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## Pen City Current

## Residents grill conservation board on hire

Group late to support current employee Rick Tebbs for spot

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MONTROSE - A group of about 25 Lee County residents voiced concern over the recent hire of a Newton parks superintendent to take over as the Lee County Conservation Director.

Current Director Tom Buckley will be retiring in June and many in the room thought that Rick Tebbs, an employee with the conservation department, would be in line for the promotion. The board instead hired Nathan Unsworth, the former administration superintendent with the Newton, Iowa Parks and City Grounds Department.

Many of the group took

time to ask questions as to why Tebbs, who most in the room thought was being led to believe he was being groomed for Buckley's position, didn't get the job.

"It's my understanding that he's been counseled over the years that if he ever wanted this job to do A, B, and C he would get the job and it appears from his resume that's what he's done. And I would just like to know why someone who's busted his knuckles doing his job didn't get the job. If it's sour grapes I'm not looking for that but I'd like to know why wouldn't he have gotten that job. I think it's a fair question to ask," said Jim Noll.

Harry Sylvester, chairman of the Lee County



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About 25 Lee County residents attended Tuesday's regular meeting of the Lee County Conservation Board. As part of the public discussion part of the agenda, the group wanted answers as to why local candidate and current county employee Rick Tebbs was passed over for the position of director.

Conservation Board, said the board spent hours going through 31 applications at the start. Then the board narrowed down the applicants to five that were interviewed by the board and then the board cut it down to three. Sylvester said that Tebbs was a part of the final three.

"This is no slam to Rick

in anyway. We know what we've got with Rick. It was just some qualifications were better and we went with what we thought was best," Sylvester said. "In my opinion what I saw him lacking if anything was supervising people... was one of the things."

Several members of the group asked if the board would be willing to talk about what qualifications the other candidate had. Sylvester said the board would not be at liberty to release information from the other resumes.

"I voted for Rick for the things he has done and because of union. We have Nathan I think, I don't know if that's approved, but I will support Nathan," said Sandra Nullhart-Snyer.

Earl Stuekerjuergen, a Lee County businessman and representative of Whitetails Unlimited said his disappointment would hit the board in the budget.

"You all know who I

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## Eastern Iowa girls runners descend on Pen City Relays



FMHS' Kamryn Bailey motors to a 2nd place finish in her heat of the 200-meter dash. She finished 8th overall in the event. Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fifteen southeast Iowa schools descended on Fort Madison for the 42nd running of the Timm Lamb Pen City Relays.

The Lady Hounds could only muster a 6th-place finish in the meet finishing nine points behind Keokuk. However, the Fort Madison contingent did pull their share of first and second-place finishes.

Holy Trinity's Brett Schneider took her third first-place finish of the year in the outdoor 800-meter run with a time of 2:20.41 missing the Pen City Relay record by 1.06 seconds.

Sierra Howardson pulled the first second-place finish for the Hounds in the 3000 meter run with a time of 10:57.32.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Claire Mendez, Maddy McVey, Kamryn Bailey and Lexi Miller also took 2nd place with a time of 11:07.89.

The Lady Hounds also got a second place showing in the 1600 Meter distance medley relay from Brynn Schroeder, Maddy McVey, Mendez and Howardson in a time of 4:42.25.

The ladies are off until Tuesday when they travel to Mount Pleasant.

Complete local results for the meet are as follows:

Long Jump (Class A) – Ellie Baxter 12'2 1/2" (6th), Paige Munson 11'8" (8th) Shot Put (JV) – Shelby Wright 21'11" (6th) Discus (JV) – Shelby Wright 54' 4 1/2" (8th) 3000 Meters (Class A) – Sierra Howardson 10:57.32 (2nd), Claire Hellman 13:55.83 (8th)

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### Tebbs says he'll work with board's decision

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am and I've given you \$12,000 in the past two years from our organization. Rick has brought in more grants to Lee County than all you people at that table combined. I'm so disappointed in this board," Stuekerjuergen said. "I gave you a verbal commitment to give you all our profit for five years. That's rescinded point blank. It's just ridiculous that Rick didn't get this job. End of story. Thank you."

Unsworth, who was present at the meeting, was given an opportunity to address the group and gave his qualifications from Newton and said he wasn't taking offense to the remarks of the group,

Tom Buckley told the group that the job posting was listed in local papers and in statewide park and conservation publications and websites.

It's our job to the best we can for the county," Sylvester said. "By law we have to do it the way we did it to get the applications. We spent a lot of time and discussion on this and this is our decision."

Stuekerjuergen told the board Tebbs' ability to bring grants to the board speaks to his leadership.

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-Rick Tebbs,

Wildlife Manager

"If you don't think that shows leadership you are just wrong," Stuekerjuergen said.

Sylvester told Stuekerjuergen that the position wasn't for sale and the board was doing the best for

Buckley said he did write a recommendation for the board to hire Tebbs.

Lee County resident Dick Fehseke asked if the letter of recommendation was submitted to the board and also asked that the letter be made part of the minutes of Tuesday's meeting and then read the last two paragraphs of Buckley's letter.

"I would recommend Rick for the position opening. His knowledge, experience, and skills in this area are as complete as anyone with which I have had the pleasure of working." Fehseke said the letter stated.

Fehseke then asked if the board had read all letters of support from the community and two of the board members had read all the letters and two had not.

Sylvester said he had made a statement about two of the employees who were hired from outside the

area that brought a lot of knowledge and skill to the conservation department. Noll said it was a disservice to Tebbs and the taxpayers, as well, for the board to only read a portion of the letters that were submitted.

"I think too many people thought I was going to be the next director and everyone assumed it was a done deal and they just don't understand the system," Tebbs said when contacted Tuesday night.

Tebbs said Buckley told him the board wanted him to go through the Lee County Leadership program as well as a non-profit management course, which Tebbs said he is just finishing up.

"If the board made a decision, I guess, even though I thought that the training they were sending me to was for me to take that position, I look forward to working with him and for the betterment of Lee County Conservation," he said.

"The programs are great, don't get me wrong. The idea is networking and moving Lee County forward. The programs are wonderful and allowed me to meet a lot of people. But if they were thinking differently, why did they put me through 60 hours of that. It's confusing, but hey if Nathan's the man for the job, I'm going to work with

After the meeting, Fehseke said the group was trying to gather facts.

"We had hoped for an explanation and I don't think that was satisfactory. We feel that's all a setup basically. I think the sad part is that he's been made promises over the years," said Fehseke.



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#### **Area/Local News**

#### Lee County task force nabs two

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Warsaw, Illinois man and a Fort Madison, Iowa man on misdemeanor drug charges in unrelated

Bradley Mitchell Longenecker, 47, of 612 Main Street,



Warsaw, Illinois was arrested on March 31st, 2017 in the 2100 block of Exchange Street on misdemeanor drug warrants. Longenecker is charged with Possession Of Methamphetamine Second Or Subsequent Offense, an aggravated LONGANECKER misdemeanor, and Possession Of Drug

Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor. If convicted, Longenecker faces up to 2 years and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Longenecker stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the use of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation in 2016 and items that support the charges were discovered.

In an unrelated matter, Gary Lee Swanson Jr., 29,



**SWANSON** 

of 3421 Avenue N #110, Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested at 3101 Avenue O in Fort Madison on misdemeanor drug warrants. Swanson is charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a simple misdemeanor, and Maintaining A Drug House, an aggravated misdemeanor. If convicted, Swanson faces up to 2 years

and 30 days in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Swanson stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that Swanson was involved in the use of illegal drugs in the Fort Madison area. A search warrant was served earlier this year in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Fort Madison Police Department, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Iowa State Penitentiary K9 Unit and the Lee County Sheriff's Office assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.





#### Task force arrests man on felony drug charges

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man on felony and misdemeanor drug charges.



SISTERN

Chad Dean Sistern, 31, of 1505 Cedar Street, Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on April 9th, 2017 in Keokuk on felony and misdemeanor drug charges. Sistern is charged with Possession Of Marijuana With The Intent To Deliver, a class D felony, Drug Tax Stamp Violation, a class D felony, Possession With Intent To Deliver Valium, an aggravated misdemeanor,

and two counts of Possession Of Methamphetamine, a serious misdemeanor. If convicted, Sistern faces up to 14 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Sistern stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the use and sale of illegal narcotics in the Lee County area. A search warrant was served in connection to this investigation and items that support the charges were discovered.

The Lee County Attorney's Office and the Keokuk Police Department assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

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#### Juvenile leads Keokuk police on auto chase

KEOKUK - On 4/10/17 at approximately 10:15 pm, an officer with the Keokuk Police Department attempted to stop the driver of a Honda 2008 SUV for a traffic offense in the area of 14th and Main. The driver of the vehicle took off at a high rate of speed and headed south on South 14th. After a short pursuit, the driver of the Honda left the roadway at the intersection of Hilton Road and Valley Road. The driver fled on foot and was found in the area a few hours later. The 2008 Honda SUV was reported stolen from Moberly, Missouri. The driver of the Honda is a 17-year-old juvenile; and is charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, leaving the scene of a traffic accident, failure to maintain control, eluding, and numerous other traffic violations.

An occupant of the vehicle, William Glenn Vahle age 22 of Canton, Missouri also attempted to flee but, was taken into custody. Vahle had an arrest warrant from the State of Missouri for Felony Possession of Controlled Substance, and an arrest warrant from the State of Illinois for failure to appear, aggravated DUI.

William Glenn Vahle was transported to the Lee County Correctional Center and the juvenile is being held at the Juvenile Detention Center in Montrose. The Keokuk Police Department was assisted by the Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee County Ambulance Service and, the Jackson Township Fire Department. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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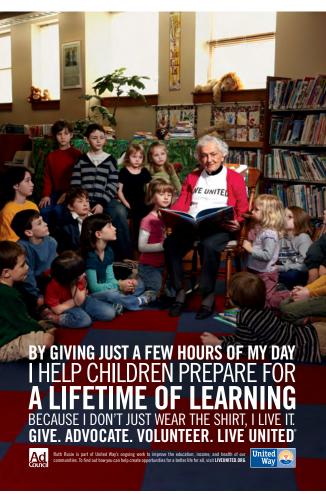
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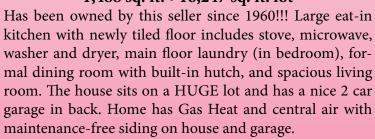
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#### **Opinion/For the Record**

#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

## Former employee supports LCHD bond issue

As a former employee of the Lee County Health Department I want to express my sincere hope that the residents of Lee County will vote YES on May 2. I worked for the department for 18 years, 13 years as the Environmental Program Director. I know it has been asked "why not use an existing building?". As a Program Director, I went on countless visits to look at buildings throughout the county. I can vouch that many didn't have sufficient space or were smaller than the current location. Others might have had plenty of space, however, the cost for renovation would be more than the current bond is slated at.

The current location might have been fine when LCHD moved there, but over the years the agency has grown out of it. When I started working at the health department there were six employees. When I retired two years ago there were 30 plus employees. With the additional employees means additional programs to benefit county residents. More employees, more programs, but no more space.

While at LCHD, I weathered the many

temperature changes in the office. the Environmental office was located along the northeast corner where it was very cold. When the outside temperature would dip below 10 degrees, it was difficult to get the room temperature above 50 degrees, that is even with the assistance of space heaters. My husband and I used our own resources and time to insulate the walls and windows. Extra clothes and blankets continued to be needed. During the summer it was the opposite extreme. Having a temperature controlled building would make a comfortable work environment.

There are space issues, there are temperature issues, but in the end, it is time for the county to own the health department building, instead of continuing to pay rent, and putting money into fixing a building they don't even own. So on May 2, 2017 vote YES for the Lee County Health Department.

Diane Septer Former Employee of Lee County Health Department

#### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Department Report

04/10/17 - 1:13 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of Avenue D. 04/10/17 - 3:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of 23rd Street. 04/10/17 - 5:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny / theft in the 1900 block of Avenue J. 04/10/17 - 8:14 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue L. 04/10/17 - 12:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny / theft in the 1800 block of Avenue A. 04/10/17 - 12:27 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in the 1900 block of Avenue L. 04/10/17 - 5:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.

04/10/17 – 7:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny / theft in

the 3100 block of Avenue M. 04/10/17 - 11:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dakota James Arnold, 24, of Fort Madison, on Alta Drive, on a warrant service from Adams County on failure to appear - possession of methamphetamine - and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed. 04/10/17 - 11:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Chad Michael Vice, 41, of Fort Madison, on Alta Drive, on a warrant service for violation of probation (attempted burglary 3rd) and a charge of interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Department Report

04/10/17 – 8:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Ann Harwood, 34, of Fort Madison, at the Sheriff's office, on warrants for driving under suspension and reckless driving. She was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed. She was later released on her own recognizance. 04/10/17 – 5:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Wayne Wolgemuth, 23, of Ottumwa, at the Sheriff's office, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Correctional Center and jailed.

It should be noted a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

#### Fort Madison Fire Department Report

04/07/17 - Fort Madison Fire Department responded to 2 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle accident, and a greenhouse fire. 04/08/17 - Fort Madison Fire Department responded to 2 medical calls, a burn permit, and 1 motorcycle accident. 04/09/17 - Fort Madison Fire Department responded to 3 medical calls. and 1 report of gas. 04/10/17 - Fort Madison Fire Department responded to 3 medical calls and 1 grease fire.

## Great River Regional Waste Authority's Earth Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event Saturday April 22nd, 2017 ~ 9:00am to 12:00pm Located in Central Park

Fort Madison Residents Only, No Businesses Please



Great River Regional Waste Authority will be accepting the following Household Hazardous Waste items during the Annual Community Clean Up Event. We encourage you to call ahead and make an appointment for the collection.

- Fertilizers, Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides
  - Oil Based Paints, Paint Thinners & Solvents
    - Household & Auto Cleaning Products
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## FMHS boys fall short at Muscatine tennis Invite

BY CHUCK **VANDENBERG** 

MUSCATINE - The Fort Madison boys tennis team lost their first match of the season Tuesday against a veteran Muscatine squad.

"We had nice competition and closely fought through most of the matches," said Head Coach Dean Hogan.

At No. 1 singles Dante Seaney fell to the Muskies' Noland Osland, 6-7, (3-7 tiebreak) and 2-6. Johnny Hernandez took the first set off Muscatine's Ben Sweere, but then dropped the second set 2-6 to force the 10-point tiebreak and

Bryce Timmons defeated Sam Avery 6-7 (4-7), 0-6. at No. 3 singles.

"Sometimes you see scores like 6-1, 6-0 and you don't see that the match was a lot closer than it appeared. Sam did a good job in that match."

The Hounds got another hard-fought loss at No. 4 when the Muskies' Trayton Fuegen downed Austin Krueger 5-7, 4-6.

The Muskies completed the singles sweep when Evan Kelly beat Tim Shinn 6-4, 6-3 and Luke Zobel downed the Hounds Blake Feuerhammer 6-0, 6-2.

In doubles action, Muscatine again came away

with the sweep, when Osland and Sweere handled Seaney and Hernandez, 6-2, 6-2 in No. 1 doubles. Avery and Krueger couldn't get the Hounds on the board at No. 2 doubles against Timmons and Fuegen, falling 3-6, 1-6, and Shinn and Feuerhammer fell to Zobel and Kelly 0-6, 2-6 to round out the varsity action.

The Hounds are off until Saturday when they travel again to Muscatine for an Invitational. In junior varsity action Tuesday, Gage Hine managed to get the only win of the day when he downed Ethan Heth 6-2. Hine also fell to Sam Wieskamp 1-6 in his second match of the day.



Elizabeth Miller takes a leap over a hurdle in the 400-meter hurdle event Tuesday.

#### Fort Madison finishes 6th at Pen **City Relays**

**RELAYS** - Continued from Page 1

400 Meter Shuttle Hurdles (Class A) - Brittney Harris, Paige Munson, Lexi Miller Elizabeth Miller 1:35.23 (6th) Shot Put (Class A) - Brittney Harris 34'2" (3rd), Elizabeth Fincher 22' 9 1/2" (13) Discus (Class A) - Brittney Harris 84'3 1/4" (10th). Elizabeth Fincher 56'7" (15th) 800 Meter Sprint Medley Relay FM - Brittney Harris, Kamryn Bailey, Brynn Schroeder, Brett Schneider 1:59.97 (3rd) 4x800 Meter Relay FM - Claire Mendez, Maddy McVey, Kamryn Bailey, Lexi Miller 11:07.89 (2nd) 100 Meter-run FM - Brittney Sanford 15.65 (14th), Nadine Scheafer 16.08 (15th) Girls 100-Meters (JV) - Camila Almedia 19.05 (16th) 1600 Meter distance medley relay (JV) - Fort Madison 5:23.06 (2nd) 1600 Meter distance medley relay - Brynn Schroeder, Maddy McVey, Claire Mendez, Sierra Howardson 4:42.25 (2nd) 400 Meters - Alaina Gilpen 1:11.97 (7th), Bella Baier 1:13.69 (10th) 4x200 Meter Relay - Brynn Schroeder, Maddy McVey, Kamryn Bailey, Claire Mendez 2:00.56 (7th) 4x200 Meter Relay (JV) - Fort Madison 2:11.25 (3rd) 100 Meter Hurdles - Elizabeth Miller 22.75 (14) 200 Meters - Kamryn Bailey 29.73 (8th), Brynn Schroeder 30.82 (12th) 800 Meters - Brett Schneider

2:20.41 (1st), Lexi Miller 3:03.37

(8th), Emily Miller 3:08.19 (9th) 200 Meters (JV) - Bella Baier 32.39 (9th) 1500 Meters - Brett Schneider 5:15.82 (5th) 400 Meter Hurdles - Elizabeth Miller 1:20.17 (5th) 1500 Meters (JV) - Anna Kester 6:28.31 (3rd) 4x100 Meter Relay - Elizabeth Miller, Alaina Gilpen, Brittney Sanford, Bella Baier 1:00.71 (7th) 4x100 Meter Relay (JV) - Fort Madison 1:08.01 (12th) 4x400 Meter Relay - Claire Mendez, Maddy McVey, Sierra Howardson Brett Schneider 4;34.98 (4th) 4x400 Meter Relay (JV) - Fort Madison 5:18.04 (2nd) Team Score - FM 58 points (6th)