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Panel offers \$2M to health building

ARPA Funds: Supervisor says ARPA committee talks new health dept. building

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Lee County’s committee overseeing the \$6.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act stimulus funds, has all but earmarked \$2 million of the funds to a new Lee County Health Department.

At Monday’s regular Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr. said the committee has earmarked \$2 million of the funds to build the new building.

The county is currently leasing space from the state at the former Iowa State Penitentiary’s John Bennett Center at cost of about \$84,000 per year.



SEYB

In 2016 the county drew up plans to build a 12,000 square foot facility that was being proposed for land the county owned in Montrose near the current Lee County Sheriff’s office and Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. Those plans carried a cost of \$2.6 million.

The county is also investigating several grants to help offset some of the costs including a possible state Community Development Block Grant, as well as possibly bonding up to \$750,000 that could be paid

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COUNTY NEWS

Inmate gets \$50K payment from county

Prisoner in cruiser shot at during 2016 bank robbery settles with county

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A former inmate has settled with Lee County over a lawsuit that’s been on the books for almost five years.

The county has agreed to pay \$50,000 at the recommendation of its insurance company to James Stark, who was in the back of a vehicle on June 30 when the vehicle was shot at by a bank robber on the west side of Fort Madison.

At Monday’s Lee County Board of Supervisor’s meeting, supervisors went into closed session for about 10 minutes and then returned from the session and voted to approve the settlement.

The settlement agrees to pay the former prisoner a cash payment for stress caused after the vehicle he was being transported back to Lee County Jail in was fired upon by 37-year-old Lafayette Evans, of Nashville, Tenn.

The inmate was in Lee County Deputy Steve Sproul’s vehicle at the time of the robbery and shooting.

According to reports, Sproul was traveling past the Fort Madison Bank & Trust westside office on Hwy. 61, when he heard a call from LeeComm reporting a possible burglary in progress at the bank.

Sproul responded to the report and, when he pulled into the parking lot, witnessed Lafayette coming out of the bank brandishing a weapon. Sproul told Lafayette to drop his weapon and the man fired several shots at the vehicle, two of which struck the car while the inmate was in the back seat.

Lafayette was eventually shot and killed by Fort Madison Police in the field adjacent to the bank while trying to flee with an undisclosed amount of cash.



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Lee County Bank contributed more than \$3,000 in new toys to the Christmas for Kids and Teens program in Lee County. The gifts were handed out Saturday at the Salvation Army in Keokuk.

DISTRICT 8B

Two Burlington attorneys make cut for district judge

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Two Burlington attorneys have had their name submitted to Gov. Kim Reynolds to fill a judicial vacancy in the 8B Judicial District in southeast Iowa.

Attorneys Joshua Schier and Justin

Stonerook were both advanced out of interview sessions held Monday at the Des Moines County Courthouse in Burlington.

Iowa Code mandates that the two names be submitted to the governor who will appoint one of the two to replace Judge Mark Kruse who’s retiring

in February.

Kruse is the second judge in the district to retire. Chief Judge Mary Ann Brown is retiring at the end of the year as well.

Lee County Assistant Attorney Jonathan Stensvaag applied for both openings.

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Obituaries

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ROBERT J. DODD

Robert J. Dodd, 95, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 9:50 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2021 at the Hickory Grove Assisted Living in Carthage, Illinois.

Bob was born November 23, 1926 in Dallas City the son of Leland and Pearl (Sawyer) Dodd. On October 23, 1949 he married Marilyn F. Foreman in Dallas City. She preceded him in death May 2, 2019.

Bob was a 1945 graduate of Dallas City High School. Immediately following graduation entered the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Naples, Italy as part of the occupational forces. When he returned, he began working for the Standard Oil Pipeline, and then finished his career working for Apple River Chemical Company in Niota, Illinois and retired in 1988.

He was a member of the First Christian Church of Dallas City, where he served as a deacon and elder over the years. Bob enjoyed playing golf, watching the St. Louis Cardinals games and playing with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing and refereeing basketball, coaching and umpiring baseball. He was a member of the LaHarpe Masonic Lodge #195

Survivors include two children: Bryan (Patti) Dodd of O'Fallon, Illinois and Susan (Dale) DeSotel of Niota, Illinois; five grandchildren: Ben (Sara) Dodd, Adam Dodd, Josh (Kendra) DeSotel, Jason (Libby) DeSotel and Justin (Rachel) DeSotel and 14 great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, one son: R. Bruce Dodd; one brother: Lloyd Dodd and three sisters: Virginia Collins, Lois Paige and Betty White.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 21st at the funeral home where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Mark Pettit officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until time of services.

Memorials may be made to the Robert Dodd Memorial Fund. Contributions will be used for the Hickory Grove Sunshine Garden or Sheaffer Golf Course. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Bob's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



DODD



OBITUARIES

GENEVIEVE M. LEWIS

Genevieve Marie Lewis, 98, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 12:40 a.m. on December 19, 2021, in Keokuk, Iowa. She was born in the Nauvoo Township, August 3, 1923, daughter of Joseph Franklin and Agatha (Wellner) Pilkington. She married Morgan William Lewis on June 25, 1946 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. He preceded her in death October 13, 1999.



LEWIS

Survivors include four children, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; Ruth Ann Lewis of Springfield, Illinois, Robert (Karen) Lewis of Aledo, Illinois and their daughter Julie (Jason) Sutherland of Vancouver, B.C., Canada and their daughters Elizabeth and Catherine; Morgan "Bud" (Mary) Lewis of Knoxville, Illinois, and their three children Erin (Shawn) Maurer of Bloomington, Illinois, and their son Adam and daughter Kate; Alison (Jason) Merrill of Quincy, Illinois and daughters Gemma and Stella; Amanda (Mike) Aviles and daughters Izabella and Ana, also of Bloomington; and Marilyn Lewis of Seattle, Washington.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one brother Joseph Pilkington and his wife May.

Genevieve was a 1941 graduate from Saints Peter and Paul High School in Nauvoo, this was the last post-graduate of Saints Peter and Paul High School. She was a 1942 graduate of the Business Program. She then graduated in 1945 as a Registered Nurse from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Burlington, Iowa. Genevieve worked as an registered nurse in private duty nursing, an intensive care nurse, medical-surgical department for nine years at Carthage Memorial Hospital and an industrial nurse at Fruehauf Corporation from 1973 to 1984.

Genevieve was a member of the Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, the Mothers Club, Catholic Women's Club, the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, the Red Cross, Sonora Household Science, and several other organizations. She especially enjoyed time spent with her family; the Nauvoo Grape Festival Pageant and Parade with the family participating in these events and dancing at the Moose Club.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at Ss. Peater and Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Szydlak officiating.

Burial will in the Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Nauvoo.

A memorial has been established in her memory to Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Nauvoo, Illinois.

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

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EILEEN K. FADER

Eileen Kathryn Fader, 92, of Keokuk, passed away Friday, December 17, 2021 at River Hills Village. Eileen was born November 28, 1929 in Keokuk, the daughter of Edward Louis and Kathryn Augusta (Ricker) Chambers.



FADER

She was united in marriage to Jack Julius Fader on June 20, 1948. He preceded her in death in 2017. She was the mother of seven children including Richard Alan (Darla) Fader of Anamosa, Kathryn Eileen (Don) Gorham, Julia Anne (Scott) Hays of Keokuk, Carolyn Sue Oren of Ankeny and John Edward (Becky) Fader of Carthage, IL.

Preceding her in death were son, Gary Michael Fader and daughter Jean Elizabeth Fader, and brothers Norris, Gene, and Donald Chambers.

Other survivors include daughter-in-law Gloria Fader of Auburn IL, sisters Anita Terpening of La Mesa CA and Sarah Heston of Ft. Madison, 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Eileen graduated from Keokuk High School class of 1947. She lived most of her life in Keokuk. She was a mother devoted to her family. She was active in the PTA and volunteered as a Cub Scout Den Mother.

She was a faithful member of St. John's Episcopal Church where she taught Sunday School, was a member of the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women. Her fondest memories were singing in the church choir and playing the piano.

She was married to Jack, the love of her life for 68 years as a caring wife, mother and grandmother. Eileen was known for her infectious smile, warm heart and caring nature.

Services will be held at 10:00 AM Tuesday at St. John's Episcopal Church, Keokuk officiated by Father Larry Snyder. Visitation will follow the service in the Parish Hall with lunch provided. A private interment will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Keokuk Public Library Foundation Library Park or St. John's Episcopal Church.

DeJong - Greaves - Printy Celebration of Life Center is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY I. CRUME

Dorothy Irene Crume, 99, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 9:23 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2021, at the West Point Care Center.

She was born on September 8, 1922 in Donnellson, Iowa, the daughter of



CRUME

Daniel and Anna (Baumann) Schlicher. On January 1, 1941, she married Herold Bedell Crume in Canton, Missouri. They enjoyed traveling and shared their love of dogs.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband of sixty-five years: Herold; three brothers: Robert Schlicher, Richard Schlicher and David Schlicher and one sister: Agnes Wagner.

Dorothy enjoyed watching various sports, reading and visits with her family. Dorothy will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews.

Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Burial will be at Evangelical Cemetery in Donnellson.

A memorial has been established in her memory for St. Paul's United Church of Christ and can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

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

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Sports

WIU hires a Leatherneck to lead football program

MACOMB, Ill. — The place really hadn't changed a lot, Myers Hendrickson thought, as he sat in Western Illinois University's football locker room on Friday night.

"It's the same structure," Hendrickson said. "It feels the same. It smells the same."

It's home, Hendrickson said.

He grew up hanging out there as a kid when his father, Mark, was an assistant head coach, and then the head coach, of the Leathernecks.

He put on a uniform there when he played for Western Illinois as a wide receiver from 2009-11. Now it's his locker room.

Hendrickson, hired Friday as Western Illinois' new head coach, was introduced during a Monday press conference at Western Hall.

"I know to do your best work, you have to truly believe in something," Hendrickson said. "I believe in Western Illinois. I believe in WIU to my core."

Hendrickson is the first former player to become the program's head coach. His resumé coming in is impressive — he went 30-4 in three seasons as the head coach at NAIA school Kansas Wesleyan University.

He takes over a program that has just nine wins over the last four seasons, one that plays in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, one of the toughest leagues in the Football Championship Subdivision.

But it's his familiarity with the program that makes him understand the challenges. He was part of the



2010 team that went to the playoffs, and was on the 2011 team that won two games.

It's hard to win in the Valley. It's a conference where the programs with the money and facilities, the North Dakota States and South Dakota States, contend and often win national championships.

But you can win at Western Illinois — the Leathernecks last went to the playoffs in 2017 — and Hendrickson has seen that.

"I look at challenges as opportunities," he said. "I think there are perceived challenges of being in a tough conference. I look at it as six teams got in (the FCS playoffs). The challenge is you play the best, but in that lies an opportunity. I'm excited about that opportunity to play in the best conference in FCS football."

Hendrickson impressed athletics director Danielle Surprenant right away. Their first conversation was about Xs and Os, the strategies to rebuilding the program. Hendrickson talked about his plans, and his journey. He talked about his feelings for the program.

"It left me, after that first initial phone call, to think, 'Gosh, I want to have another one,'" she said.

Hendrickson had his own conversations. When the job came open, he got a call from Frisman Jackson, the wide receivers coach for the NFL's Carolina Panthers. Jackson played for Western Illinois when Hendrickson's father was an assistant coach, and he was Hendrickson's position coach with the Leathernecks.

"Fris reached out to me right away," Hendrickson said. "He thought I would be a good fit."

And I did, too."

Former teammates have called Hendrickson as well.

"We've been waiting for this," he said. "We've been waiting for a Leatherneck to be the head football coach. And I'm excited to carry that torch."

Hendrickson met with his new team via a Zoom call on Friday.

"I am a Leatherneck," he said. "I've sat in their seat, I've been in their shoes. I know what it takes to be successful at Western Illinois."

Then came the visit to the locker room.

"I sat in there and took it all in," Hendrickson said. "I poured all of my blood and sweat into this place."

Now he's back. At home, he said.

Pressure?

"I think pressure is something that's earned," he said. "I tell my players, if you feel a little bit of pressure in a big game, it's because you've earned it."

"So if there is some pressure, I'm excited about that."

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Sports/From the Front

Panel may wait on child care studies to determine funding

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back with lease savings.

“We did discuss at the ARPA meeting building the health department building. Right now with the county piece we’re looking at tentatively earmarking \$2 million of that as a starting point anyway. That’s to let the board know where we’re at,” Seyb said.

The committee is looking at space, drawings, and location and what that will look like for the health department. The committee is also looking at adding space for Lee County EMS Ambulance’s Fort Madison bays.

“Short of broadband at \$1.9 million, this will be the largest commitment of monies out of the ARPA providing it makes it through committee. That’s what were focused on right now,” he said.

Seby said the state is not putting a lot of maintenance into that building and it’s incumbent upon the county to look at that money for the next big thing to get done.

Des Moines County is also moving forward with plans for a new health department building using its ARPA funds.

He said the committee is also looking at tourism projects and child care projects, but said the committee will be developing a clear plan on the direction the health department is going, but also with respect to child care.

He said the county has applied for a grant on behalf of the county’s Empow-

ering Families grant as part of the state’s Child Care Challenge grant program to see where the county is at with child care.

“We put in a for a grant recently that will hopefully help define where the county is with respect to child care issues,” Seyb said.

He said Keokuk and Fort Madison school officials are also applying for what are called BELIEF grants as part of state funding initiatives to look at child care options. Seyb said those grants will also provide some direction for child care providers and schools in the area.

“Those will be three studies looking at child care in Lee County. So as far as the committee, we’re kind of at a wait-and-see in the committee to see what those studies come back with so we can really focus those funds that have been set aside to do the best work we can,” he said.

County projects have been allocated 42% of the county’s \$6.5 million, while child care projects are getting 10% of \$650,000. Tourism, Housing, and broadband efforts are also part of the stimulus recommendations.

The committee has already allocated \$1.9 million to the Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority as a matching grant to trigger a \$5.5 million broadband project through Danville Telecom in Lee County.

Rudd 2nd at FM Invitational

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FORT MADISON – The crowd was back at the annual Fort Madison Invitational wrestling tournament Friday and Saturday.

It may seem like the backdrop to some top-three finishes for Bloodhound wrestlers, but the pandemic put a headlock of the event last year and it was good to see the Hound Dome and the MPR packed again to watch as sophomore Landon Rudd grabbed a runner-up finish at 195 lbs from his spot on the Fort Madison jayvee team

Senior Gavin Wiseman and sophomore Teague Smith took third place for the Fort Madison varsity squad in the 152 and 160 lb brackets.

Rudd came out of the D pool on Friday night as the top seed in the pool. He then scored two pins – one over Columbus’ Ethan Palmer at 2:41 and then scored a pin over Muscatine’s Michael Cavieazel in the first period to advance to the title match with Cedar Rapids Kennedy’s Colin Flannagan.

Flannagan had control of the match early taking a 13-0 lead in the second period before recording the fall at 24 seconds into the final period.

Fort Madison took fifth place in team scoring out of 21 teams with 316 points – 22 points out of the top four. Dubuque Hempstead was fourth with 338.5 and Ottumwa won the Invitational with 393.5 points.

Wiseman took third at 152 after falling to eventual champion Isaiah Fenton of West Burlington/Notre Dame. The senior went 3-0 in pool wrestling Friday night, and won his first round match in the bracket wrestling Saturday over Fort Madison’s Austin Miller by fall in the second period.

Fenton led 4-1 after the first period, but Wiseman said he got a little aggressive in the second period.

“I tried a move that was probably not smart and he was able to take advantage of it, but I was wrestling with him til then,” Wiseman said.

The senior said he will probably finish the year wrestling at 152 after wrestling at 160 lbs up until this weekend..

Smith lost in pool action Friday to Mackinaw’s Gage Sweckard in a 9-5 decision. That pitted him against Washington’s Chase Greiner to start gold bracket play on Saturday. Smith recorded a pin at 2:33 putting him into the semis against New London’s Dominic Lopez (21-0).

Smith wasn’t dejected with the loss citing Lopez’ 3rd place finish in the Class 1A tournament last year at 145.

“He’s a really good wrestler. He went to state last year so I knew that would be a tough match,” Smith said.

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