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TRADES TEAM HONORED

MEDAL WINNERS: Four-some gets national silver medals at forum Sunday

Chuck Vandenberg
Pen City Current Editor

FORT MADISON - The foursome that earned national recognition for finishing runner-up at a national trades competition in Atlanta last month received some congratulations and a little hardware for their efforts.

The group, including Landes Williams, Emmett Kruse, Andrew Schaefer, and Hayden Wolfe, were honored at Elliott Test Kitchen Sunday afternoon by representatives of Fort Madison High School, the district school board, staff, parents, economic development officials, and partners in the group's efforts.

"This group program has seen multiple state championships and now they are competing at the highest level and placing second," said Fort Madison High School co-Principal Pat Lamb.

"They were the only group to complete the build, so we've got some serious things going on."

Lamb said the school has enhanced much of the Career and Technical Education programming, including welding and auto, both at high levels in the last decade.

"We're incredibly proud of the work that these people are doing for us at Fort Madison High School and we're happy to have you here today to celebrate Hayden, Landes, Emmett, and Andrew."

Trades instructor Clint Kobelt

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Emmett Kruse, a member of the Fort Madison High School Trades team, gets handed a silver medal from Trades instructor Clint Kobelt Sunday afternoon at the Elliott Test Kitchen. Kruse, and the three members of team, were honored for their 2nd place at the USA Skills national competition in Atlanta in June.

SPORTS

Hounds lose turf war in Cedar Rapids

Errors on foreign surface plague Fort Madison boys in Substate semifinal

By Chuck Vandenberg
PCC Editor

CEDAR RAPIDS - Fort Madison needs a few more games on turf fields before they come to Cedar Rapids again, at least to Mt. Mercy University, where five errors put the Bloodhounds in a big hole.

The Hounds lost 12-2 in the Class 3A Substate 5 semifinal game in Cedar Rapids at Mt. Mercy's new all-turf field.

The errors weren't the only downfall of the Hounds, but with Matt Hopper diving for grounders behind in the infield on multiple occasions, it was clear early that the playing conditions were not what Fort Madison was used to.

Head Coach Ron Walker said that's one of the downsides of playing in rural Iowa, you don't get to see those types of environments, and you typically don't play that kind of competition.

"The kids were timid on this field, even in the warm ups. You could see it. We don't have access to these types of fields and we didn't see them at all this year, so that's a part of it," Walker said.

"But I talked to the kids out here afterwards and asked what's the one thing I preach to them and they said, to play hard and commit. So why are we playing scared?"

The Hounds' Reiburn Turnbull led the offense going 2-3 with an RBI. Fort Madison only had four other hits on the night, one each from Tate Johnson, Landes Williams, Kane Williams, and Tanner Settles who just beat out a bunt in Fort Madison's 2-run second inning. Settles also had an RBI infield single in that inning.

Marion jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead when Fort Madison committed their

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

County OKs quit claim for former lowan property

Chuck Vandenberg
Pen City Current Editor

LEE COUNTY - After a lengthy and sometimes contentious debate, the Lee County Supervisors Monday approved committing \$100,000 to the Riverview Park and Marina restoration project.

The board approved the funds at Monday's regular meeting after voting down a motion from Supervisor Garry Seyb to commit \$250,000 to the project out of the county's \$6.5 million ARPA allocation.

The commitment came during the

board's public discussion part of the agenda, where about six people spoke on behalf of the county building the new public health and EMS building on property being donated to the

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Obituaries/Lee County News

OBITUARIES

KENNETH L. SOPER, SR.

Kenneth LaVern "Kenney" Soper, Sr., 75, of Keokuk, IA died Saturday, July 2, 2022 at his home.



SOPER, SR.

He was born October 12, 1946 in Kahoka, MO the son of John Norman and Hazel McDonald Soper.

On December 22, 1973 Kenney was united in marriage to Carolyn Wheatley in Kahoka, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Shawna M. Graves (Shon) of Keokuk and Dalean G. Soper of Keokuk, one son, Kenneth L. Soper, Jr. of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Kurtis L. Soper (Alicia) of Keokuk, A'Kaysion Y. Soper of Columbia, MO, KeyShawn I. White (Jaelyn) of Keokuk and Karter L. Soper of Keokuk, three great-grandchildren, Baylor Craine of Keokuk, XZayvien K. Soper of Columbia, MO and Zaelei M. White of Keokuk. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-father, Charlie Stevenson, five brothers and several nieces and nephews.

Kenney had been employed by several different manufacturers through the years including Wagner Solutions and Sheller Globe and had also worked as a truck driver.

Kenney enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing, working on trucks, tinkering around the house and watching sports on television. Above all else, Kenney loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2022 in the Meierotto shelter house at Victory Park in Keokuk.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

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

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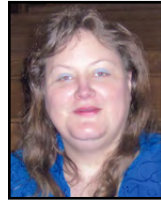
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TAMARA DENISON

Tamara Denison, 49, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 1:46 PM at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics.



DENISON

She was born on July 25, 1972 in Chambersburg, PA to James and Carolyn Woodall Denison. She was confirmed of the Lutheran faith and was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Tammy graduated from Lancaster High School in Texas; being in a military family she relocated to Colorado where she attended Front Range College. She worked at Microsemi Corporation for sixteen years. In 2007 Tammy relocated to Ft. Madison due to health-related conditions.

Tammy was a very caring, considerate and thoughtful person. She always accepted the gifts God gave her and living her life with no regrets. She was an avid Elvis fan, enjoyed social media, collecting postcards, playing bingo and Mexican Train.

Survivors include her mother, Carolyn Denison of Ft. Madison; many cousins with whom she was close to and her cat, Bright Eyes. She was preceded in death by her father and her brother, Michael.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 11 AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Rev. Christopher Roepke officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10:30 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Burial will be in Claypoole Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Our Savior Lutheran Church or Claypoole Cemetery and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Bowker to host House District 100 candidacy event

PCC Staff

DONNELLSON - Rebecca Bowker, Democratic candidate for House District 100, wants to host a golf tournament with a twist. The 4 person tournament will be held at Green Acres Golf course in Donnellson on July 22nd.

Registration begins at 11:00, but it is strongly encourage to pre-register by calling 319-835-5011.

There will be some usual auction items for those who like a good auction. So where does the twist come in?

"I wanted to make the auction at the end of the evening a little more interesting" Bowker said. "I figured let's give them something to bid on and that would be me for two hours at a time"

"Love me or hate me, either way, make me work for you". Bowker's time in two hour's increments will be auctioned. Of course the time will meet all legal, moral and ethical parameters but Bowker is open to just about anything.

"Do you want me to mow your lawn, clean your house or work at your business?" Asks Bowker "I am game. I am not afraid of hard work, after all that is what we are all about."

The auction will begin after the tournament ends, around 4pm.

Bowker is challenging incumbent Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) for the District 100 House seat in the November general election.

Lee County Health Department Back-to-School Immunization Clinic

August 9, 2022

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Appointments are strongly encouraged. Walk-ins will be taken in order of arrival so wait times may vary. Masks are required for those over the age of 2.

This Immunization Clinic is aimed at those children needing back-to-school immunizations specially those entering Kindergarten, 7th Grade & Senior Year.

For questions or to schedule an appointment please call (319)376-4767 or (319)372-5225.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/08/22 - 8:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.

07/08/22 - 3:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

07/08/22 - 10:43 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

07/08/22 - 11:30 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

07/09/22 - 12:46 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Dillan Mark Ilmberger, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of Oak Drive, on a warrant for assault. He was transferred to another facility.

07/09/22 - 12:48 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue L.

07/09/22 - 1:16 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue D.

07/09/22 - 12:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue H.

07/09/22 - 1:36 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

07/10/22 - 12:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue D.

07/10/22 - 3:04 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the

3400 block of Avenue N.
07/10/22 - 7:30 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jason Theodore Kokjohn, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

07/08/22 - 10:54 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Damien Ray Pope, 24, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a court-ordered hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/08/22 - 7:57 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joseph Pedro Farias III, 50, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/08/22 - 9:26 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jamarus Robert Tucker, 21, of Missouri, in the 2300 block of U.S. Hwy. 218 S., on charges of being a felon in control of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

07/09/22 - 2:25 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Alyssa Meagen Starr, 41, of Missouri, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for child stealing. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.

07/10/22 - 3:13 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Daphne Kay Akers, 42, of Illinois, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on 2 warrants

for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/10/22 - 8:15 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Casio Devon Gilliam, 30, of Minnesota, at mile marker 29 of Hwy. 218, on a charge of 1st degree theft greater than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff Report

07/04/2022 - WILLIAMS, DUSTIN M (38 of Canton, IL) Domestic Battery

07/05/2022 - GILBERT, JAMES B (68 of Keokuk, IA) Possession of Methamphetamine

07/06/2022 - NORVELL, HALEY N (20 of Warsaw, IL) Henderson County Warrant

07/07/2022 - HAYES, MARY K (42 of Farmington, IA) Driving While License Revoked

07/08/2022 - GUTHRIE, JAMES L (52 of Tioga, IL) Theft of Services

07/08/2022 - PITMAN, CALLEB W (24 of Warsaw, IL) Domestic Battery

07/10/2022 - BRIGGS, ASHTON N (27 of Mexico, MO) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

Those listed above are charged with a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

OBITUARIES

MYRTLE M. PEITZ

Myrtle Mary Peitz, 92, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 12:45 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2022, at the West Point Care Center, West Point, Iowa.



PEITZ

She was born on March 10, 1930, the daughter of Theodore and Pearl (Sonntag) Brinkschroeder in Fort Madison, Iowa. On August 27, 1949, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church she married Richard Edwin Peitz. He preceded her in death on December 14, 2010.

Survivors include her children: Diane (Richard) Jennings of West Point, Iowa, Cindy Kennedy of Farmington, Iowa, Susan (Rob) Gruener of West Point, Iowa, Daniel (Laura) Peitz of Decatur, Georgia, Randy (Pamela) Peitz of West Point, Iowa, Mark Peitz of Burlington, Iowa, Alan (Monica) Peitz of Perry, Iowa, David (Lori) Peitz of Republic, Missouri, Doug Peitz (Deanna Boyle) of Danville, Iowa; twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren, two on the way and seven great great grandchildren. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one granddaughter, one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, two sisters and one brother.

Myrtle graduated from Catholic Central High School in Fort Madison, Iowa. She was a homemaker, cook at American Legion and worked for Sheaffer Pen Company. She was a member of Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society, past member of Saint Anns Daughters of Isabella. Myrtle volunteered for many years at the West Point Care Center. She enjoyed embroidering her flowers and especially enjoyed her family.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. noon Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that evening. A parish rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. and a Christian wake service will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Saint Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa.

A memorial has been established for Saint Mary's Catholic Church or Calvary Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Sports/From the Front

Hounds commit five errors in 12-2 loss

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first two errors in the bottom of the first. A sacrifice bunt attempt turned ugly when Marion's Cael Hodges came all the way around to score on a couple throwing errors in the infield. Myles Davis would then double in another run for a 2-0 lead heading to the second.

Hopper would get dinged on a pitch but that would be the only base runner for the Hounds in the second.

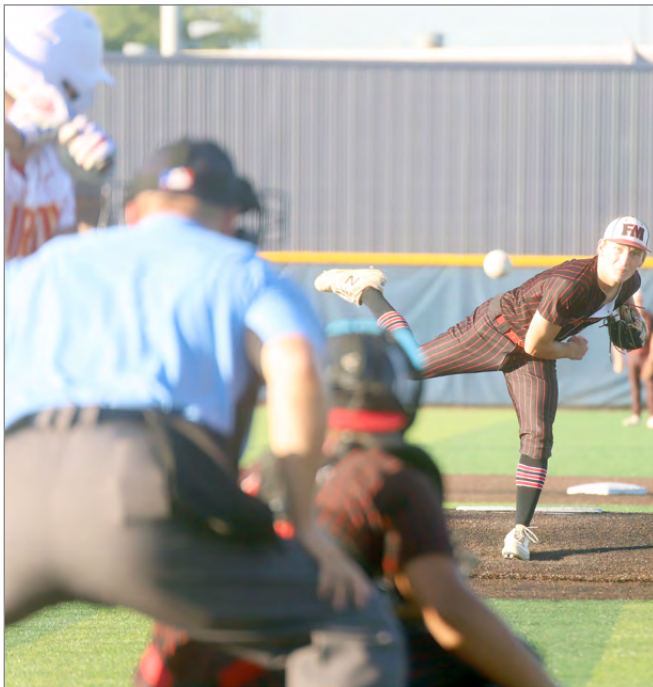
Landes Williams, who went all five innings for the Hounds, gave up a two-out single to Hodges in the bottom half, but kept the Wolves in check the rest of the inning.

Williams would hit a one-out single that started a three-hit rally for Fort Madison. Kane Williams followed with a single and Turnbull lined a grounder into center field to score Landes Williams and move Kane Williams to third.

After a strikeout for the second out, Tanner Settles beat out one of the night's slower infield grounders to short stop scoring Williams and moving Turnbull to third. Hopper would strike out swinging to end the threat with the game tied 2-2.

Marion would add three in the bottom of the third while the Hounds stranded two in the top of the fourth.

Marion broke things open in the bottom of the fourth with seven more runs, six of which came with



Senior Landes Williams delivers a pitch in the second inning. Williams went all five innings suffering the loss.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Matt Hopper dives back into first base in the first inning of the Bloodhounds' 12-2 loss to Marion in Substate 5 semifinal action at Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids Monday night.

no outs. At 12-2, the Hounds sat three down in a row to get out of the inning.

Tate Johnson singled with one out in the fifth inning and Hopper drew a walk, but a fly out and strike out ended the Hounds' season.

Walker said it will be tough to replace four seniors. He will lose Johnson, Landes Williams, Hopper, and Turnbull.

"These are four kids that are all going on to play sports at the next level. They will be tough to replace, but I think it says a lot about the programming here at Fort Madison that these kids are seeing that kind of success," he said.

Turnbull said the field was definitely different.

"This was much faster than we are used to. Tate even said when he slid at second he went flying over the bag," Turnbull said.

"I think we did okay, some of us just were a bit intimidated I think, but that first pitch coming in was a heck of a lot faster than it looked in warmups."

The line on Williams was five innings, 12 runs, eight earned on 11 hits with one strike out and three walks.

Fort Madison ends the year at 19-9 overall.

Walker said Fort Madison has to play better than .650 or .700 baseball to get a higher seed going into the post-season.

"We have to maintain a better record so we get a higher seed and can control our destiny a bit more in the future," he said.

Central Lee looking for HOF nods

DONNELSON - The Central Lee Community School District is seeking nominations for the 2022 inductees into its three Halls of Fame.

The Halls of Fame are part of the district's alumni recognition program, launched in 2020. Through the effort, Central Lee will honor nine individuals who achieved excellence in academics, athletics and the fine arts during their time in the district.

"We are thrilled to open up our nomination process to select our next round of distinguished alumni for our Halls of Fame," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. "This program has become a great way for us to highlight the people who have made Central Lee such a wonderful place to live, work and learn. We look forward to moving ahead with the nomination and induction process again this year."

The Central Lee Academic Hall of Fame recognizes top scholars and staff from the past. This year, the district will be introducing three students and/or former staff members who have excelled in academics before or after their time at Central Lee.

The Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes top athletes,

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

To apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org or request one from the Engineer office, and return your completed application, along with a resume to: Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, IA 52627, or email it to engineer@leecounty.org. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 15, 2022.

If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull, at (319) 372-2541 or email him at engineer@leecounty.org.



the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at 5:30 PM on July 19, 2022, at which time and place a hearing will be conducted concerning the sale of City property located at 1301 Avenue I, legally described as follows:

Lot Nine (9) in Outlot Ten Hundred Fifty-one (1051) in the Original Town of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or mblind@fort-madison-ia.com, no later than 4:30 PM on July 19, 2022 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES

HELP WANTED

Henry County FSA is Hiring!

The Farm Service Agency in Mt. Pleasant is looking for qualified applicants to fill the position of a Full-Time, Program Technician.

Applicants should be able to utilize various types of computer systems and programs, have exceptional organizational and customer service skills, and the ability to work independently and cooperatively in a group setting. A general knowledge of agricultural practices would also be beneficial.

To apply for the Full-Time Program Technician position, you can go online to www.usajobs.gov between June 28, 2022 and July 12, 2022. Search for Job Announcement Number FSACO-11545268-22-IA-KR or just Click Here to take you to the job announcement.

*All applications must be submitted online through the USAJOBS website.

Any questions regarding this position can be directed to:

Sheri Fraise, CED at
(319)385-2037
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LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 6, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input: County Engineer Ben Hull informed the Board that the Iowa Department of Transportation is setting Traffic Counters throughout the County. Mike Shill with Natel asked the Board if there is a chance his business could get ARPA money for Broadband. Seyb informed him that the deadline to apply for funds has passed.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Jackson's Heavy Equipment Training for training

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of Secondary Roads Employees. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an amendment to an agreement with the City of Fort Madison to allow solar panels at the lift station near the Jail. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2022-72. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SETTING SHERIFF'S FEES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff may collect fees in the performance of certain services,

and WHEREAS, an increase in certain fees that may be collected by the Sheriff is necessary to cover as much of the cost of providing these services as is reasonable, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows: The fees that may be charged by the Lee County Sheriff for the services listed below are hereby set:

Notices..... \$30.00
Notices-2nd person same household..... \$20.00
Warrants..... \$35.00
Subpoenas..... \$35.00
Court Orders..... \$30.00
Permit to Acquire Pistols or Revolvers..... \$40.00 (5-year permit)

The fees for mileage while providing these services will match the Federal Mileage Rate. Cost for mileage for delivery in the Cities of Fort Madison and Keokuk will be a \$5.00 fee per trip. Other fees that may be charged by the Lee County Sheriff shall be provided in Iowa Code Section 331.655 (2017) and as otherwise provided by law.

Approved this 6th day of June, 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve replacing a Clerk in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a letter of opposition to the proposed

CO2 Pipeline. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, May 23, 2022 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

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

Motion carried. Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a step increase for Lindsey Lofthus, Administrative Assistant, from \$19.68/hr. to \$20.22/hr., effective 5/1/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2022, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2022 and the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2022.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on an Economic Development Board meeting and ISAC Tech Team meetings. Larkin attended the same meetings. Pflug reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting and a Board of Health meeting.

At 10:50 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

Claims paid June 6, 2022

Nxt Deg Comm, svcs.. 6.50
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The Fort Madison High School national runner-up USA Skills Competition team was awarded silver medals Sunday at Elliott Test Kitchen.

FMHS team missed top spot by just 4 points

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thanked former Principal Greg Smith for his vision of the CTE program and “turning over the keys” of the trades program to him to create industry-ready students.

“What you have in front of you today is the culmination of more than a decade of work,” Kobelt said.

He said Fort Madison has been working the state circuit, winning around the state, and then got on an airplane and took the mass transit system in Atlanta.

He said the four students were in awe of the bigger city environment and taking in all the sites and sounds, until they got to the venue where the event was happening.

“Then these four flipped a switch,” he said. “I’ve had some pretty good teams in the past nine years, but these four did some things, that - I told them not to. Their level of confidence in themselves and in each other was incredible.”

He said the group was within 5% of the original schedule they set and presented to judges, on a plan that they only had seen 12 hours before and nothing on that scale of competition.

“They executed almost flawlessly. And when I say that, that means they were four points away from being national champions,” Kobelt said.

“What happened there was absolutely those guys. I had to stand there at a distance for four days. These four guys never came up for air, no infighting, just an execution of a plan. Now they are the second best team in the nation. Four wide-eyed corncoobs went to Atlanta and just did what they do.”

Nominations for Central Lee HOF due by Aug. 26

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teams and coaches from the past. This year, the district will induct three athletes, teams or coaches who achieved greatness in athletics.

The Fine Arts Hall of Fame recognizes students, directors and others who have excelled in band, choir, art and other areas of the fine arts. Central Lee will introduce three inductees who have achieved greatness in the fine arts.

Committees have been established to help with the

selection of inductees. For someone to qualify for a nomination, they must have graduated from Central Lee or have been a staff member. They also must be at least five years removed from the district. The committee will continue to consider individuals nominated in years’ past as potential inductees for 2022 and future years.

Nominations are due by Friday, August 26. To submit a nomination, visit <https://bit.ly/CLHOFNomination>.

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From the Front

Meller donation will now house new LCHD/EMS building

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county by Glen Meller and his family to be used for the construction of the health department and other public purposes.

The board also approved accepting a quit claim deed on the former Iowan property from the Meller family on a 5-0 vote.

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said the property was worth half a million dollars to the county.

Dr. Phil Caropreso, a Lee County Health Dept. board member, said a new facility is dire for the county emergency needs because the current facilities aren't sufficient for the jobs being performed.

"This is a suboptimal environment that challenges the performance of the Health Department and this needs to be addressed," said Dr. Caropreso.

LCHD Board chair Judy Bartachek encouraged the board to use all remaining ARPA funds and any other funding available to get the construction done. She said the \$7,500 the county is currently spending each month on a lease for the space at the John Bennett Center at the former Iowa State Penitentiary, could be used to pay for a new structure.

The discussion then quickly turned from support of the new health department/EMS structure to funding for the city's park and marina restoration project.

Mohrfeld said restoration advocates are not pitting funding for the restoration project against funding for the Health Department, but showing the value of both projects to the county.

"I want to see a health department and I want to see it out there. I want to see an EMS facility there, and I'd like to even see a bigger picture where one day that

would even encompass a community child care center, maybe other things. That needs to be said," he said.

Mohrfeld said Greg Shottenkirk, of Shottenkirk Automotive, has agreed to match dollar-for-dollar any contribution from the county. That money would be used in combination with other new dollars raised to leverage a Destination Iowa grant from the state of Iowa.

The Destination Iowa grant program is a \$100 million investment of state ARPA funds to shovel-ready projects in the state through a competitive application process. The restoration project would apply for up to a 40% match of new funding that isn't already allocated to other grant programs. Mohrfeld was hoping that figure would include \$250,000 from the county and Shottenkirk's matching \$250,000. That \$500,000 would be added to \$350,000 that has already been privately raise, and an additional \$350,000.

Mohrfeld also mentioned another \$350,000 that he said could come to fruition through "convergence" that could be added to the grant funds for a total of \$2 million.

"Right now there is in motion through convergence another \$350,000 by the time the grant is hopefully successful that it will be matched out. That could parlay into \$2 million. Anytime we can parlay our money that's a good thing."

Seyb said the board has already signed a resolution to commit up to \$5.4 million on the health department and EMS bay so that's happening.

The county roughly has \$3.7 million in ARPA funds remaining and is working with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission on an Iowa Community Development Block Grant for \$570,000 giving them a total of \$4.27 million. Preliminary estimates on the work have set the cost of the Health Department/EMS building at between \$5 million and \$5.4 million. That means the county would have to find up to an additional \$1.3 million to finish the project as proposed.

"Bottom line is, we're going to have to bond for something. We know that, we just hope the public will respond in a positive way," said Matt Pflug, chairman of the supervisors' board.

Tim Fencl, CEO of Danville Mutual Telephone, said the company is looking at a partnership with ambulatory services in Donnellson to provide fiber optic services. He said EMS director Dennis Cosby said it would be an asset to have the secondary Internet connection for the ambulance service.

After Seyb made his motion to approve the \$250,000 from the ARPA funds, he amended the motion to stretch the payment over the next four years. That amendment was voted down with Pflug, Ron Fedler, and Charles Holmes voting against the issue. Seyb and Rick Larkin voted in favor of the ARPA spend.

Fedler then made a motion to commit \$100,000 over five years to the city's restoration project, which was approved 5-0.

Seyb then moved to add \$150,000 from ARPA funds to the general fund commitment to give the restoration project the quarter million it had requested. That motion also failed 3-2 along the same lines.

Lee County Economic Development Group Board President Michael Mohrfeld said the county's population is in decline and data points to quality of life issues.

"Since 1960, Lee County has seen a 26% decline in population and from 2010 to 2020, we witnessed another 6%. That means that percentage of decline is climbing. When you look at the age of our population, we're probably not on the right track," he said.

He said there are good quality jobs available in the county and housing has seen initiatives to provide sustained housing, so the main issue is quality of life.

"People are leaving Lee County for better quality of life attractions. It's plain and simple. In the same time we've lost 6% of population, the state of Iowa increased 5%. So they didn't leave Iowa, they left for bigger communities with more attractions," Mohrfeld said.

"Attraction is the biggest loss leader in Lee County and we've got to get in front of this."

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Central Lee Sports Boosters

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