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Paint-A-Thon looks for teams



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Partners is in need once again for volunteers for the annual Paint-A-Thon set to kick off April 22 this year. Above workers from Siemens-Gamesa work on a Fort Madison home in 2021.

APRIL 22: FM Partners looking for volunteers again to help with 3 to 4 homes

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The annual Paint-A-Thon in Fort Madison is set to begin next month.

Prepping and painting of homes will begin on April 22 and Fort Madison Partners is looking for groups of volunteers and individuals to help make this critical beautification effort a success again in 2022.

Painting, as always, will begin as soon as prep work is complete.

Volunteers are needed so get your group (friends from

work, service organization, church group, etc.) together and call the Partner office at 319-372-5471.

"We have had a number of applicants this year with homes in all states of repair/repainting needs" said Tim Gobble, Fort Madison Partners Executive Director.

"I am looking for not only volunteers that are willing to help paint, but also those knowledgeable- and with the tools- to help with some of the repair/replacement needs for

See PAINT-A-THON, page 3

SPECIAL EVENT FM Rotary, **YMCA hosting** steak dinner fundraiser

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Family YMCA and Fort Madison Rotary Club are teaming up for a Steak Fry Fundraising Event on Thursday, May 19th, beginning at 5 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 pm.

This will include a steak dinner complete with ribeyes topped with sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potato, coleslaw, rolls, and tea, water, beer or wine. Entertainment will include live music, auction, and kid-friendly activities.

Pre-ordering of tickets is highly encouraged to help with the planning of food. Tickets for the Steak Fry Dinner may be pre-purchased for \$25 each now through May 5th, on the Fort Madison Family YMCA's website: fortmadisony. org/steak-fry. Limited amount of tickets will be available at the door for \$30 each.

Funds raised during this event will benefit the Fort Madison Family YM-CA's Annual Sustaining Campaign to help provide Scholarships and Financial Assistance to individuals and families in need. Funds will also go toward helping Fort Madison Rotary Club continue doing the great things they do every year which includes: donations of coats, scarves, and mittens to local school students; annually awarding three \$1,000 scholarships for area students; sending several high school youth annually to a week-long leadership training experience: RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and middle school students to YRYLA (Young RYLA); donating to MOST (Miles of Smiles), and repairs and improvements at Central Park, District 6000 Rotary Grant. Last year the Fort Madison Family YMCA granted financial assistance to over 400 individuals for YMCA programs and memberships, childcare

Gov. Reynolds signs girls sports bill into law

BY PCC STAFF

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds today signed HF 2416 into law protecting girls' sports programs at all school levels, including high school and collegiate levels in Iowa. The bill allows participation in sports based upon the biological sex listed on the athlete's birth certificate.

"This is a victory for girls' sports in Iowa. No amount of talent, training or effort can make up for the natural physical advantages males have over females. It's simply a reality of human biology," said Gov. Reynolds. "Forcing females to compete against males is the opposite of inclusivity and it's absolutely unfair."

This bill requires schools at all levels to designate sporting events as male, female, or co-ed. Only students who are female according to their birth certificate will be eligible to compete in girls sports. No student will be prevented from playing a sport that matches his or her biological sex, or a sport designated as co-ed.

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

ROBERT M. WILSEY

Robert "Bob" Marvin Wilsey, Sr., 89 of Keokuk died Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Ft. Madison, IA.

He was born on June 7, 1932 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Marvin and Ruby Benjamin Wilsey.



On August 14, 1952, Bob was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Bette" Rose Gates in Keokuk. She preceded him in death on September 30, 2015.

Bob had been employed by Keokuk Steel Castings, Tri State Window and most recently by the Keokuk Community School District where he worked in the Maintenance Department and as a bus driver.

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He was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk. Bob was a talented woodworker. He enjoyed go kart races, stock car races and

especially loved watching his grandchildren race. He also enjoyed attending horse races with his son, Rob.

He is survived by one daughter, Jan Wilsey of Keokuk, one son, Robert Wilsey, Jr. (Michele) of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Joel Wilsey, Heather Baum (Jake), Sierra Wilsey and Kailey Wilsey, six great-grandchildren, Natalie, Payton, Brielle, Racyn, Brynzlei, and RowdyJo. He is also survived by three brothers, Jim Wilsey (Cherie) of Keokuk, Carl Wilsey (Karen) of Kahoka, MO and Bernard Wilsey (Carol) of Keokuk and several nieces, nephews and close friends including Donnie Skinner.

Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, one daughter Cathy, several brothers and sisters, close family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Brian Nixon officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Monday from 1-2 p.m., at the funeral home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at the Frazee Cemetery in Kahoka, MO.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

LARRY J. TRIPP, JR.

Larry James "Jim" Tripp Jr., 50, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 5:22 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, Iowa.



He was born on Mother's Day, May 9, 1971, in Peoria, Illinois, the son of Larry James and Jan Marie (Hutson) Tripp. On October 3, 1998, he married Dana Marie Doyle in Wever, Iowa.

TRIPP JR.

Survivors include one daughter: Dharma Kay Tripp; one son: Hoyt Doyle Tripp; parents: Jan Tripp of Dallas City, Illinois and Larry (Ann) Tripp of Niota, Illinois; two brothers: Josh (Theresa) Tripp of Burling-

ton, Iowa and Damon (Jessica) Tripp of Colusa, Illinois. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Jim was a 1989 graduate of Dallas City High School he then graduated from Southeastern Community College. He was a correctional officer at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, farming, baseball, riding four wheelers, archery and most of all, spending time with family and friends. He loved his children and loved coaching their sporting events.

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

Friends may call from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Schmitz -Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2022, at Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2022, at Schmitz -Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in his memory for his children's education or Friends of Henderson County Wildlife.

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

Similac recalling another lot of infant formula due to contamination

DES MOINES - Abbott is recalling one lot of Similac PM 60/40 (Lot # 27032K80 (can) / Lot # 27032K800 (case)) manufactured in Sturgis, Michigan. This is in addition to lots of Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare powder formula that were recalled on February 17. The FDA's investigation related to powder infant formula produced in Abbott's Sturgis, Michigan facility related to Cronobacter and Salmonella infections in infants is ongoing.

Affected products are in circulation in Iowa retail locations and have been distributed in small numbers through the Iowa Department of Public Health's (IDPH) WIC program. If Iowans possess any of the affected products, it should not be fed to infants. Similac PM

60/40 is specialized formula for infants with impaired renal function, so the number of Iowans impacted will be relatively low.

Products affected by the formula recall can be exchanged with retailers for an identical authorized supplemental food item. WIC authorized retailers should follow their store policy for exchange and substitutes (which may include, but are not limited to, the same product, a substitute product, store credit, or a cash refund.) IDPH is providing more flexibility to participants, allowing them to purchase an alternative formula for the rest of February and March. If WIC participants have questions, they should contact their local WIC clinic: https://www.

signupwic.com/.

At this time, this is the only type and lot of this specialty formula being recalled. Abbott is disseminating recall letters directly to customers.

Iowans can check to see if they have recalled infant formula by:

Review the codes on the bottom of their formula packages.

Visiting the company's website.

Calling the company at 1-800-986-8540.

For additional details and future updates related to the infant formula recall visit the FNS Infant Formula Safety webpage, the FDA's advisory, or the CDC's advisory.

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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

03/02/22 - 3:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue H. 03/02/22 - 3:54 p.m. -Fort Madison police arrested Jacky Bernard Phillips, 35, Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Old Denmark Road, on a charge of driving under suspension and a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/02/22 – 8:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4400 block of Avenue O. 03/02/22 – 10:38 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 26th Street and Avenue G. 03/02/22 - 10:38 p.m. -Fort Madison police cited Myah Elizabeth Kruse, 19, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 26th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of driving under suspension. 03/02/22 – 11:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue C. 03/03/22 - 1:47 a.m. -Fort Madison police cited William Francis Rankin, 43, of Donnellson, at the intersection of 28th Street and Avenue I, on a charge of driving under suspension.

Lee County Sheriff Report

03/02/22 – 11:01 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Allen Michael Moore, 38, listed as homeless in Keokuk, at the probation office, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/02/22 - 3:43 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joseph Duane Leeper, Sr., 46, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 03/02/22 - 4:28 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Wendy Mershon Fenton, 43, of Burlington, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond. 03/02/22 – 7:46 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident near the 1100 block of Hwy. 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Kenneth Johnson Clark, 55, of Farmington, struck a deer while traveling westbound on Hwy. 2. Minor injuries were reported, but Clark declined medical attention on the scene. The vehicle was towed from the scene and no citations were reported.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

03/01/22 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls. 03/01/22 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one burn complaint, one car wreck and two medical calls *Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Paint-A-Thon needs 30-40 volunteers per home during week

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the homes as well. Our goal will be 3 or 4 qualifying homes depending on volunteers".

WHAT IS "PAINT-A-THON"?

The Paint-A-Thon is an event in which volunteer groups paint owner-occupied homes in the city limits of Fort Madison. This event allows homeowners with financial and physical limitations to have their homes painted free of cost so they can use their income to cover other important costs, such as medication, groceries and utility bills. Residents will apply to have the exterior of their homes painted, then volunteers from civic groups, churches and businesses lend a helping hand to paint, and local businesses and residents donate supplies.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

The Paint-A-Thon is a major volunteer event. It takes 20 to 30 people per house with one volunteer leader. Volunteers will need to make themselves available at some point during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the week. Volunteers must be 16 years old or older (parental/guardian signature on waiver required between the ages of 16/17) to be a part of a team and willing to put in the work to get the house painted. Waivers will need to be signed by all volunteers. Teams of volunteers are needed from businesses, churches, schools, industry, social service and civic groups, etc.

"We will need a "Team Leader" to be a contact that can then pass information along to their volunteers (teammates) and help prepare for the home selection process," Gobble said.

"We will be looking for people who can crawl up ladders (if needed) and able to stand for long periods of time during this process. All are welcome to participate but the team leader will be responsible for delegating the tasks to those team members."

This project is great for anyone looking for an opportunity to help out others in the community. If your group is interested in volunteering, contact Fort Madison Partners via email at <u>tgobble@fortmadison.com</u> or calling 319-372-5471 by April 1st.

WHAT HAPPENS?

Once Community Action has qualified the house(s) and they have been inspected, a team of volunteers from the community will be assigned to scrape, prime and paint each house. Homes are painted throughout the week of April 25th and work times will be set by the team leader. Team leaders will coordinate with their team and visit the home prior to April 25th to evaluate the homes needs regarding prep work such as: debris removal, power washing, scraping of peeling paint, caulking and spot priming, etc.

Fort Madison Partners is currently looking for sponsorships to offset the incidental costs of paint supplies, yard equipment, home prep needs, etc. as well as volunteer needs such as water, snacks, etc. These sponsorships will be promoted through volunteer t-shirts, media and social media outlets. Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc. has once again agreed to supply all the paint that is used and Community Action of Southeast Iowa will help choose the houses to be painted and do small repairs if necessary. There are still a few sponsorship opportunities available, so give us a call. Monetary or painting supplies donations will also be accepted.

Volunteers will be needed from many community organizations, businesses, industries and citizens to help paint with their "team". This community beautification effort is a great way to help those qualifying candidates maintain their property (therefore helping local property values), increase energy efficiency, beautify the community and lend a helping hand to someone that may not be able to do it on their own. The Paint-a-Thon is a collaborative effort between Community Action of Southeast Iowa, Kempker's True Value & Rental, Inc and Fort Madison Partners. This is a partnership venture to get something started for the betterment of Fort Madison and one funding source to the Fort Madison Beautification Foundation- a 501c3 Not for Profit organization.

For more information on how to get involved, please call the Partners office at 319-372-5471!



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Lee County News/Education News

AG Miller encourages Iowans to follow up on data breach

DES MOINES — Attorney General Tom Miller urges all Iowans who believe they were affected by the data breach announced by T-Mobile in August 2021 to take appropriate steps to protect their information from identity theft.

On August 17, T-Mobile reported a massive data breach compromising the sensitive personal information of millions of current, former, and prospective T-Mobile customers. The breach affected more than 53 million individuals, including 134,999 Iowa residents. Among other categories of affected information, millions had their names, dates of birth, Social Security Numbers, and driver's license information compromised.

Recently, a large subset of the information compromised in the breach was for sale on the dark web — a hidden portion of the Internet where cyber criminals buy, sell, and track personal information. Many individuals have since received alerts through various identity theft protection services informing them that their information was found online in connection with the breach, confirming that affected individuals are at heightened risk for identity theft.

"It has been nearly seven months since T-Mobile's latest data breach came to light. Affected Iowans are now receiving notice of this breach, even those who are not actual T-Mobile customers," Miller said. "It is important that every Iowan who receives a notice of this breach take the steps to protect themselves."

Iowa is participating in a multistate coalition of attorneys general investigating the breach and whether T-Mobile had appropriate safeguards in place to protect personal information.

Attorney General Miller urges anyone who believes they were affected by the T-Mobile breach to take the following steps to protect themselves:

Monitor your credit. Credit monitoring services track your credit report and alert you whenever a change is made, such as a new account or a large purchase. Most services will notify you within 24 hours of any change to your credit report. Consider placing a free credit freeze on your credit report. Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name while the freeze is in place. You can place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax | +1 (888) 766-0008

Experian | +1 (888) 397-3742

TransUnion | +1 (800) 680-7289

Place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert tells lenders and creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before issuing credit. You can place a fraud alert by contacting any one of the three major credit bureaus.

Additional Resources. If you believe you are a victim of identity theft, go to <u>identitytheft.gov</u> for assistance on how to report it and recover from it.

You can also contact the Iowa Attorney General's office or file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division. To file a complaint, go here or call 515-281-5926 (in the Des Moines area) or 888-777-4590 (outside the metro area).

LCHD holds Keokuk immunization clinic

KEOKUK - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1:00 pm until 4:30pm. Please park on the south side of the building (the large parking lot) and enter in the door that states HANDICAPPED.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa.

Please call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at <u>www.</u> <u>leecountyhd.org</u>.

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State Treasurer reminds seniors to apply for Blue scholarshiop

DES MOINES, Iowa – State Treasurer Michael L. Fitzgerald reminds Iowa students the application for the 2022 Robert D. Blue Scholarship is available online at <u>RDBlue</u>. org. Students of any Iowa high school who plan to pursue, or are currently pursuing, higher education in the state for the 2022-2023 academic year are eligible to apply.

"We love to see students furthering their education, and doing so in their home state is a bonus," said Fitzgerald. "Parents, grandparents and educators – please inform the students around you so they can apply."

The Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, in which Fitzgerald is a member of, awards the Robert D. Blue Scholarship to multiple students. In the last five years, 25 outstanding students received the scholarship, totaling \$16,000. Recipients went to various colleges and universities across the state. "All we need is an original essay, two recommendations and the application," concluded Fitzgerald.

Robert D. Blue Scholarship applications are only accepted online and must be submitted by May 10. Winners will be announced during the summer. Visit <u>RDBlue</u>. org to apply and learn more.



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PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administrative Building in Fort Madison on Monday, February 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Austin Banks, Landfill Director, gave the Board the new Integrated Waste Management cost and explained why the cost has risen so much.

Public Input: Chris Sorrentino asked the Board about the North Lee County Courthouse update and if they are still considering putting historical lettering on the front.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve filling a First Assistant County Attorney position. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve filling a parttime Clerk position in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve filling a Confidential Secretary position in

the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the purchase of a Mack Chassis for the Secondary Roads Sign

Resolution #2022-52

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SU-PERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY,

IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Edward and Tammy Kircher 3441 Mississippi River Road Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, 3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND AP-PROVED this 14th day of February, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb,

Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2022-53. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022-53

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

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Address: 315 South

Main, Donnellson, Iowa

Dated and signed at

this the 14th day of Feb-

Fort Madison, Iowa on

Lee County Board

of Supervisors /s/ Matt

Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry

Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron

Fedler, Member; /s/ Rich

Harlow, Member and /s/

Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise,

Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler,

seconded by Seyb, to

approve the Monday,

Moved by Seyb,

February 7, 2022 Board

minutes. Motion carried.

seconded by Larkin, to

approve the payment of

Rick Larkin, Member.

Parcel Number:

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following property:

hereby, through this

the Board of Supervisors

based upon the notice

Clerk in the Treasurer's Office, rate of pay unchanged at \$15.89/hr., effective 2/14/22, a step increase for Chad Wells, Engineering Technician in Secondary Roads, from \$27.17/hr. to \$27.78/hr., effective 2/23/22, a step increase for Tammy Forseen, Registered Dental Hygienist in the Health Department, from \$20.81/ hr. to \$21.23/hr., effective 2/10/22 and a step increase for Christine Van Berkum, Development Support Specialist in the Health Department, from \$23.06/hr. to \$23.52/hr., effective 2/20/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2022.

Committee Reports: Larkin reported on a **Regional Mental Health** meeting, an Economic Development Board meeting, a Conservation Board meeting, a Workforce Operations Committee meeting and a meeting with the Landfill Director. Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Board meeting and a RUSS Board meeting. Seyb reported on an ARPA Committee meeting, the Economic Development Board meeting, an **Empowering Families** Commission meeting and a Health Department/ EMS Building Committee meeting. Harlow reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Health Department Administrator Michele Ross gave the latest Covid numbers for Lee County.

The Board held a discussion with the County's Labor Attorney Amy Reasner regarding the Labor Attorney. Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to go into closed session. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried. Besides the Board of Supervisors and Attorney Amy Reasner, also in the closed session were Auditor Denise Fraise, Sheriff Stacy Weber, Sheriff Captain Craig Burch, Budget Director Cindy Renstrom and HR Generalist Michelle Reed. At 11:40 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler and seconded by Seyb, to end the closed session. Motion carried.

At 11:41 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Matt Pflug, Chairman

Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid February 14, 2022

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Truck, from H & L Mack, Mediapolis, at a cost of \$83,088.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Secondary Roads Supplemental Policy and revised Wage Grid. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Class C Beer Permit for Dollar General, Montrose, for the period March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023. Motion carried,

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-52. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. RESOLUTION ABAT-ING CERTAIN TAXES WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted notice and a request for the abatement of the taxes of property acquired by Lee County on December 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 445.63 provides in its material part:

When taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes were owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the county treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing claims. Motion carried. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve a change from part-time to full-time for Stacy Graber, Records County Pandemic Policy. At 10:45 a.m. the Board went into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 to discuss strategy with its

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Used Samsung Cellphone Accessories for sale

Samsung Note 8 Fast Charger Stand, like new condition, with charger cord & plug, and clear phone case, \$35 for all; Samsung Gear Fit2 Pro, like new condition, with charger and orange band, \$75. Buy together or separate.





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The West Point Municipal Utility System has an immediate opening for a Journey Line Mechanic. Applicants must have a strong journeyman rating and must be able to perform all duties with regard to overhead and underground electric line construction.

Must be willing and capable to work on water distribution maintenance and repair and to be or become Grade 1 water distribution certified.

Must live or be willing to live within 15 minutes of West Point, comply with on-call requirements and possess and comply with Iowa CDL requlations.

We offer a comprehensive benefit plan including health and dental coverage, plus IPERS retirement. Pre-employment physical and drug screening will be required.

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NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

Legal Secretary Lee County Attorney's Office Fort Madison, Iowa

Lee County Attorney's office has an immediate opening for one full-time (40 hours per week) Legal Secretary Position. Secretarial and legal experience is strongly preferred, but not required.

The position's successful applicant is preferred (but not required) to have the following:

- 1. Completion of some college level administrative support courses or an equivalent combination of training and experience.
- 2. Knowledge of legal terminology, legal formatting and legal forms.
- 3. Knowledge of modern office practices, procedures and equipment.
- 4. Ability to prepare accurate and timely documents, correspondence
- 5. Knowledge of Electronic Document Management System (EDMS).
- 6. Ability to learn and/or operate the County Attorney's Office Computer programs.
- 7. Ability to use computer programs. For example: Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel.
- 8. Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions.
- 9. Ability to work in a fastpaced environment
- Ability to multi-task 10. Ability to work well 11. and communicate with others.

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- 2 years experience in childcare a plus, but not required

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HELP WANTED

LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS **HELP WANTED ROAD MAINTENANCE** WORKER II

Lee County is taking applications for a Road Maintenance Worker II, to work at the West Point Maintenance Shop. Duties will include the operation of light and heavy equipment and trucks to perform road maintenance and construction projects, occasionally plowing snow, and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements. Wage range is \$20.43 to \$24.86.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org or you can pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to bhull@ leecounty.org and copy it to shartson@leecounty.org Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on March 11, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Green Bay Levee & Drainage District Meeting (Minutes) January 13th, 2022 7:00 PM Heartland Co-op, Wever

Rick Kuntz called the meeting to order at 7:05 Present: Trustees: Rick Kuntz, Ron Meller, and Mike Walker (by phone) Land Owners: Harry Mabeus, and Brandon Bonar

Business

Rick Kuntz Motioned: To realign the voting district representation as follows. Mike Walker would be moved to from Area #1 to Area #2; Rick Kuntz would be moved from Area #3 to Area #1; This will allow whoever wins the election on Saturday January 15th 2022 to represent Area #3

Walker Seconded the Motion.

A vote was called: Kuntz voted yes; Walker voted yes; Meller voted no.

The Motion Passed A discussion ensued about if the Area number

HELP WANTED LIBRARY ASSISTANT PART-TIME

Fort Madison Public Library

The Fort Madison Public Library is seeking a part time (26 hours/week) library assistant. Tasks will include assisting library patrons at the circulation desk, managing books by mail and interlibrary loan services, compiling monthly statistics, social media and publicity. Requirements include high school graduate or equivalent and computer skills. Preference will be given to applicants with previous library and/or public relations experience. Applicants are also required to live in the state of Iowa. Working hours include Thursday evenings and every fourth Saturday. Applications are available at the Fort Madison Public Library. Applications will be taken until the job is filled. Call Sarah Clendineng at (319) 372-5721 if you have any questions.

was listed on the Ballot Petition and/or the Ballot. It was decided to look into this and correct if necessarv.

Kuntz motioned to close the meeting at 7:10 seconded by Walker carried unanimously.

PUBLIC NOTICE FORT MADISON **COMMUNITY SCHOOL** DISTRICT **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** WORK SESSION/ SPECIAL MEETING March 7, 2022 6:00 P.M.

https://us02web.zoom. us/j/88113408007?pwd=UGxoa0NhbnU-1UEsyZENNbjhvTX-<u>MzQT09</u>

AGENDA

I. Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum

II. Recognition of guests III. Approve the agenda IV. Proceedings for \$10,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds. Series 2022

a. Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar, and Transfer Agent, Approving the Paying Agent, Bond **Registrar and Transfer** Agent Agreement and Authorizing the Execution of Same.

b. Approval of form of Tax Exemption Certificate c. Approval of Continu-

ing Disclosure Certificate d. Resolution for the **Issuance and Providing**

for and Securing the Payment of the Bonds V. Certified Budget FY2022-2023 Presentation

VI. Public Comments VII. Announcements March 21, 2022 Public Hearing, Board Room, Central Office, 6:00 p.m. March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office, 6:05 p.m. March 22, 2022 Board Instructional Tour - RE/ LE, 10:00 a.m. April 4, 2022 Public Hearing Board Room, Central Office, 6:00 p.m. April 4, 2022 Work Session/Special Meeting, Board Room, Central Office, 6:05 p.m. VIII. Adjourn Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes

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Please send resume to Ross Braden 710 Avenue F Fort Madison, IA 52627 or by e-mail to rbraden@leecounty.org



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CURRENT-LEE

Sam Lozano's FMAAA Art Exhibit – The reception for the March exhibit at Fort Madison Area Arts Association will be held March 4 from 5 p.m to 7 p.m. with viewings open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday throughout the month. The gallery is located at 825 Avenue G.

Rebuild Nepal Education Foundation – Trivia Night is being held at the Pilot Grove Community Room in Donnellson Friday, March 4, beginning at 7 p.m. \$100 per table of up to eight. Prizes and refreshments for children and adults. Funds raised go to scholarships for Nepalese children.

ISU Extension Gardening workshop – A 2-hour workshop on beginning gardening will take place on March 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lee County Extension Office at 414 N. Main in Donnellson. Contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116 for more information. Registration required by March 10 and the event is free to Lee County residents, and \$10 for non residents.

2x4s for Hope – 2x4s for Hope a local effort to build Tiny Homes for veterans will hold a Lee County Trivia Nights fundraiser on March 11 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Fort Madison Moose Club. Entry is \$10 per person and events include a silent auction, and 50/50 raffle. There is also a raffle for 1 of 3 meat bundles. Contact Lester Kistner at 319-316-2576 for more information.

United Way of the Great River Region Golf Outing – This year's event is set for Friday, May 6 with a noon shotgun start. Contact the UWGRR at 319-524-5404 or <u>director@unitedwaygrr.org</u> for more information.

Getting Ahead Open House Meet & Greet – Come meet the graduates of Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World. Talk with graduates and learn what the program has done for them, see what Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World can do for you, learn how you can become involved. Thursday, March 3, 6-8pm, First Lutheran Church, 1101 Blondeau, Keokuk. Refreshments will be served. Hope Revealed Through Bible Prophecy – A continuing series of presentations of hope for today's world from Fort Madison Seventh-day Adventist Church. FREE admission, Bibles, books, DVD, Bible study materials, child care up to 12 years, and refreshments provided. The seminar starts Friday, March 4, 7pm at the Quality Inn & Suites, 6169 Reve Court, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Rebuild Nepal Education Foundation Adult Prom – An adult prom is being planned at the Kingsley Inn in Fort Madison on April 1 with drinks and refreshments provided by River Rocks. Funds raised will go to help Central Lee students Sydney Jones and Paisley Grafton provide scholarships for Nepalese children.

Women of Faith are Invited to the Worldwide Live-Streamed IF: Gathering 2022 at FUMC of MP – We invite you to IF: Gathing to be held Friday, March 4th from 6-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 5th from 9am-4pm. The event will be held at First United Methodist Church at 309 N Main St, Mount Pleasant, IA 52641. IF: Gathering 2022 is a two-day live streamed event, where women all of the world gather together to watch dynamic speakers and discuss being women for God in this time and place. The theme for this year is "HOPE" and we will also talk about resilience. At IF: 2022 we are going to talk about how to live in this world right now and how to navigate life that goes against culture. How do we build community in the middle of that? How do we tell people about Jesus? Our lives matter in this time and we're not going to waste it. The event is for all-denominations and women of faith or those who are curious in learning what faith in Jesus is all about. Snacks, light breakfast, and vegetarian lasagna will be included in your \$30 registration (scholarships available). Iowa Wesleyan Students are FREE. Sign up online is preferred. The information is available on First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant Facebook page or at: https://firstmethodistonline.org/ if-gathering-2022?fbclid=IwAR0_1H6jydUv6cj5m_jlv-87vdp_gbRi0t44Ng4WZmoG0cyWvG99Fasrr5OI. If you do not have computer access, call the First United

Methodist Church office at 319-385-1740. We hope women- young and old- register to participate in this event! Join us for some or all of it on the weekend of March 4-5. Hosted at First United Methodist Church at 309 N. Main St., Mount Pleasant, IA 52641. Come be a part of what God is doing around the world, and here in Mt. Pleasant and Henry County!

Central Lee Community School District Meeting – Held the second Tuesday of every month at the Educational Services Center starting at 6:00 p.m.

Donnellson City Council Meeting – Held the first Monday of every month at Donnellson City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

Fort Madison City Council Meeting – Held the first and third Tuesday of every month at Fort Madison City Hall starting at 5:30 p.m.

Fort Madison Community School District Meeting – Held the first and third Mondays of every month at the District Office starting at 6:00 p.m.

Fort Madison Public Library Meeting – Held the third Thursday of every month at the Sheaffer Meeting Room starting at 5:30 p.m.

Keokuk City Council Meeting – Held the first and third Thursday of every month at Keokuk City Hall starting at 6:30 p.m.

Keokuk Park & Rec Board meeting – Held the first Thursday of every month at Keokuk City Hall starting at 6:00 p.m.

Lee County Board of Supervisors Meeting – Held first through fourth Mondays each week at Lee County Board of Supervisors' Fort Madison office starting at 10:00 a.m.

West Point City Council Meeting – Held the second Monday of every month at West Point Public Library starting at 6:30 p.m.

Graber leads Veterans bill through House

DES MOINES – Representative Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) led a bill this week to support Iowa Veterans through the Iowa House.

House File 2501 allows greater flexibility in the state's investment strategy to help grow the Veterans Trust Fund, a



Army vet myself, I was proud to lead the charge to get this bill through the Iowa House," said Graup when called upon and served our country well. Now it's time to make sure our state can step up and help them when they call upon us." Speaker Pat Grassley praised Representative Graber's work on this

legislation. "I appreciate Representative Graber's hard Iowa veterans across the finish line," said Grassley. "With this bill, Graber is delivering common sense legislation that will allow the state to provide additonal support to more of our veterans."

HF 2501 passed unanimously through the Iowa House with a vote

Check Facebook for location of Rotary/ YMCA steak fry

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assistance, summer camp, swim lessons, and more.

The Fort Madison Rotary Club helped by supporting the Fort Madison High School Football program with their continued, much needed, improvements to their facilities; granted \$1,000 to Lee County Crimestoppers; sponsored Fort Madison Swim Day at the public pool; The Old Settlers Park Trick or Treat, and the Fort Madison Parade of Lights. A Facebook event has been created and updates including event location, auction items, and entertainment will be posted in the discussion feed of the event page. Details and updates may also be found on the Fort Madison Family YMCA's website. For questions or to find out how you can help make this event successful contact Ryan Wilson at 319-372-2403.





ber. "These folks stepped work to get this bill for of 99-0.

Lee County GOP hosts central committee

DONNELLSON – The Lee County Republicans will be hosting a Central Committee Meeting on Monday March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

It will be held at Pilot Grove Community Room (506 North Main Street) in Donnellson. Our confirmed guests are going to be Iowa First Congressional District Candidates Kyle Kuehl and Jennifer McAndrew Lane. Senator Chuck Grassley will be sending a representative to address the meeting.

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