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County, Mellers talk Iowan property

LCHD FACILITY: County looks at property for future Lee County Health Dept.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Discussions of a new Lee County Health Department have focused on the former Iowan Motor Lodge property in Fort Madison.

County officials have been in talks with the property's owner, Circle M Inc., since November and a tentative agreement between the two entities has been reached. Circle M is owned by Glen Meller, who also owns Meller Excavating and Asphalt, Inc.

Lee County American Rescue Plan Act Administrator Chuck Vandenberg said details of the agreement will be released at a later date, but the county is moving forward with getting the property inspected.

Plans for the new health department also include providing space for the Lee County Ambulance EMS's Fort Madison location.

When those plans were included, proper-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The former site of the Iowan Motor Lodge could be the new location of the Lee County Health Department if the property passes an inspection coming early this year.

PANDEMIC

Virus activity on the rise in Lee County

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The positivity rate for COVID-19, including the Omicron variant and other strains, is now again over 10% for all reported tests in Lee County.

Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross told the Lee County Board Monday morning that the positivity rate was surging and the county is currently at 11.4% on the 14-day reporting cycle and 14.6% on the 7-day reporting cycle.



ROSS

Ross said those numbers are local numbers reported and the Iowa Department of Public Health dashboard hasn't been updated with those figures.

"The highest reporting age range right now is 18-29 year olds that are testing at 25% of all tests positive in the last 7 days," Ross said. "So we still encourage anyone eligible to start primary series for vaccination or even get boosters, to do so. This Omicron is very contagious. It's producing common cold like symptoms so its hard to tell if you have COVID or other viruses with the flu and common cold seasons. Get tested if you have any symptoms, a lot of people are reporting asymptomatic when they are positive.

Ross said the reported rates only reflect those that are being reported through labs or medical provider offices so it's very likely that our test rate is much higher for all the people that are testing at home.

She said vaccination rates are still moving slightly but work still needs to be done.

"Our 12+ age group is 53.5 fully vaccinated. 18+ 56% and overall population in Lee County is 46.4%. So still, our best protection against all the variants is to get fully vaccinated and then,

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ELECTION 2022

Amandus, Schulz to seek Larkin's supervisor seat

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Two sitting Fort Madison City Council members will be vying for the Lee County Supervisor spot that will be open in 2023.

Last week current Supervisor Rick Larkin announced 2022 would be his last year on the board putting the seat in the 2022 election cycle.

Donna Amandus, currently serving the 3rd Ward on the Fort Madison Council, and Tom Schulz, the 2nd Ward council-



AMANDUS



SCHULZ

man, will both pursue the seat.

Schulz will come at the seat from the Republican side, while Amandus, will be running on the Democrat ticket.

Amandus said she enjoys serving the people of Fort Madison and has been interested in a run for supervisor. She's also run in past elections for Fort Madison Mayor, and had a 2012 run for state senator.

"I'm really enjoying working for the people of Fort Madison. Honestly, I thought Rick Larkin would run for one more term. I was surprised that he said he was done after this year," Amandus said Monday.

"I think I have a knack for public service and I enjoy it. My hope is to continue serving the people, just in a larger capacity as a supervisor."

Amandus' seat on the council isn't up

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Bloodhound boys rocket to No. 2 in Class 3A hoops

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Almost out of the blue, your Fort Madison Bloodhounds are the second best basketball team in Class 3A in the state.

The Bloodhounds were ranked No. 2 in the state in the Associated Press Iowa High School Basketball Poll on Monday,

after being ranked 9th at year's end.

That's happened just a couple times in the past 30 years depending on what polls you look at, but Head Coach Ryan Wilson is quick to say the success is a reflection of the culture being built at Fort Madison High School.

Wilson has a playing rotation that includes eight seniors led by Dayton

Davis and Miles Dear. Seniors Reiburn Turnbull, Tate Johnson, and Landon Johnson are also in the starting rotation, while fellow classmates Phillip Goldie, Leighton Rockhold, and Matt Hopper come off the bench with leadership and scoring ability.

Davis is tops in the state in 3A in

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WEATHER

WED 12 Jan.....Overcast, 44° F/ 30° F
THU 13 Jan.....Scattered Clouds, 36° F/ 29° F
FRI 14 Jan.....Light Snow, 30° F/ 26° F

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LUCKY FOR LIFE 01/09.....3 10 28 38 46, Lucky Ball: 16
PICK 3 01/09, 01/10 MIDDAY.....5 8 3, 8 7 9
PICK 3 01/09, 01/10 EVENING.....8 4 8, 8 6 5
PICK 4 01/09, 01/10 MIDDAY.....3 7 2 7, 3 8 9 9
PICK 4 01/09, 01/10 EVENING.....6 5 7 4, 3 4 3 3
POWERBALL 01/08.....14 17 18 21 27, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 2

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

01/18/22 – 1:33 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Sean Michael Raines, 40, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on an outstanding warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Sheriff's office and then transferred.
 01/08/22 – 7:04 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested David Frederick Welsh, II, 27, in the 2400 block of Avenue A, on charges of OWI-1st offense and carrying a weapon while intoxicated. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 01/08/22 – 11:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jessica Rae Hauck, 41, in the 600 block of 10th Street, on outstanding warrants. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/08/22 – 1:42 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Liandra Marie German, 26, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of 17th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 01/08/22 – 3:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Carri Lou Carson, 44, no location provided, on a charge

of driving while barred. 01/09/22 – 8:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Austin James Corwin, 26, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

01/07/22 – 4:47 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Argyle Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Nathan Lee Land, 29, of Keokuk, swerved to miss a deer causing the vehicle to leave the roadway and rolling onto its top. No injuries or citations were reported.
 01/07/22 – 11:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Roderick Vaughn Taylor Rice, 43, of Ottumwa, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 01/07/22 – 2:10 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dale Andrew Knajdek, 46, of Galesburg, Ill., at the South Lee County Courthouse on warrants for probation violation, 1st-degree theft, 2nd-degree theft,

attempted burglary, and 3rd-degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/07/22 – 11:48 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrea Lynn Bell, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 3100 block of Avenue M, on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 01/08/22 – 10:20 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tanner Drey Charles Woodsmall, 27, of Mt. Pleasant, in the 1900 block of 235th Avenue in West Point, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 01/09/22 – 10:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2200 block of 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Michael Anthony Walters, 54, of Mission, Kansas, slid on icy road conditions and rolled. Walters refused medical treatment at the scene. No citations were reported.
 01/09/22 – 2:18 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Howard Moberg, 46, of Davenport, on Hwy. 61 in Fort Madison,

on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.
 01/09/22 – 6:18 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Everlenna Sue Sisk, 54, of Fairfield, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

01/04/22 – Kelsey J Creasy, age 30, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of No Valid Driver's License. Creasy was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/06/22 – Leslie A Kirby, age 39, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked. Kirby remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 01/06/22 – Christopher R Sargent, age 39, of Burnside, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Order of Protection. Sargent

was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/07/22 – Michael J Westcott, age 40, of Fort Madison, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Harassment by Telephone. Westcott was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/07/22 – James C Money, age 29, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Appanoose County, IA warrant charging him with Burglary. Money remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his extradition to Iowa.
 01/07/22 – Trena E Cross, age 51, of Warsaw, IL was arrested on an Adams County warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of Traffic Offense. Cross was released after given a Notice to Appear at a future court date.
 01/08/22 – Tara L Kincaid, age 38, of Burnside, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of No Valid Driv-

ers License. Kincaid was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 01/09/22 – Richard A Hamby, age 34, of Elvaston, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked. Hamby was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving Under the Influence. Hamby remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance. *Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law*

Fort Madison

Fire & Rescue Report

01/07/22 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls and one accidental medical push.
 01/07/22 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to six medical calls, one assist, and one false alarm
 01/07/22 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one assist.

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Sports

Bloodhounds face BHS in SE Conference showdown

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steals with 39 and 3rd in rebounds with 105. He's in the top 20 in scoring at 17.9 points per game, while Dear checks in at 14.6 including a 21-point outing against Central Lee on Saturday.

Davis had 29 in that game including a 15-second stretch where he scored six points off steals pestering the Hawks in the front of the Hound press. He's a vacuum on the offensive glass with 50 rebounds in nine games, which is tops in 2A, 3A, and 4A.

Wilson said Davis and Dear have taken on leadership roles on the court from a very young age.

"Those two guys, specifically, have led quite a few years in their time in basketball. They've been leaders in one way, shape, or form. They put a lot of work in during the offseason from 5 a.m. shooting in the fall or AAU to gain more experience," Wilson said.

"It means a lot to them to be successful and have success on the floor. They want it and want it bad. They both would give up points and assists if the team is

winning."

But Wilson, who's been leading the Hounds for past seven years, said he's seen the effect this senior class of athletes has had on Bloodhound athletic programs in general.

"You can go all the way back to their earlier years and see the success that class has brought to the athletic program at Fort Madison," he said.

"A few of our seniors went to state in track. Look what some did on the baseball field, in wrestling, what they've done on the football field. You take all those experiences, and those high levels of success and they just brought that to the hardwood this year," he said.

"There are a group of kids that are so darn competitive - they hate to lose and will do anything they can not to lose."

Wilson's quick to admit the lofty ranking, which included one vote as the top team in Class 3A, puts a bigger target on the Hounds' backs, can be a distraction, but the recognition is nice.

"I think it's a little of both, to be honest with you. It's nice to get some recognition across the state for what we've been doing and the kids' hard work this season," he



DEAR



DAVIS

said. "But they need to stay level-headed and humble because, at the end of

the day, the rankings don't mean much if we don't win conference or make a run at the state tournament."

The Hounds are playing with a little different mojo this year and it's coming across on the floor with balanced scoring, increasing assists, and steal stats that are born out of comprehensive play. That camaraderie has blossomed during the Hounds' undefeated run.

"I think if you asked me that question in November, I would have said I was concerned about our mission and mindset," Wilson said. "But we had a good senior meeting to talk about things and get everyone on the same page. Now they're doing what's best for the team."

"There's days when Miles and I talk about assists and he wants those to be high because that improves our chance on the court. Sometimes he might force and pass here and there, but he has great vision and sees the floor very well."

Dear has 40 assists on the year.

But Wilson said any of the seniors are capable of leading at any given time - against any team.

"They're all capable of going out and leading on a given night. Phillip's been more active rebounding and scoring, Johnson has been in double-digit scoring."

The Hounds' success this year is getting contagious and students and fans are making more trips to away games and having an impact in games.

Wilson said he hopes the undefeated season so far, the lead in the conference, and the rankings continue to bring fans out to games.

One of the bigger games will be Friday when the Hounds go to 4A Burlington with the No. 2 ranking fresh on everyone's minds.

"We need a big crowd in Burlington and, if we can get even half the student section there that we get at home, our boys will feed off that," Wilson said.

"There's no doubt our boys will show up and be ready to go, but anything we can do to enhance that on Friday will be great."

The Grayhounds are just 7-5 on the year, but are 4-1 in the Southeast Conference and play against bigger 4A schools including Iowa City High and Iowa City West. Burlington has won their last five games.

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Classifieds/Public Notices

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

CENTRAL LEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT DONNELLSON, IOWA 52625 DISTRICT OFFICE TENTATIVE AGENDA JANUARY 11, 2022 5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
2. Board Workshop - Elementary Presentation
3. Adjourn

6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
 - a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
 - b) 7-1 2 Math Presentation
 - c) Library Presentation
4. Superintendent's Report:
 - a) Legislative Update
 - b) Construction Update
 - c) Finance Update
 - d) COVID-19 Update
 - e) Vacancies

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)

- a) Approve minutes
- b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
- c) Approve prepaid bills
- d) Approve monthly bills

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Introduce Board Policies 600 Series
2. Approve Temporary Bus Driver Sign On Increase
3. Approve Additional Security Camera Purchase & Installation
4. Approve Purchase of New School Vehicle
5. Approve Facility Director Posting, Timeline, and Compensation
6. Transfer: (Motion)
 - a) Amanda Young - Pre-school Associate to Food-service Floating Cook
7. Resignations: (Motion)
 - a) Diane Kruse - Elementary Instructor
 - b) Rich Harlow - Bus Driver
8. Board Reports
9. Adjourn (Motion)

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 1/4/2022

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular

session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 1/4/2022, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Pro Tem Andrews presided with Council Members Bowker, Schulz, Gray, Amandus, Cangas and Rink present. Mayor Mohrfeld was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 12/21/2021; Liquor License Renewals for La Casa Salsa, 4821 Avenue O, and Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L; Claims of 12/30/2021; December Manual Claims; and 12/31/2021 Payroll.

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-082, amending Title 7, Police, Chapter 5, Dogs and Cats, & Chapter 6, Fowl. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Chapter 3, Planning and Zoning, by changing the number of Planning and Zoning Commission members from seven to five. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2022-01, accepting the submitted plat of survey and waiving subdivision requirements (Title 11 – Subdivision Regulations) for Warren Hoenig, et al., for property located behind 5701 Avenue O, within two miles of City Limits. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2022-02, appointing David Varley to serve on the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Board of

PAYROLL	12/31/2021
General	\$165,047.64
Old Fort	2,132.14
Road Use	23,545.95
Tourism	1,298.00
Water	25,346.45
Sewer	26,111.57
Solid Waste	11,243.79
Airport	489.26
Storm Water	3,047.18
	<u>\$258,261.98</u>

REVENUES	
General	16,536.40
Special Rev.	261,772.75
Road Use	102,311.19
Debt	914.50
Capital	25,358.15
Water	304,302.66
Sewer	312,556.40
Solid Waste/IWC	66,474.94
SW Utility	17,781.32
	<u>\$1,108,008.31</u>

CLAIMS 1/4/2022

ABCO PLUMBING INC, REPAIR LEAKING PIPE	480.03
ABRA, BODY REPAIR WORK	696.30
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, COPIER LEASE	900.85
AHLERS & COONEY, PC, BOND REISSUE	2,100.23

Directors, term expiring 1/1/2023. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2022-03, granting property tax abatement to Asay Properties, LLC, for properties located at 1401 Avenue C. On motion, Council adopted Resolution 2022-04, approving the Mayor's signature on an Agreement with Lee County, Iowa, concerning Election Precincts.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Supplemental Agreement with Calhoun Burns & Associates for Bid and Construction Phase Services for PIP2021-02, Avenue F Bridge Over French Creek. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Supplemental Agreement with Calhoun Burns & Associates for Bid and Construction Phase Services for PIP2021-03, 27th Street Bridge Over Dry Creek. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's appointment of Randall Tuttle to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals, term expiring 9/30/2024.

At 6:05 P.M., the meeting adjourned until January 18, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Rusty Andrews, Mayor Pro Tem
 ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$27,503.09
Special Revenue	140,365.64
Road Use	32,051.78
Debt	0.00
Capital	57,252.62
Water	30,244.60
Sewer	42,950.52
Solid Waste/IWC	5,529.81
SW Utility	586.00
	<u>\$336,484.06</u>

AIR COMPRESSOR SERVICES, PARTS	76.00
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	19,247.65
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, DRY ERASE BOARD	108.93
ANSER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE	207.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS	432.90

BAIER FORD, REPAIR GLASS	244.91
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., FLEXIBLE COUPLING	220.00
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES	85.00
BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS, CORP TRAVEL IOWA	573.75
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATES, SWAP BRIDGE PROJECT	6,075.65
CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES, RV CAMPGROUND MATERIAL	1,300.00
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., COLD PATCH MIX	1,921.25
CURE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC, CURE COMPLETE	4,896.55
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE SCHEDULE	917.00
DOUDS STONE, LLC, EROSION STONE	4,572.30
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, REPAIR SEWER CAMERA	590.00
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, RV PARK	55.18
GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	121.50
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	215.00
HACH CHEMICAL CO., LAB SUPPLIES	144.90
HARVESTVILLE FARM, DECORATIONS FOR DEPOT OPEN HOUSE	935.00
HOENIG LAWN SERVICE INC, TREE REMOVAL 15TH BET E&F	1,875.00
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, ENG 6-10TH STR	7,436.88
HUEBNER, CASEY, CLOTHING ALLOW	

REIMB	121.89
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, OXYGEN	353.80
HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, TIRES & MOUNTING	3,623.26
ICMA, MEMBERSHIP	988.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, PRE EMPLOYMENT	150.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS, WORK COMP PAYMENT	7,159.00
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES	609.32
IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY, 1/2 OF FEES FOR PRISON TOURS	1,597.50
J.P. COOKE COMPANY, FLAT HOOKS - PET TAGS	25.90
JUDY SCHARPMAN, FINISH TICKET COUNTER	525.00
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE HARDWARE/JANITORIAL/MISC	1,928.91
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, INC, TESTING	572.40
KIMBALL MIDWEST WHEEL - SS CS	145.39
LYNCH DALLAS P.C., LEGAL SERVICES	5,290.56
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, INC, DOOR SEAL & GLASS	472.87
MCFALL, ANDREW, CLOTHING ALLOW	64.18
REIMB	64.18
MCFARLAND, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	45.49
MCMASTER CARR SUPPLY CO, TUBING & FITTINGS	131.81
MCNAY TRUCK LINE, DELIVERY FEES	1,273.32
MELLER EXCAVATING & ASPHALT, PAY EST #3	28,306.84
FINAL - PARKING LOT	
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, REPAIR	

PARTS	45.00
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, GARRISON BELT	31.50
METTLER TOLEDO INC., LAB TESTING	389.33
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, HEATING	6,351.30
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUISANCE ABATEMENT	240.00
MO VOCATIONAL ENTERPRISES, BENCHES - DEPOT	9,256.00
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPAIR HIGH SERVICE PUMP	160.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS & FLUIDS	827.13
POEPPING STONE & BACH, PLAN REVIEW	437.67
QUAD CITY TESTING LABORATORY, HOIST CHARGES	328.00
R&J QUALITY DECALING INC., DECALS UNIT #3	168.75
RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER	28.09
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Opinion/From the Front

LCHD official says Omicron is very active in county

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when eligible, get boosted.”

She said booster guidance has changed with both Moderna and Pfizer recommending boosters at five months after their second dose. Boosters are now also being recommended for 12 and older with the Pfizer vaccine.

The county holds Wednesday vaccination clinics at the Lee County Health Department building at John Bennett Center in Fort Madison from noon to 4 p.m. Health officials are also scheduling some pop-up clinics in other parts of the county including at the Montrose and West Point libraries on Jan. 18th.

They are also taking requests from businesses and industries that need help getting staff vaccinated and boosted.

“We really want to push wearing those masks in public settings. It’s very contagious out there. We need to get this under control again,” Ross said.

In an unrelated issue, supervisors approved changing the Lee County EMS Ambulance billing from the Burlington Fire Department to Physicians Claims Company with a 90-day written notice.

Lee County EMS Ambulance Director Dennis Cosby said the department has had trouble getting billing to Medicare and Medicaid in the current system and switching to the new company will make everything streamlined and electronic.

“Everything will be submitted electronically, which I think will streamline our process a whole lot,” Cosby said.

“We didn’t realize how much of a hurdle it would be getting things back and forth in the way we were where somebody has to run stuff there twice a week.”

Cosby said the agreement will be the exact same agreement the county currently has which pays the service 6% of billables.

Two councilmembers to run for supervisor

ELECTION - Continued from Page 1

until 2024 so she would have to vacate her seat in the event she would win the election. According to the Iowa Secretary of State’s office, the same person cannot serve on a county board, while holding a municipal elected position.

They can however hold the elected seat until the election has taken place and then they must choose between the two.

Schulz had been considering a run for Larkin’s seat as well, and made it official Monday.

“I will be seeking the Republican nomination to run for county supervisor,” Schulz confirmed in a text to Pen City Current Monday afternoon.

“My desire in public service is to serve the people of Fort

Madison. It has been my pleasure and significant honor to do that on the City Council. I would take that same dedication to this community, to a county office. No matter what happens I will continue to serve the people of Fort Madison.”

Schulz was just reelected to his seat in November running unopposed and has four years remaining before the seat is up for re-election. Amandus was appointed to her position after former City Councilman Tyler Miller resigned his position. That seat is up for election in 2023.

The filing period for the 2022 general election is March 7 to March 25 with a primary election set for June 7. The general election will take place on Nov. 1, 2022.

Letter to the Editor


Democrat yearns for Republicans of the past

Dear Editor:

I’ve felt for some time that there is a big difference between The former Republican Party and Trump’s Republican Party. The people that truly believed in their Republican Party as much as I believe in my Democratic Party would never stand for what Trump has done and what their party has come to represent. They have to stand up and demand an end to the big lie. I know in my heart they can’t all be so gullible as to fall for that “malarkey”, to use our beloved President’s description. Our Democracy is at stake and the blame lies squarely on Trump’s egotistical shoulders and on anyone that

continues to support him. Please stand up and take back the real former Republican Party.


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Local News/From the Front

ARPA panel moves four projects forward

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ty previously considered for a new health department facility in Montrose near the sheriff's office didn't meet response time criteria for the ambulance to respond to calls on the county's northeast side.

At that point, county officials began looking for a place closer to Fort Madison and the vacant property came into focus. Vandenberg said the steel that is currently on the lot will be inspected to see if could be viable for usage within the construction of the new facility.

"The Mellers had agreed to go in and clean that up, but have since agreed to let the county have it inspected to see if it can be used. I just want to point out how proactive the Meller family, especially Glen Meller, has been in this process. They certainly have the county's best interests at heart," Vandenberg said.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said the agreement goes a long way in helping bring the possibility of a new health department closer to reality.

"I think it's a great thing for everyone and I want to personally thank everyone involved for moving this forward," he said.

The health department commissioned a design for a new facility in 2016 with a \$2.6 million price tag that was to be built on property the county already owned in Montrose.

The ARPA committee also moved four projects, including three county maintenance projects that would digitize records in the County Recorder, Auditor and Engineer's offices, to the Board of Supervisors for approval of funding. Digitizing the records will allow them to be viewed online which will reduce the need to do those searches in person at county offices. In

the event of future pandemics or an extension of the current pandemic requiring closure of facilities, the public could still access records and the departments could be functional via the Internet.

A \$24,000 maintenance project for installing enhanced filters throughout county buildings is also included, as is project to replace a grease trap that has undergone heavy use due to the increased meals being prepared and delivered to county seniors during the pandemic. The county projects total just under \$340,000 combined.

The other project was \$15,000 in last-in funding for improvements at the KPLAY playground in Keokuk. The board agreed to meet again on Feb. 7 to discuss further projects.

The board also took a first look at an agreement that will be executed with recipients of funding awards from the county. The agreement outlines compliance issues and reporting requirements that are required by the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury. The county is responsible for tracking and reporting on compliance issues on a quarterly basis and the agreement outlines those requirements.

Vandenberg also said the Treasury issued final rules on the ARPA funds late last week and included in those rules is a Written Justification form that is now required for any capital facility improvement expense in excess of \$1 million.

The Lee County Health Department would fall under that new requirement, but Vandenberg said details on that form haven't been fleshed out yet by the Iowa State Association of Counties, or the National Association of Counties.

He said he didn't see the new requirement being prohibitive in the new construction, but the report does require counties to outline how the project would compare to two other alternatives to new construction such as leasing options.

I.S.P. officer released from hospital

DOC won't release details on injuries due to medical privacy

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FORT MADISON – According to an Iowa Department of Corrections official, the officer assaulted by an inmate Friday evening at Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison has been released from the hospital.

Iowa D.O.C. Communications Director Nick Crawford wrote in an email that family had notified the state the officer had been released.

"Due to medical privacy, additional details regarding the officer's condition will not be provided," Crawford wrote.

"The investigation into the incident is ongoing. Once the investigation is complete, the department's findings will be submitted to the Lee County Attorney."

On Saturday the D.O.C. confirmed that an inmate approached the officer at his post and then began assaulting the officer. Nearby staff were alerted and responded to restrain the inmate. As a result of the incident, the facility was placed on modified restricted movement. Crawford didn't provide details on the status of movement as of Tuesday.

The officer was transported by a department vehicle to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center's Fort Madison campus and after further evaluation was taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for examination and observation.

The inmate was found to have not suffered any injuries.

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