam (Madeline) Younkin of Longmont, CO, Michelle (Philip) Moe of Geneseo, IL, Morgan (Lainey) Younkin of Boston, MA, Hayley (Chris) Younkin-Wilson of Chicago, IL, Leah (Dany) Colon-Younkin of Denver, CO, Eric (Kelly) Mutch of Elmhurst, IL and Gordon Younkin of Ithaca, NY, seven great-grandchildren, Callan & Beckett Moe, Jackson Mutch, Branson & Jude Younkin, and twins, Evie and Sybil Younkin-Wilson. She is also survived by one sister, Vivian Weber of Montrose and two brothers, Harold (Alice) Anton of Ft. Collins, CO and Ed (Becky) Anton of Sacramento, CA.

Besides her husband, Elaine was also preceded in death by her parents, a daughter-in-law Sybil Younkin and a brother-in-law, Dale Weber.

Private family services were held.

Memorials may be made to Ft. Madison Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center or the Montrose Township Historical Society.

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

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Tuesday, October 12
Montrose Public Library
8:30am-10:00am

Thursday, October 7
Newberry Center
10:30am-Noon

Thursday, October 14
Heritage Center
10:30am-Noon

Tuesday, October 19
West Point Public Library
1:00pm-2:00pm

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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

JEAN E. RHODES



RHODES

Jean Elizabeth Rhodes, 78, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away 7:02 pm, Friday, October 8, 2021 at Blessing Health Center, in Keokuk, Iowa. Born January 3, 1943 in Keosauqua, Iowa, the daughter of Raymond and Bessie (McElfish) Hogge. On April 15, 1961, she married John R. Rhodes he preceded in death January 27, 1999.

Survivors include her daughter: Kim (Terry) Mapes of Hamilton, Illinois; son: David Rhodes of Nauvoo, Illinois; grandchildren: Troy (Sydney) Mapes, Corrisa Mapes, Danielle (Parker) Miller, Krystal (Devon) Fisher; and one great grandchild: Julie Mapes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister Claire Mae LaGrange.

Jean was a registered nurse in Ottumwa, Iowa and Spokane, Washington. She was a member of Living Waters Assembly of God Church in Keokuk. She enjoyed painting, reading, cruises, bible studies, and spending time with her family.

Her body has been entrusted for cremation to the crematory of Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

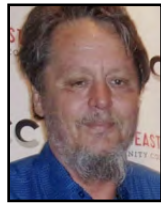
No visitation or services are planned.

A memorial has been established in her memory and may be mailed to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 201, Nauvoo, IL 62354.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.sbbfuneralhome.com. Schmitz-Banks & Beals of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements.

OBITUARIES

CLINTON R. GOULD, SR.



GOULD

Clinton Robert Gould, Sr., 57, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 8:52 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2021, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was born on January 7, 1964, in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Charles Russell, Sr. and Phyllis Jean (Fairfield) Gould.

Survivors include two daughters: Laura (Tyler) Weber of Keokuk, Iowa and Ashley (Will) Washburn of LeRoy, Michigan; one son: Clinton, Jr. (Stephanie) Gould of Donnellson, Iowa; grandchildren: Syrai and Garryt Weber, Teegan, Danica and Liam Washburn, Danimarie, Gracelynn, Korbyn and Sebastian Gould; mother: Phyllis; three brothers: Charles, Jr., Robert Wayne and Clifford; two sisters: Jeanette and Ora. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father: Charles Gould, Sr.; grandparents; two sisters: Jana L. Moore and Cheryl Lamma; nephew: CJ and numerous aunts and uncles.

Clinton enjoyed fishing and watching football. He was an avid New Orleans Saints and St. Louis Blues fan. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and singing.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Homes for cremation.

Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Tony Keefe officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

Keokuk man arrested for meth

ARREST - Continued from P.2

Public Park each a Class D Felony with enhancements; Maintaining a Drug House, an Aggravated Misdemeanor; Possession of Controlled Substance-Methamphetamine, a Serious Misdemeanor; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a Simple Misdemeanor.

The arrests of Mitchell stems from an ongoing investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into the delivery of methamphetamine within the Lee County area.

Several additional charges for multiple suspects are pending.

Mitchell is arrested on a suspicion of a crime and presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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From the Front

Hazeltine golf package, \$10K cash, and electric bicycle on bid list for GPD

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kirk Gymnasium.

This year's events will start at 4 p.m., however, and run until approximately 9 p.m. There will be an auction viewing at the High School from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22. Interested bidders will have an opportunity to submit a presale bid on items of their choice.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, the day starts at 4 p.m. with a Happy Hour and Sonny's Supermarket grilling on the sidewalk with a menu being offered. The annual Grow-An-Acre Grain Sale with the live auction will follow.

The \$10,000 Cash raffle and Something for Everyone Raffle are back this year with tickets being sold this Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Knights of Columbus during the weekly chicken dinner. Tickets can also be acquired by emailing HTCGPD2600@GMAIL.COM. Tickets are \$1 for \$20 or 6 for \$100.

An electric bike is this year's prize for the hat raffle. Twelve hats will be available for purchase with the winner getting the new bike.

"We probably need someone to hold up items. In the past, we'd write the auction item on a poster board, but we're hoping we can do something where the items are

on a big screen tv to make it a bit more digital," Ward said.

The God's Portion Day committee is also sponsoring the Alumni Challenge. All alumni of St. John's, St. James, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's Catholic Central, Aquinas, Marquette, and Holy Trinity Catholic to give back \$1 for every year that's passed since the alumni's graduation date.

Each year the class that generates the most money is listed on a plaque that stays in the foyer of Holy Trinity Jr./Sr. High School. The challenge ends at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Catholic Schools-GPD 2021, and sent to 413 Avenue C, P.O. Box 39, West Point, Iowa. Questions can be directed to Cathy Wilkens at 319-470-0871 or Shelly Pieper at 319-371-6131.

The event is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Catholic school system.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the fundraiser still has until Wednesday evening to contact a committee member through the email address above.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

HTC God's Portion Day co-chairman Chad Ward works through one of the cells of auction items available for Saturday's God's Portion Day starting at 4 p.m. at HTC High School in Fort Madison. A live viewing of items will be held Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING
NOTICE**

**Lee County
Conservation Board
Agenda
October 19, 2021
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Hwy 61
Montrose, IA 52639
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call To Order
 2. Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2021
 3. Accept Director Resignation
 4. Approve Updated Director Job Description
 5. Discuss and Approve Recruitment of New Director
 6. Approve Seasonal Conservation Aid Hire
 7. Adjournment
- Next regular meeting will be November 9, 2021
Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
MONTROSE COUNCIL
MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Dinwiddie presiding.
Present: Holland, Junkins, Rubey, Uhlmeier, Umthun.
Absent: None.
Motion carried to approve Agenda as written. All ayes.
Motion carried to approve September 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. All ayes.
Motion carried to approve September 2021 Treasurer's Report. All ayes.
Receipts: Gen \$29169.21; RUT \$12279.19; Trust & Agency \$290.00; Water \$13558.53; Sewer \$11020.27.
Disbursements: Gen \$25374.20;

RUT \$4828.67; Water \$14018.77; Sewer \$11007.20.
Motion carried to pass Resolution 6-2021, A Resolution to Authorize Redemption of Bonds, to pay off Water Service Debt six months early. Roll call voting 5-0 aye.
Motion carried to authorize Mayor to raise overall City Credit Limit on Visa credit cards to \$2,800.00. All ayes.
Motion carried to approve FY2021 Street Finance Report. All ayes.
Motion carried to approve Payment of Claims. All ayes.

Claims Paid:

AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL-REPAIR 25.00
ALLIANT ENERGY (PD)-ELECTRICITY 3454.82
ALLIANT ENERGY-ELECTRICITY 1375.09
BLOMME TRUCKING-STREET REPAIR 85.53
CASEY'S-YOUTH ACTIVITY 14.78
CITY OF FORT MADISON-TESTING 400.00
CORE & MAIN-SUPPLIES 2385.00
DAILY DEMOCRAT-LEGAL PUBLICATION 50.52
EASTERN IOWA TIRE-REPAIR 659.48
GRRWA-INT WASTE FEE 359.00
HARRISON MONUMENTS-REPAIR... 250.00
HUFFMAN'S-REPAIR/MAINT/SUPPLIES 485.69
J.P. COOKE-SUPPLIES 99.90
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE-REPAIR/MAINT 95.74
KEYSTONE LABS-TESTING 12.50
KOHLMORGAN HAULING-GARBAGE FEE 2233.00
LIBERTY UTILITIES-NATURAL GAS 140.88
MAFAB-SUPPLIES 80.00
MCFARLAND -

SWAN-SUPPLIES .. 15.57
MEAD, SUE-REIMBURSE POSTAGE 109.82
MEDIACOM (PD)-PHONE/INTERNET 255.26
MEDIACOM-PHONE/INTERNET 207.47
MONTROSE SEWER DEPRECIATION-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS 4380.33
MONTROSE SEWER RESERVE-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS 33.33
MONTROSE WATER DEBT SERVICE-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS 5583.33
MONTROSE WATERWORKS DE&IF-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS 402.83
NEVCO (PD)-YOUTH ACTIVITY 920.68
NEWBERRY-REPAIR 100.00
O'REILLY-VEHICLE SUPPLIES 53.55
RATHBUN REG WATER ASSO-WATER CHARGES..... 4864.00
SHIELD TECHNOLOGIES-AGENCY CHARGE 300.00
UHLMEYER, JEFF (PD)-YOUTH ACTIVITY 309.80
USA BLUEBOOK-SUPPLIES 1094.09
U S CELLULAR-CELL PHONES 325.91
VISA-POSTAGE ... 107.78
WELLMARK BC/BS (PD)-GROUP INSURANCE 4765.09
WEST CENTRAL FS-VEHICLE OPERATION 894.96
Totals per fund:
Gen..... \$11622.40;
RUT \$2996.64;
Water \$14643.78;
Sewer \$7667.91
Motion carried to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. All ayes.
Ronald Dinwiddie, Mayor
Attest:
Celeste L. Cirinna
Clerk/Treasurer

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WEST POINT**

**CITY COUNCIL
WEST POINT, IOWA
52656
OCTOBER 11, 2021**

Mayor Paul Walker called the properly noticed regular meeting of the City Council of the City of West Point to order in the Conference Room of the Public Library, 317 Fifth Street, West Point, Iowa 52656 on October 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. In addition to Mayor Walker, the following indicated Council Members were present: Joe Loving; Brian Meierotto; Will Stuekerjuegen; Dan Waters; and, Bruce Wellman. Absent: None. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Upon invitation Nikki Fraise reported Community Club will host a Wine Walk to be held on December 3, 2021. Upon invitation Library Director Dara Sanders presented the annual library report. The Public Works Department report was reviewed. Upon invitation Police Chief Brad Roberts presented the Police Department report. Mayor reported on the following: Beggars Night will be held on October 30, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; HTC costume party will be held

on October 30, 2021; Elections will be held on November 2, 2021; and, expressed appreciation to Broken Anvil organizers. Mayor reported meeting date and time for meetings of the upcoming Municipal Utility Board; Library Board; and, next regular Council Meeting of November 8, 2021. The City Administrator's report was reviewed. On motion approved urban revitalization tax exemption for Eric & Desiree Hamilton at 502 Fourth Street. On motion approved City Clerk attend budget workshop on November 9, 2021. On motion minutes of prior regular Council Meeting of September 13, 2021 were approved as presented. On motion Treasurer's Report for September 2021 was approved as presented. On motion warrants payable for October 2021 were approved as presented. On motion meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m., October 11, 2021.

**EXPENDITURES FOR
SEPTEMBER, 2021**

Baker & Taylor, books 841.31
Bates Sanitation, services 750.00
Brad Roberts, reimb

..... 37.84
Cessford Construction, rock..... 2169.00
City Clerk – FM, fees 320.00
Daily Democrat, publications 88.91
Delta Dental, premiums 101.02
Demco Inc, supplies 306.38
Diane Smith, mileage & reimb..... 72.15
Drake Hardware, AVG renewal 184.16
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Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

Floyd's E-Z-Way, trash hauling 105.00
 GRRWA, fees 432.00
 Hoenig Tree Service, services 2000.00
 Holtkamp Auto, repairs 139.15
 Huffman Welding, parts 22.99
 IA Dept of Revenue, taxes 263.00
 Knowbuddy Resources, book 28.95
 Lee Co Sheriffs Reserves, assistance 500.00
 LJ Neuweg Rental, fees 65.00
 Mary Jane Pranger, cleaning 165.00
 Mediacom, telephone 281.17
 Midamerican Energy, utilities 10.63
 Mississippi Valley Pump, repairs 5021.00
 Paul's Plumbing, repairs 475.97
 Petty Cash, supplies 21.33
 Ricoh USA, copier 159.18
 Sonny's, supplies 7.45
 Stanley Consultants, services 4747.12
 Sun Life Financial, premiums 250.28
 SYNCB/Amazon, supplies 36.95
 Trophy Outlet, plate .. 8.55
 U S Cellular, telephone 65.77
 U S Postal Service, postage 20.56
 Verizon, data plans 120.03
 Wellmark BC/BS, premiums 2935.49
 West Point Lumber, supplies 49.70
 West Point Prof Group, lease 685.00
 West Point Utilities, utilities 2122.34
 Wex Bank, fuel 685.77
 Windstream, telephone 196.32

RECAPITULATION

Fund: Prev Bal, Rcpts, Dsbd, Cur Bal: General: 425752.67, 26585.17, 27463.09, 424874.75; Grants: 1045.26, ---, ---, 1045.26; Capital Equip: 4127.06, ---, ---, 4127.06; Lib County: 4941.16, 2025.49, 870.26, 6096.39; Lib Mem: 11267.28, 55.80, 29.58, 11293.50; Hoenig Estate: 553233.87, 766.51, ---, 554000.38; Road Use: 41280.09, 15324.02, 11353.60, 45250.51; Local Option:

---, 9521.82, 9521.82, ---; Walk Path: (3974.58), ---, ---, (3974.58); Am Rescue Plan: ---, 69303.37, ---, 69303.37; Sewer: 48881.79, 24310.97, 20985.83, 52206.93; Sewer Sinking: 25205.04, 8401.68, ---, 33606.72; Landfill: 259.53, ---, ---, 259.53

/s/ Paul Walker, Mayor
 Attest: Diane E. Smith, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 LEE COUNTY BOARD
 OF SUPERVISORS
 REGULAR MEETING
 MINUTES
 September 20, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, September 20, 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 Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a proclamation naming October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-90. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2021-90

**A RESOLUTION
 AUTHORIZING LEE
 COUNTY TO
 FINANCIALLY
 SUPPORT THE GREAT
 RIVER HOUSING TRUST
 FUND FOR FISCAL
 YEAR 2022**

WHEREAS, that said Lee County is a duly recognized governing body acting under the laws of the State of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, that said Lee County in assisting

this regional development activity will sustain a viable housing program for the entire region and, WHEREAS, Lee County is a member of the Great River Housing Trust Fund, a regional housing non-profit corporation that assists low and moderate income households in the region,

WHEREAS, Lee County residents and businesses have benefitted economically through sustained taxes and supply purchasing through the Great River Housing Trust Fund's Programs,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT;

Lee County will contribute \$12,500 cash match to the Great River Housing Trust Fund in Fiscal Year 2022 thus benefiting low to moderate income households in the county and the region.

PASSED and APPROVED this 20th 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.

The Board canvassed the September 14, 2021 special Keokuk Community School District General Obligation Bond Election. The results are:

Yes 367 No 608
 Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to accept the canvass of the election. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the replacement of a Correctional Officer in the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 County Budget and to set Monday, October 4, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. at the County Administration Building in Fort Madison as the date, time and location of a Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve Monday, September 13, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for August 2021.

Committee Reports: Larkin reported on a Fort Madison Partners meeting, an electronic meet-

ing regarding Ground Emergency Management Transport, a meeting with NuStar concerning a proposed ammonia pipeline to the Fertilizer Plant and a Landfill meeting. Seyb also reported on the GEMT meeting. Fedler attended the meeting with NuStar. Harlow reported on a Children First meeting. Health Department Administrator Michele Ross gave the Board an update on Covid numbers in Lee County.

At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
 Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid
 September 20, 2021**

ABC Fire, svcs 145.55
 A Abueg, svcs 150.00
 Access Enrgy, svcs 1417.17
 Accrt Cntrls, svcs .. 7362.60
 Ace Hrdwr, splys 23.15
 Adams Co Jail, svcs 41.00
 Advd Crctnl Hlth, svcs 10792.17
 Agriland FS, svcs 28539.15
 Agrineed, splys ... 1779.72
 Airgas USA, splys 309.51
 Alliant Enrgy, svcs 4209.37
 Altorfer, splys 656.60
 Am Hm Fndng, svcs 1446.15
 J Anderson, svcs 199.25
 T Archambault, svcs 674.41
 J Baier, svcs 255.42
 Ball Volvo, splys 231.42
 Bates Sntatn, svcs .. 375.00
 E Biddenstadt, exps 82.35
 Bituminous Mtl, ctrb 29997.67
 Blomme Trkg, svcs 660.00
 N Booten, exps 28.61
 J Booth, exps 504.90
 Bound Tree, splys 3166.39
 R Bradley, svcs 130.00
 Brightree, svcs 2413.50
 Brozene Hydrlic, svcs 114.54
 T Buckley, exps 175.25
 L Cadwallader, exps 500.40
 Carroll Cnstrctn, splys 1328.39
 CenturyLink, svcs 71.24
 Coast/Coast, splys 312.96
 Commerce Bank, Amazon splys 64.45
 US Cellular, svcs 348.60
 Cmpl Cmptr Sol, svcs 479.00
 A Cook, exps 130.50
 M Cook, exps 206.10
 Cullen Pest, svcs 377.00
 Culligan, water 84.99
 Democrat Co, publ 2435.00

Daniels Jntrl, svcs 4328.41
 Darkside Tint, splys 96.00
 DM Co Adtr, svcs 605.40
 DM Co Hlth Dpt, svcs 5602.31
 Dnnlsln Tire, svcs 64.20
 Dble A Glass, svcs 2764.00
 Douds Stone, mtrl 802.99
 Elect Engrg, parts 229.18
 EMSLRC, svcs 8.50
 B Fader, exps 310.95
 Faeth Whsle, splys 191.70
 Farm/Home, splys .. 53.98
 Floyds, svcs 60.00
 T Forseen, svcs 26.55
 City of FM, svcs 45.57
 D Fowler, svcs 190.55
 H Fowler, svcs 193.85
 Galls, splys 81.73
 Garner FdMart, fuel 834.94
 Gov Forms, splys .. 345.00
 N Granaman, svcs 1350.83
 GRRWA, svcs 2272.44
 Hall Excvtng, svcs .. 240.00
 A Hayes, exps 92.70
 Hlth Sol, svcs 8332.80
 Heffron Svcs, svcs 13332.30
 S Helenthal, exps ... 99.90
 Hellige Lawn, svcs .. 750.00
 M Hellige, svcs 959.85
 B Hennigar, exps 63.36
 J Hissem, svcs 23.50
 Hm Thrpy Sol, svcs 5094.30
 J Hudson, exps 272.70
 Huffman Wldng, svcs 329.17
 Intrst Bttry, splys ... 309.30
 Invstgtns/JD, svcs 41.00
 IACo Rcrdrs, dues 200.00
 IA Co Rcrd Assc, edu 300.00
 IA dpt/comm, svcs .. 115.00
 IA Dpt Pub Sfty, splys 2844.00
 IA LTAP, svcs 65.00
 IA Off St Med, svcs 4395.00
 IA St Pen, meals 11529.00
 ISAC, reg 1166.67
 S Jeffries, exps 180.45
 Jireh Inc, ctrb 839.27
 JhnsnCo ME, svcs .. 548.63
 H Johnson, svcs 176.15
 J Johnson, exps 33.30
 JW Med, equip 931.00
 Keltek, svcs 84.37
 Blessing Hosp, svcs 3072.08
 KingLynk Fnrl, svcs 1240.00
 G Knisley, exps 310.95
 P Knustrom, exps 423.45
 B KRiesberg, exps .. 21.60
 ELambert, exps 144.90
 Learning Tree, svcs 2633.50
 LeeCo Adtr, IT rb 70382.00
 LeeCo EMS, svcs ... 189.84
 LeeCo Hlth, svcs .. 8900.32
 LeeCo Shrff, svcs 1300.35
 LeeCo Treas, fees 265096.87
 LeeCo Treas, costs 33822.21
 Liberty Util, gas 51.79

C Liles, svcs 122.00
 McFarlands, splys 1885.44
 V McGinnis, rent ... 155.00
 Menards, equip 41.64
 P Menke, svcs 15.50
 MidAm Enrgy, gas .. 12.31
 Midway Frtlnr, svcs 1847.00
 MW Alarm, svcs 600.00
 MW Grp Bnfts, svcs 931.00
 O Miller, exps 285.30
 MES, unif 238.00
 Mutual Whl, parts ... 96.48
 NASP, mtrls 354.00
 N Ctrl Amblnc, svcs 1620.00
 AT Conf, svcs 23.18
 OReilly Auto, svcs .. 419.50
 OMG MW, svcs 6028.50
 Onmedia, adv 600.00
 M Park, exps 89.10
 J Patrick, svcs 775.00
 A Pedersen, svcs 11.80
 Pen City Crmnt, splys 712.49
 L Peterson, svcs 164.85
 S Peterson, svcs 174.35
 Pilot Grove Bnk, splys 198.00
 Pitney Bowes, svcs 135.00
 Practicon, svcs 14.39
 Prairie Farms, splys 163.20
 Pritchard Brdct, publ 350.00
 C Pundt, svcs 186.05
 Qdnt Finance, pstg 4000.00
 Quill Corp, splys 14.99
 C Renstrom, exps ... 82.80
 RicohUSA, splys ... 324.64
 Roland Mchnry, svcs 396.92
 RSM US, svcs 2212.50
 JSaunders, exps 70.20
 KSchleidt, svcs 999.00
 J Schneider, svcs ... 715.00
 T Schroeder, exps .. 70.65
 R Shenkor, svcs 164.85
 J Shoup, svcs 700.00
 Skinner Ests, rent 155.00
 T Solem, exps 196.20
 SEIA Reg Eco, ctrb 2000.00
 SE IA Reg Med, svcs 60.00
 CSpann, exps 40.00
 Spnsrd Prog Act, svcs 137.99
 Stfnsmr Bro, svcs ... 219.96
 Stericycle, svcs 555.84
 Stryker Sales, equip 590.53
 M Terhune, exps ... 393.75
 Tiger Corp, svcs 75342.60
 TriSt Crt Rprt, svcs 107.80
 P Tripp, exps 291.60
 US Cell, svcs 2450.80
 Undrgrnd Vlts, rent 200.00
 CVBerkum, exps 10.35
 VB Co Hosp, svcs 10048.84
 Verizon, svcs 40.01
 Vigen Mmrl, svcs .. 2400.00
 L Wallingford, svcs 222.68
 JWessel, exps 256.95
 West Grp, splys .. 1121.28
 Wst Pnt Utlty, svcs 1915.49
 Windstream, svcs ... 555.82
 4imprint, splys 156.40

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Classifieds/From the Front

Scott County hires county conservation director

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will be doing an extensive state-wide search for our new Director. We have made great strides over the past few years, and we will be looking for a forward-thinking leader who can continue to take Lee County Conservation to new levels.”

“The new position is a great opportunity for me personally. However, it was hard to leave Lee County Conservation. Lee County has provided me with many great experiences and memories that I will carry with me throughout my career. I am proud of all the positive projects the Board, staff, Foundation, community partners, and I have accomplished together over the last four years. It truly has been an honor to meet and work with so many great people from around Lee County,” Unsworth said.

“The Lee County Conservation Board and I are

sad that Nathan is leaving LCCB, but also happy for him. We will miss him, and we are thankful for his commitment to Lee County Conservation. He has led the LCCB in a clear and positive direction, and our goal is to find a new director who can continue to lead the organization in a positive direction. We wish Nathan all the best in his future role,” Alton said

Unsworth will remain with LCCB through the beginning of December. “Over the next few weeks, I will be working with the Conservation Board and staff to finalize projects planned for this fiscal year and help devise a transition plan for the organization. I have committed to the Board that I will do all that I can to ensure a successful transition.”

During Nathan’s tenure at Lee County Conservation, LCCB completed several capital improvement projects, including the recent Chatfield campground improvements, Pollmiller

Playground, and the fish habitat project at North Heron Bend. The upgrades have led to increasing usage at all major county parks in the county. Lee County Conservation has also worked to expand programming and outreach efforts over the past few years.

The Lee County Conservation Board will begin its search for a new Director in the coming days. Those interested in applying are encouraged to watch leecounty.org for an official job announcement.

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From the Front

County Career Exploration Center takes another board hit

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Central Lee's board had discussed the same budget and program at its meeting a week ago and sent officials back to the facility steering committee with the same message. Neither district said they were ready to step away from the proposed project based on the preliminary working budget, but both boards were chilly to the investment, the length of proposed commitments, and programming.

"I think these budget numbers were significantly higher than any of the districts anticipated so we have had conversations on how to cut the budget and take a look at offering high quality programs but not necessarily at these prices at this time," said Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater.

But she said there are successes in the process and further conversations need to be held.

Those successes include getting all the districts back to the table with businesses and industry, and Southeastern Community College. She said getting agreement to the program being offered is also a success.

Slater said there would not be any costs to the three school districts in the first year of operations.

"There's been a commitment from Lee County Economic Development Group not only to purchase the building, but to provide all operating costs for the first year," she said.

That's contrary to Central Lee's school board discussion. Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier presented a spreadsheet to that board that showed first year costs of close to \$84,000 for Central Lee and \$104,000 for Fort Madison.

The budget holds Central Lee to a 22% share of the costs, while Fort Madison is at 40% and Keokuk is at 38%.

in "As far as setting things up in that particular building you're not seeing any costs associated at this time because it is anticipated that SCC, in cooperation with other entities, will be writing an EDA grant and SAVE money grant and the intent is for those grant funds to be disseminated in these areas to start up the building," Slater said.

In year two, the district will be facing about \$196,000 with a built-in 2% inflationary factor annually.

"Again this is all subject to change, but I want to focus your attention on the operating costs for this particular facility with the four programs in place.

Slater said initial conversations were for a 10-year commitment, but she said conversations have refocused on a 3- to 5-year commitment. She said there is still work to do on refining the budget.

If the courses proposed are concurring enrollment courses, the district would get weighted-enrollment dollars which would cover some of the costs, but the district would have to see how many students are interested in the program, Slater said.

The programs being proposed include teacher education, pre-engineering; computer science; and automation robotics and industrial technology.

Another success is that the parties have agreed to countywide Robotics team.

Board member Lois DiPrima asked if dwindling enrollment or shifting enrollments within the districts would cause a recalculation of district financial contribution. Slater said that would be a good question to pose during follow-up conversations.

The building was purchased by Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority, with a commitment from LCEDG to fund the mortgage.

Board member Tim Wondra said if it's a joint venture including SCC, what is their contribution.

"I see them contributing nothing on this other than the name," Wondra said.

Slater said that question has been brought up, but said SCC would be working to secure grants for operations. She said that question will continue to be part of future negotiations.

Wondra also asked why welding and electrical are now not part of the programming, which is what the original intent was.



WONDRA

"That conversation shifted and there wasn't as much interest from all the parties in doing that so we had to pivot and talk about what programs we don't currently have at the three school districts, and start additional programming at the center as opposed to existing programming."

Slater said that could change as the facility grows, but in order to have all parties engaged in the conversation, they pivoted to look at additional programming not at schools.

Wondra said the businesses that were on board were sold on construction and electrical and welding classes.

"That's why they supported it because that was the workforce they needed," Wondra said. "So these businesses were sold one thing and now we're pivoting away from it. If I was one of those businesses I would be very frustrated already with this process."

Board member Brad Menke asked if the new proposed budget and programming are being created to appease Central Lee, who has walked away from the project previously, and SCC.

"Are we just trying to appease them and SCC and all that stuff? I'd say you're offering a watered down version of what everybody wanted. It doesn't seem like it's fulfilling the industry need that was behind all those letters sitting in front of us for why we approved this joint education project," Menke said.

Board member Josh Wykert said they are pivoting away from the core value of the project which was getting career-ready children, more career ready.

"I don't see taking up major space in this building for teacher education. That's something that can easily be taken care of with current assets in our district," Wykert said.

Board president Dianne Hope said her understanding is that business and industry is frustrated with the process. She said the process has been going on for six years.

"This is not what I expected. I expected to hear more about what you all have been talking about which is career trades and experience," Hope said.

"I was asked by someone in industry who asked if we were looking to make this a profit center. We don't run profit centers in education. I'm just very disappointed in these numbers."

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