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Siemens lays off 121

PERMANENT: Lawsuit with GE, lag in renewable energy industry at root

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A series of lawsuits between GE and Siemens over theft of trade secrets, patent infringements and rulings limiting the wind power companies ability to import and export have resulted in a reduction in workforce locally.

At meetings with employees this morning, Siemens-Gamesa announced 121 employees would be laid off permanently which represents about 32% of the current workforce.

The workforce at Siemens the Hutchinson, Kansas facility were reduced by 69 employees.

After today's workforce reduction, 254 employees remain at the Fort Madison facility and 117 employees remain at the Hutchinson facility. Siemens-Gamesa employs approximately 1,700 highly skilled workers across the United States, in manufacturing, assembly, service and support, and offices.

Lee County Economic Development Group President Dennis

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighter Chris Eastin, left, pulls firefighter Alex Meierotto from the ice at the pond on the campus of Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison as part of ice rescue drills. Firefighters Justin Cain and Mike Fullenkamp pulled the two in from the west shoreline.

EDUCATION NEWS

SCC has hundreds of scholarships up for grabs

WEST BURLINGTON - The application for SCC Foundation Scholarships is now open, with hundreds of scholarships up for grabs.

These awards are available to students using a wide variety of criteria, including academic achievement,

financial need, program of study, and county of residence, among others.

"You don't have to be at the top of the class or have extreme financial need to qualify," explained SCC Foundation Executive Director Val Giannettino. "If you want to go to SCC, there's a high

chance that you will qualify for at least one scholarship. And, even better, you just have to apply once and we'll find the scholarship that's right for you."

The first deadline for high school

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OPINION

E-15 mandate will boost Iowa's ethanol market

We took our first vote of the 2022 Legislative Session this week in the Iowa House. It was a vote I was very proud to cast because it'll help support our renewable fuels industry here in Iowa.

Good for Farmers. Good for Consumers. Good for Biofuels.

Governor Reynolds has been working with Iowa Legislators for over a year on a plan to increase access to higher-ethanol blends at the pump. It's been a long process and a lot of hard work from our Ways and Means Chairman Representative Lee Hein has gone into the bill to address the concerns fuel retailers had last session.

The bill increases Iowans' access to E-15 by ensuring all gas stations that are compatible, offer E-15 as an option to consumers. If a station's equipment is not compatible, and upgrading their infrastructure would come at a great cost to the business, they can apply for a waiver from this requirement. This is the biggest change that was made from last year's bill to ensure it does not put small fuel retailers out of business. This bill also increases and expands the timeline of fuel retailer tax credits that offer higher-ethanol blends.

E-15 fuel is cheaper, cleaner, and made right here in Iowa. This bill is a win for Iowa agriculture and a win for Iowa consumers and I was glad to see it pass the Iowa House with strong bipartisan support.

Addressing the Workforce Shortage - Starting with Schools

We are facing a workforce shortage in our state and nowhere is that truer than in our schools. Our caucus continues to hear from school districts on the struggles they're facing when it comes to staffing teachers, substitutes, and support staff.

There's no one solution to this issue. We need to tackle it from multiple angles and Iowa House Republicans have a few ideas. In addition to increasing funding for our public schools by increasing the

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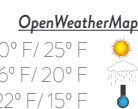
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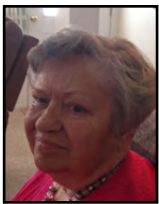


Obituaries

OBITUARIES

NANCY K. DOSS

Nancy K. Doss, 85, of Hampstead, North Carolina, formerly of Kankakee, Illinois, and Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.



DOSS

Nancy was born in Burlington, Iowa, on February 10, 1936, the daughter of Walter J. and Edith F. (Mehmkin) Platte. She grew up in Keokuk, Iowa, and in 1953, she was united in marriage to William R. Doss in Keokuk, Iowa. He survives.

Nancy started her love for horses at the age of three in Keokuk with the help from her parents. She obtained and trained her own horses and competed with some of the best horses in the Midwest in horse shows, where she reached great success. She was well-known in the horse world for her capabilities and was written up in several magazines. Nancy's love for horses continued when she moved to Kankakee, Illinois, where her children were raised and schooled. This was where she found the family horse breeding operation, Lynn Oak Arabians, achieving high success with her breeding program and helping others to get started on their own. She moved to Dittmer, Missouri, in 1991, to an eighteen-acre homestead which provided much joy and recreation to all family members. In her free time, Nancy stayed busy planting flowers, gardening, canning, golfing, and caring for the horses. She will always be remembered for being a terrific mother and wife to Bill and a friend to others. Nancy was always smiling and cheerful and loved by many.

Nancy is survived by her husband William "Bill" Doss of Hampstead, North Carolina; her son Richard Lee "Rick" (Ali) Doss of Greensboro, North Carolina; her daughter Kay Lynn (Chris) Cornett of Fruitport, Michigan; brother Jim (Marilyn) Platte of Naperville, Illinois; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, her son William Ray "Billy" Doss, Jr., and her sister Sandy Platte.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, Iowa, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Keokuk, Iowa. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 11, from 4 to 7 pm, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to St. Martin's United Church of Christ (7890 Dittmer Ridge Road, Dittmer, MO 63023).

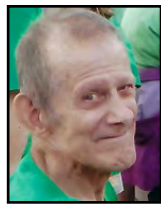
Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

LANI L. FOSTER

Lani L. Foster, 80, of Keokuk, IA, went peacefully home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

He was born on July 21, 1941 in Keokuk, the son of Elmer Franklin and Mae Josephine (Wilkerson) Foster. He graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1962.



FOSTER

Through the years Lani had been employed at several Keokuk businesses, Newberry Towing, Cablevision, and Rose Brother's Construction.

He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk. He accepted the Lord as a young person and his faith nurtured and sustained him throughout the years. He was a faithful prayer warrior and was always willing to pray for anyone and everyone who needed prayer. Most recently he attended the Cornerstone Church in Keokuk.

In the early to mid-1980's, Lani was often seen riding his Moped around town along with his sister and his father. He loved to drive and would take his mother and other family members on car rides to explore the countryside or traveled to Quincy to have lunch on the riverside. One of his favorite excursions was going to Hobby Lobby. Lani enjoyed collecting die cast cars and attending the Rat Pack car shows. Lani never knew a stranger and was very well liked by many. He had several high school friends who he stayed close to through the years, Everett Newberry, Frank Thoeny, Butch Swinderman and Charlie Milligan. These friends were wonderful helpers to Lani and were always there when he needed something. Lani's handicap never deterred him from doing things. He tackled any and all challenges with a determined spirit and a happy and up-beat attitude.

Lani is survived by his sister and caretaker, Diana R. Grice and her husband Gary of Keokuk, his brother-in-law and caretaker, Colin Kelly of Keokuk, four nephews, Shawne Grice of Burlington, Bryan Grice of Keokuk, Nathan Kelly (Sherie) of Keokuk and Shayne Kelly of Keokuk, great-nieces and nephews, Shayne Kelly, Shelby Kelly, Ethan Kelly, Noah Kelly, Gabriella Kelly and Addison Mae Kelly and many cousins. He is also survived by special friends who were a great support to him, Norma Miller, Wanda Hendricks and his neighbors at River Terrace.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Rebeckah Kelly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to K-Play or Cornerstone Church.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

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PAUL R. BENBOW

Paul R. Benbow, 74, of Burlington, IA and formerly of Fort Madison, passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022 at his home. He was born on February 10, 1947 in Fort Madison, IA to James R. & Marjorie L. Reaney Benbow. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war. When he was younger, he worked at Glasgow Clothing Store in Fort Madison and later worked at Jim Baier in Fort Madison for many years. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and loved to cook, travel, fish and spend time at the lake in Minnesota with his daughters.



BENBOW

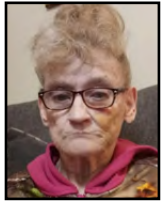
Paul is survived by: 3-daughters: Heather (Jason) Lynk of Fort Madison, IA, Allison (Ben) Kipp of Waukee, IA & Ashley (Greg) Shottenkirk of Fort Madison, IA.; 11-grandchildren; 2-sisters and 1-brother. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 with a funeral service to immediately follow at 10:30 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Burial will be held in Elmwood Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established in his name. Online condolences to Paul's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



SHARON G. WHEATLEY

Sharon Grace Wheatley, 74, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, February 6, 2022 at home. She was born on September 21, 1946 in Council Bluffs, IA the daughter of Howard and Louise Ellison. On June 17, 1972 she was united in marriage to Herbert Lee Ray Wheatley in Dallas City, IL. He preceded her in death.



WHEATLEY

Sharon had been employed as a home health aide for several years in Keokuk.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk.

Sharon enjoyed cookouts with her family and friends. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren and her best friends, Connie and Rollen Mural.

She is survived by one son, Rick Wheatley (Lori) of Keokuk, four daughters, Tammy Buchholtz, Tina Galbreath (Keith) of Keokuk, Traci Wheatley of Keokuk and Lesia Totsch and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Herb Wheatley.

A private graveside service will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

CYNTHIA S. COLWELL

Cynthia Sue (Hoyt) Colwell, 67, of Alexandria, Missouri, passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Cynthia was born on July 15, 1954, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Vernon Earl and Olive Genevieve (Varner) Hoyt. She graduated from Keokuk Senior High in 1972, and on August 4, 1989, she was united in marriage to Jerry Lee Colwell in Alexandria, Missouri. He preceded her in death on January 31, 2019.



COLWELL

Cynthia held several jobs during her life, finishing her working career in housekeeping at Lexington Square in Keokuk. She loved her family, her friends and her community, and served on the Alexandria Town Board. She loved the great outdoors; and enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, air shows and cookouts. She also loved her cats.

Cynthia is survived by her son Clint Hoyt of Keokuk, Iowa; three step-children: Tracy (Ted) Colwell of North Carolina, Danita Brewer of Florida and Jeri Baker of Florida; her brother Mark Hoyt of Keokuk; four step-grandchildren: Mark Brewer, Dalton Baker, Nathaniel Baker and Caitlin Colwell; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cynthia is preceded in death by her parents; her husband Jerry; her step-granddaughter Meghan Ann Brewer; and three brothers: Vernon Lee Hoyt, Jr., David Hoyt and Bill Hoyt.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

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Sports/Lee County News

Laid-off employees to get support from Siemens, LCEDG

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Fraise said the staff at LCEDG is working with company HR officials to help relocate some of the displaced workers. Fraise said he confirmed the layoffs with plant manager Tony McDowell early Wednesday afternoon.

"Lee County EDG will work with plant leaders and the IowaWORKS Rapid Response team to help the displaced workers find new opportunities in Lee County," Fraise said.

Siemens officials said the reduction was motivated by two reasons. A ruling of the International Trade Commission after several legal tussles over power generation patents and trade secrets between GE and Siemens, and a lag in the renewables market.

"Two primary factors contributed to this decision," said Shannon Sturgil, CEO of On-shore North America. "While the final ruling of the ITC on the recent patent challenge case brought by a competitor was ultimately in our favor, we were temporarily prevented from pursuing new orders during the determination period."

"Additionally," Sturgil continued, "the renewables market in the United States has temporarily slowed in anticipation of U.S. climate legislation. This impacts our ability to rebound quickly to normal levels of production in those facilities. These measures

are designed to enable Siemens Gamesa to bridge the gap at its production facilities and prepare for when the market resumes its expected growth levels."

The company is working to find opportunities for employees in other areas of the business, where possible. All affected employees will be provided with a comprehensive separation package, which includes severance pay, benefits continuation, career counseling, resume preparation and job placement assistance.

Siemens Gamesa remains committed to the U.S. renewable energy market, and to its U.S. workforce.

In North America, the company has installed more than 13,000 wind turbines, which provide approximately 29 GW of clean power, enough for approximately 8 million homes.

Since the facility opened in 2010, workers at Siemens Gamesa's plant in Hutchinson have produced approximately 5,500 nacelles, which sit atop the wind tower, supporting the rotor and housing components for electric power generation. Workers in the Fort Madison, Iowa facility, which opened in 2006, have produced more than 20,000 wind turbine blades delivered to projects in the Americas, Europe and Africa.

Meet-and-greet set for Bowker

KEOKUK - The Lee County Democratic Party will host a Meet and Greet for Rebecca Bowker, candidate for State Representative on Friday, February 11, 5:00-7:00 pm at the Keokuk Labor Temple, 301 Blondeau Street, Keokuk. Bowker is running to represent residents of the new District

100, which includes most of Lee County.

Bowker is currently on the Fort Madison City Council and is employed at the Iowa State Penitentiary. She moved to Lee County in 1995 with her young son and started working at the Daily Democrat. Since that time, she has involved

herself in the community and obtained two college degrees by taking night classes while working full-time. Bowker understands the challenges faced by working parents because of her own experiences. She wants to fight for working families, public education, and raising the minimum wage so workers can get paid what they deserve.

You can learn more about Bowker's campaign at rebeccaforiowa.com. If you have questions about this event, call Mary Jo Riesberg at 319-526-3160.

HTC boys fall to Tigers in regular season finale

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – There was one more regular-season lesson left for Holy Trinity's young boys basketball team on Tuesday night, and it came from the SEI Superconference South Division champions.

New London took a 75-35 win over the Crusaders at Shottenkirk Gym by taking control of the game early.

It's something Holy Trinity coach John Hellige hopes that his team has learned this season.

"We talk about that, the toughness level of our team, the physicality," Hellige said "I think our kids know what they need to do. Now it's just a matter of building some muscle in the offseason and being a tougher, stronger team."

New London (18-2 overall, 15-1 South Division) shook off the Crusaders to start the second quarter. Holy Trinity (6-15, 5-11) was within 21-15 when the

Tigers scored 10 consecutive points in 1 1/2 minutes, then closed the quarter with a 7-2 run to lead 39-17 at halftime.

That lead grew to 49-19 just two minutes into the third quarter.

"We just never really seemed to find our groove," Hellige said. "I thought we had a good game plan coming in to control tempo. And when we did that, we did some nice things. We just weren't able to execute out of that controlled tempo. Just made some errant passes out of that early."

"There's just an intimidation factor there right now with New London that we haven't been able to get over. Just learn from it."

Conner Gehling led the Crusaders with 14 points.

"It just really wasn't our night overall. We just didn't play well," Hellige said.

The Crusaders open Class 1A district play next Monday at Hillcrest Academy.

"We'll prepare for them, and hopefully we can make a little run here in the postseason," Hellige said.

First SCC registration deadline set for March 15

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seniors to submit their applications is March 15.

"We really encourage high school seniors to submit their scholarship applications by the first deadline," Giannettino stressed. "This will give students the best chance at earning the most awards."

However, anyone can apply for scholarships at any time through June 1.

The thought of filling out an application can be daunting for many, but Giannettino urged applicants to approach the task with confidence.

"Don't be intimidated by the process. Just be prepared."

That means completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), submitting the most recent school transcript or high school equivalency scores, contacting someone to write a letter of recommendation, and writing an essay.

"Applicants shouldn't be nervous about the essay," Giannettino went on. "We want to know their story. This is their chance to tell the selection committee all about themselves."

She said having the opportunity to get to know each applicants' story helps the selection committee connect students with the right scholarships.

"We want to help as many students as possible. The better we know them, the easier it is to match them with scholarships."

The application takes about an hour to complete.

Giannettino said that one hour could result in thousands of dollars in scholarships.

"It could be the most valuable investment of an hour you'll ever make," she smiled.

For help completing the FAFSA, students can contact Shawn Hopper, educational outreach advisor, at shopper@scciowa.edu or (319) 208-5026.

Contact the SCC Foundation Office with questions about scholarships at (319) 208-5065.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
January 17, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administrative Building in Fort Madison on Monday, January 17, 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 Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Joe Powers held a discussion with the Board regarding his driveway. Phil and Melissa Peitz asked the Board to consider speaking with the Conservation Board about preserving two barns at the Denning Conservation Area.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a proposal from Geotechnics for investigation services on Bridge #126 on 140th Avenue, in the amount of \$8,300.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Ambulance Fee Schedule. Motion carried.

**2022 Ambulance
Fee Schedule**

Basic Life Support:
Non-Emergency: \$387.00
Emergency: \$620.00

Advanced Life Support:
Non-Emergency: \$465.00
ALS 1: \$735.00
ALS 2: \$1065.00
SCT: \$1190.00

Mileage Fee: \$13.00 proposed change to \$21.00

ALS Treatment / No Transport: \$158.00

ALS Intercept: \$285.00

Dedicated Ambulance Standby Fee: \$115.00

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve filling two open EMT positions, moving one person from full-time to part-time and then filling that open full-time position. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve an ARPA funding request from the County Engineer for digitizing records in the amount of \$72,050.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve an ARPA funding request from the County Maintenance Department for installation of air purifying filters for the County Buildings in the amount of \$21,842.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an ARPA funding request from the County Maintenance Department for a grease trap for the Heritage Center in Keokuk in the amount of \$2,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve an ARPA funding request from the County Auditor and Recorder for digitizing record books in the amount of \$243,065.00. Motion carried.

The Board canvassed the Green Bay Drainage District January 15, 2022 Election. For Trustee in District 2- Brandon Bonar received 6 votes. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to accept the canvass as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve seven tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-29

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 SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: William and Sue Butler 3157 Mississippi River Road Montrose IA 52639

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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-30

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 SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Brianna and Zachary Gaylord

2675 240th Street Fort Madison IA 52627

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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-31

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;

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Donald and Deanne Drupy 1735 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-32

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



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County;
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Michael and Jordyn Nye 3052 Belfast Road Argyle IA 52619

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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-33

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 SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: 4 City Homes 1773 West Point Road West Point IA 52656

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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-34

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 SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jacob and Kristen Strunk 1774 295th Street Argyle IA 52619

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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-35

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 SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jon Guy 2317 Johnson Street 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 APPROVED this 17th day of January, 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 the Monday, January 10, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried with Fedler abstaining.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a step increase for Brenda Schnedler, Correctional Officer, from \$18.11/hr. to \$20.91/hr., effective 1/2/22; a re-classification for Chastity Kearns, from Records Clerk \$17.34/hr. to Records Clerk II \$19.21/hr., effective 1/17/22 and a re-classification for Roilynn

Hoening, from Records Clerk \$17.34/hr. to Records Clerk II \$19.21/hr., effective 1/17/22. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Harlow reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Seyb reported on an Empowering Families Commission meeting and an ARPA Commission meeting. Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting and a Workforce Operations Committee meeting.

At 11:05 a.m. a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Claims paid
 January 17, 2022**

- Access Enrgy, svcs 421.36
- Agriland FS, fuel 7029.46
- Alliant Enrgy, svcs 13365.03
- Animal Hse, mtrls 4.00
- Archtechnics, rprs 1110.00
- Argyle Cmtry, svcs..... 55.00
- B&B Propane, fuel 1400.10
- Jim Baier, svcs 32.92
- A Balderas, exps..... 48.03
- Bates Sntn, svcs..... 225.00
- Bnd Tree Med, splys 4802.32
- R Bradley, svcs..... 130.00
- Brightree Hm, svcs 2413.50
- Building Mtrl, splys 385.59
- Cst/Cst Cmptr, splys 202.98
- A Cook, exps 90.00
- CJ Cooper/Assc, svcs 35.00
- Crescent Elct, svcs... 82.80
- Cullen Pest, svcs..... 60.00
- Culligan, wtr..... 42.50
- Democrat Co, publ 2451.00
- Dansco Cntrct, svcs 1075.00
- DD Brown, svcs..... 155.00
- L DeFord, exps 121.95
- DMCo Hlth Dpt, svcs

- 4051.90
- DMCo Sheriff, svcs... 53.24
- Dscnt Tire, svcs 80.95
- Dodd Prtg, splys 27.50
- Dnnlsln Lmbr, equip 2158.88
- Douds Stone, mtrl 27849.38
- Drake Hdwr, svcs 2197.50
- Elctrcn Enrgy, svcs 376.75
- EMSLRC, edu..... 8.50
- ESO Sol, svcs 13509.00
- Family Res, svcs 139.95
- Floyds EZ Way, svcs 60.00
- FM Chmbr, splys... 350.00
- FM Comm Schl, svcs 274997.39
- FM Hsng Auth, svcs 2533.53
- FMPD, svcs 6926.72
- Garner FdMart, fuel 783.64
- F Gida, exps 63.00
- N Granaman, svcs 1346.54
- GRRWA, svcs..... 14212.00
- GrtAmer FnncI, svcs 102.34
- Grn By Twshp, svcs 18854.78
- Green Scene, svcs 10535.00
- Grp Bnft Prtnrs, svcs 3438.00
- Hartricks Lmbr, svcs 15.15
- Health Sol, svcs..... 401.00
- Heritage Med, splys 124.00
- hibu Inc, publ 143.00
- Hill Prtg, svcs..... 187.98
- C Holmes, rfrnd..... 90.00
- Holtkamps, furn .. 3363.00
- Hope Haven, svcs 1992.00
- Horse/Hound, splys 107.98
- Hffmn Wldng, svcs 205.50
- Ideal Rdy Mix, mtrl 2630.71
- IMAGETek, svcs 45.00
- IA Dpt Pblc Sfty, splys 300.00
- IA DOT, svcs..... 8915.90
- IA St Pen, meals 9714.00
- ISAC, reg 570.00
- S Jeffries, exps 63.00
- Keltek, equip..... 586.20
- Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ 200.00
- Keokuk PD, svcs .. 4862.45
- King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs 1200.00
- Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs

- 595.15
- KONE Inc, svcs ... 11165.04
- Kozlowski Law, svcs 3523.74
- Kraus Auto, svcs..... 352.03
- LeeCo Assr, ctrb 8585.33
- LeeCo Shrrf, svcs 10958.65
- Lee Co Treas, fees 272734.81
- LeeCo Treas, costs 24988.79
- Liberty Util, gas... 2801.61
- McFarlands, splys 1712.20
- V McGinnis, rent... 185.00
- Metal Clvrts, mtrl 16187.30
- MidAm Enrgy, gas 3259.19
- NACVSO, unif..... 50.00
- JJ Nichting, equip 2207.03
- Nat'l Rsrch, svcs... 1681.49
- O'Reilly Auto, svcs.. 296.74
- Onmedia, adv 600.00
- Optum Rx, splys 1410.04
- Pen City Current, publ 945.00
- Pitney Bowes, pstg 466.83
- Prairie Farms, splys 244.80
- Premium Inspct, svcs 168.00
- Primrose Cmtry, svcs 65.00
- Pritchard Brdctg, publ 350.00
- S Prochazka, svcs.. 199.00
- Rainbo Oil, oil 1324.25
- Red Lion Rnwbls, svcs 1008.55
- RicohUSA, splys..... 47.95
- J Saunders, exps.... 50.40
- SIADSA, svcs..... 2560.00
- Sirchie, equip..... 147.70
- SE IA medical, svcs 450.00
- SCC, svcs..... 20263.50
- C Spann, svcs 40.00
- Stewart Auto, svcs.. 413.59
- D Sugars, exps 93.27
- T-Mobile, svcs 65.54
- M Terhune, exps ... 475.20
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Dairy Margin Coverage deadline extended by USDA

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 9, 2022 – USDA has extended the deadline to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2022. The deadline to apply for 2022 coverage is now March 25, 2022. As part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing efforts to support dairy farmers and rural communities, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) opened DMC and SDMC signup in December 2021 to help producers manage economic risk brought on by milk price and feed cost disparities.

"Over the past two years, American dairy farmers have faced unprecedented uncertainty, from the ongoing pandemic to protracted natural disasters. As producers continue to manage these interconnected challenges, FSA has tools at the ready to provide critical support," said FSA State Executive Director Matt

Russell. "We are encouraging dairy operations to take advantage of the extended deadline and join the 8,969 operations that have already enrolled for 2022 coverage. At 15 cents per hundredweight at the \$9.50 level of coverage, DMC is a very cost-effective risk management tool for dairy producers."

Enrollment for 2022 DMC is currently at 55% of the 2021 national program year enrollment. Producers who enrolled in DMC for 2021 received margin payments each month, January through November for a total of \$1.2 billion, with an average payment of \$60,275 per operation.

The DMC program, created by the 2018 Farm Bill, offers reasonably priced protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. Supplemental

DMC will provide \$580 million to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that have increased production over the years but were not able to enroll the additional production. Now, they will be able to retroactively receive payments for that supplemental production. Additionally, FSA updated how feed costs are calculated, which will make the program more reflective of dairy producers' actual expenses.

Supplemental DMC Enrollment

Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds based upon a formula using 2019 actual milk marketings, which will result in additional payments. Producers will be required to provide FSA with their 2019 Milk Marketing Statement.

Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Participating dairy operations with supplemental production may receive retroactive supplemental payments for 2021 in addition to payments based on their established production history.

Supplemental DMC will require a revision to a producer's 2021 DMC contract and must occur before enrollment in DMC for the 2022 program year. Producers will be able to revise 2021 DMC contracts, apply for 2022 DMC, and enroll in other FSA programs by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

DMC 2022 Enrollment

After making any revisions to 2021 DMC contracts for Supplemental DMC, producers can sign up for 2022 coverage. DMC provides eligible dairy producers with risk management coverage that pays producers when the difference between the price of milk and the cost of feed falls below a certain level. In 2021, based on data to date, DMC payments have triggered for January through November for more than \$1 billion.

For DMC enrollment, producers must certify with FSA that the operation is commercially marketing milk, sign all required forms and pay the \$100 administrative fee. The fee is waived for farmers who are considered limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, or a military veteran. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Updates to Feed Costs

USDA has also changed the DMC feed cost formula via final rule published on December 13, 2021, to better reflect the actual cost dairy farmers pay for high-quality alfalfa hay. FSA now calculates payments using 100% premium alfalfa hay rather than 50%. In December 2021, following publication of the new feed cost policy, \$102 million was paid to producers as a result of the revised high quality alfalfa feed cost formula.

The amended feed cost formula will make DMC payments more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses.

Bills ease transition to teaching

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State Supplemental Aid - which will likely be a big topic in the Legislature next week - House Republicans have introduced legislation to...

Create new, alternative licensures for teachers, making it easier for Iowans who have spent some time working in another field to become teachers - HSB 632 and HF 2085

Eliminate exams teachers have to take between graduation and certification - HF 2081

Expand the Iowa Scholar Program to expand eligibility for teachers who apply for the grants - HF 2083

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