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## County eyes Keokuk property



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

This property, located in the 3400 block of Main Street in Keokuk, could become the new home of the Lee County EMS Ambulance bay in Keokuk.

### TABLED: County delays purchase of property pending inspection of property

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County EMS Director Dennis Cosby said overtime at the county-owned ambulance is running higher this week due to extra staffing needs with Keokuk no longer having an Emergency Room in the city.

At Monday's regular meeting, Cosby updated supervisors on how things were progressing with emergency calls in the city.

"It was better than I expected. We did have a few holes in the schedule here and there for a few hours, but it actually went fairly well," he said.

"We are paying more overtime because we don't have other folks hired yet."

He said the county has received a large array of applications after offering to pay for training.

"We'll start shuffling through those this week and start setting up interviews."

The county has also narrowed its search for a facility to property owned by Eric Freitag in Keokuk. The property sits on about .7 acres between the Honda Motorsports dealership and Two Rivers Veterinary clinic.

Freitag is asking for \$200,000 for the property and then the

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## ART CENTER

### FMAAA starts classes for public, residents at The Madison

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE  
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - The Art Center is switching from pencil work in September to painting in October. Oil and Water opens on Friday, October 7th with an Opening

Reception from 5pm to 7pm. This lovely exhibit features work by two sisters-in-law, Carol Swetye Janosik of Fort Madison, Iowa and Christine White Swetye of Selem, Ohio, who share a love of art and color which plays out in their watercolors and oil paintings.

They say of their art practice: "While our

personalities, media, and styles are different they also complement one another. We encourage each other to grow and to learn and to express and develop our own unique style. We are sisters in art."

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## CORONAVIRUS

### Covid numbers on the rise in and around county

Lee County in substantial risk zone, while four others are in high risk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Health Director Michele Ross encouraged residents again Monday to be vigilant with efforts to inhibit the spread of the coronavirus.

According to the Iowa COVID-19 tracker, the county is once again in "substantial" risk of spread.

Ross said the county had 34 new reported positive cases in the past seven days.

"There has been increased activity across the county with positive cases and self reporting of home tests," Ross said. "So I'm just putting a plug out there to be careful and, if you're at high risk situations, consider using those mitigation strategies we've promoted since the beginning of this to protect yourself and others that you may care for."

The four counties surrounding Lee County, including Jefferson, Van Buren, Henry, and Des Moines are all experiencing "High" risk of spread currently, according to state reporting.

Current death totals for the week of Oct. 1 were 57, which is the third highest total of 2022 since the week of April 1.

Ross said those that are wanting boosters can attend clinics being held this week. They are also offering children vaccinations during the normal regular children vaccination clinics.

LCHD's flu clinics will be held throughout the month of October.

I encourage you to get your flu shots and we are looking for possible activity this year, so it's important to get that preventative dose now," she said.

For the remainder of 2022, Lee County Health Department will be

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## WEATHER

TUE 04 Oct..... Mostly sunny and warm, 74° F/ 51° F  
WED 05 Oct..... Partly sunny and warm, 76° F/ 53° F  
THU 06 Oct..... Mostly sunny and cool, 69° F/ 37° F

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# Obituaries/Opinion

## OBITUARIES

### DOROTHY A. STUCKWISCH

Dorothy Agnes Stuckwisch, 91, of Warsaw, IL, passed away at Montrose Health Center on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

Dorothy was born on March 6, 1931, to Paul William Ellison and Agnes Elizabeth Kirchner on their farm in St. Patrick, MO. She graduated from St. Patrick High School and went to work at Sheller Globe in Keokuk. She remained there for 43 years.

On November 18, 1950, she married Warren Albert Stuckwisch in St. Patrick Church in St. Patrick, MO. He preceded her in death on January 7, 2007.

She is also preceded in death by one sister, Kathryn Ladene McAndrew and three brothers, John Joseph, Paul William, Jr. and George Earl Ellison. Surviving are one sister, Rita Kirchner and one brother, Bobby Gene Ellison.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda (Al) Kirtley of Loveland, Ohio, and Kathy (Robert) Crane of Fort Madison; one son, Joe (Sharon) Stuckwisch of Pittsburgh, Kan.; 7 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She loved spending time with the extended family on fishing trips, vacations and hosting the annual Thanksgiving dinner in her home.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw for over 70 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 am on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw, with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 to 11 am at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw.

Memorials may be directed to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Warsaw, Illinois, or the Shrine of St. Patrick in St. Patrick, Missouri.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com).

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw, Illinois, is in charge of arrangements.



STUCKWISCH

## OBITUARIES

### JACOB B. FETT

Jacob Bruce Fett, 43, of Hillsboro, Iowa, passed away Saturday, October 1, 2022, at his home. He was born March 1, 1979, in Keosauqua, Iowa, the son of Jimmy Ray and Janet (Haynes) Fett.



FETT

Jacob was a 1997 graduate of Harmony High School. He was employed as a Leadman at Dexter Laundry for 20 years where he enjoyed working and playing practical jokes on friends. He married Jacque Rae McDowell in February of 2002.

As a youth, he played baseball and collected ball cards. Classmates remember his shy nature, sharp mind, mad math and science skills, his love of hacky sack and ping pong tournaments in his basement. He was their homecoming king. As an adult, he collected blu-ray movies, vinyl records, and CDs. He enjoyed shooting pool, listening to music and having a good time with friends. He was an avid bargain shopper and loved a good deal.

He loved being outdoors, sometimes even falling asleep in front of a bonfire under the stars. He was a skywatcher and bought his children a telescope for Christmas so they could enjoy this activity together. He loved to ride his motorcycle and take his daughter on rides. He enjoyed spending time shooting guns with his son and throwing boomerangs. In his later years, he could often be found wrenching under the hood of a car.

Survivors include his mother: Janet Fett; brother: Jeremy Fett; sister: JennaLee (Jesse) Short, all of Bonaparte, Iowa; daughter: Jacey Fett; son: Jackson Fett, both of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; and nieces: Jaegan and Jaylee Short of Bonaparte, Iowa. Also surviving are uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Jim; brother: Benji Fett; sister-in-law: Oralia Fett; grandparents: Carole Jean and John Haynes and cousins: Zachary and Jonathan Batten.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington. A memorial service will follow at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Chad Welch officiating. Casual dress please.

Burial of cremains will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory and mailed to: JennaLee Short, P.O. Box 244, Bonaparte, Iowa, 52620.

"Catch you on the flip side." - Jacob

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Bowker best choice for HD 100

Remember this name in November... Rebecca Bowker for Iowa House 100. I have had the honor of knowing Rebecca since she moved to Fort Madison many years ago. I have had the honor of coaching one of her sons in baseball. Over the years the one thing has always stayed true, she had always been a hard worker and a great role model for her sons and those around her. She knows what it's like to struggle being a single parent. She understands the hardships that many in southeast Iowa are going through this very minute. Because at one time she herself was in that same position. Through hard work and perseverance, she has shown that hard work does pay off. Rebecca will carry that same work ethic to Des Moines if elected. She will work hard for every citizen in the House District 100. She has shown on the Fort Madison City Council that she listens to her constituents, and she backs what she says. She has helped Fort Madison grow and I am 100% sure that she will work hard for Southeast Iowa and help it grow. Vote Rebecca Bowker for Iowa House District 100, because when it comes right down to it, she cares about this corner of the state we all call home.

Todd Eaves  
Fort Madison

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# For the Record/From the Front

## For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
 09/30/22 - 7:52 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Amber Rae Grooms, 38, of Wever, at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O, on a warrant for 5th degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 09/30/22 - 8:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue D.  
 09/30/22 - 10:56 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Debra Colleen Smithhart, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 31st Street, on 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance, and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and child endangerment. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 10/01/22 - 9:17 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue E.  
 10/01/22 - 9:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1800 block of Avenue H.  
 10/01/22 - 12:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of 23rd Street.  
 10/01/22 - 8:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 700 block of Avenue G.  
 10/01/22 - 9:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism at the intersection of 36th Street and Avenue O.

Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Carol Anne Mahoney, 76, of Fort Madison, was traveling east on Hwy. 103 when it slowed to make a right turn onto 290th Avenue when it was struck by a vehicle driven by Stacy Lumbeck, 33, of Fort Madison. No injuries were reported, but both drivers complained of minor pain. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Lumbeck was cited for failure to maintain control.  
 09/30/22 - 10:18 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jasen Scott Tripp, 46, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 09/30/22 - 1:06 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies cited Rhonda Lynn Helenthal, 56, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. She was released on a promise to appear.  
 09/30/22 - 5:22 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Crystal Ann Horn, 25, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold warrant. She was later released on serve weekends.  
 10/01/22 - 3:41 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Robert Charles Austen, 52, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for contempt - disobey tribunal court. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on bond.  
 10/01/22 - 10:27 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Anna Marie Tripp, 19, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of 270th Street, on a charge of simple assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.  
 10/02/22 - 1:42 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested

Carlin Joe James, 29, of Fort Madison, on Avenue L, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.  
 10/02/22 - 4:58 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kimberly Ann Lyons, 44, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released after paying a fine.  
 10/02/22 - 2:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Terra Dawn McPheter, 38, of Ottumwa, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 10/02/22 - 7:56 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Brent Ian Kelly, 25, of Fort Madison, on Avenue G, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.  
 10/02/22 - 9:47 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cassie Elizabeth Lee Matlock, 24, of Fort Madison, on Avenue F, on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

09/23/2022 - PITMAN, CLAEB W (24 of Warsaw, IL) Domestic Battery)  
 09/23/2022 - ANDERSON, RACHEL I (52 of Colchester, IL) Animals at Large  
 09/24/2022 - YELTON, MELISSA S (42 of Casseville, MO) Hancock County Warrant, Driving While License Suspended  
 09/24/2022 - MITCHELL, AMBER R (39 of Pontoosuc, IL) Driving While License Suspended  
 09/26/2022 - HURLEY, MEGAN A (42 of Warsaw, IL) Driving While License Suspended  
 09/26/2022 - SCHNEIDER, AUSTIN M (19 of Mendon, IL) Hancock County Warrant  
 09/26/2022 - ZIMMERMAN, TONY L (61 of Fort Madison, IA) DUI-Alcohol  
 09/27/2022 - GILPIN, MARCUS D (39 of Hamilton, IL) Hancock County Warrant  
 09/27/2022 - NELSON, LARRY C (48 of Warsaw, IL) Sentenced to IDOC  
 09/29/2022 - WILLIAMS, TRACI L (53 of Nauvoo, IL) Operate Uninsured Vehicle, Suspended Registration  
*Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue**

09/30/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls.  
 10/01/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and a porch fire.  
 10/02/22 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one burn complaint.

**Hancock County Sheriff Report**

09/23/2022 - JACKSON, DANIEL S (47 of Niota, IL) Possession of Methamphetamine, Fleeing/Eluding a Peace Officer  
 09/23/2022 - HAYES, ROBERT (53 of Elvaston, IL) Reckless Driving

# LCHD has full slate of vaccination clinics planned

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adjusting their COVID-19 vaccine clinic days and times. The Moderna and Pfizer primary doses and bivalent booster doses will be available on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at LCHD office (#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison), no appointment is necessary. The LCHD Childhood Immunization Clinics take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, and the Pfizer vaccine for 6 months-old - 11 years-old will be available by appointment.

For those interested in the Moderna and Pfizer Bivalent Booster, the qualifications are: completed primary series (1st and 2nd dose of Moderna or Pfizer OR 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson); at least two months since last COVID vaccine (primary or booster dose); must be at least 12 years or older, minors must have a parent/guardian present.

LCHD will no longer have the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine available.

All vaccine consent forms and vaccine information sheets can be found on the LCHD website ([www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org)).



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## Iowa News/From the Front

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness month

Before you finish reading this, 20 people in the United States will be abused by an intimate partner. That is how prevalent domestic violence is in our country. It's an epidemic, and it's happening here in Iowa.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. My office is using this time to make Iowans aware of the pervasiveness of domestic violence, and resources available to help survivors. You might think this is an issue that mainly affects women, but you would be wrong. Approximately 1/3 of Iowans reported experiencing domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking from their partner. That's 35% of women and 29% of men in our state.

Domestic violence is about power. It goes beyond physical violence and includes any behavior done for the purpose of gaining control over a spouse, partner, or family member. This issue affects individuals in every community, regardless of

age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

By raising awareness about the problem, we can support victims and survivors while holding abusers accountable. My office works with organizations across the state to promote resources that are available. One of those is our Safe at Home program.

During the 2015 session of the Iowa Legislature, lawmakers from both chambers unanimously passed the Safe at Home Act. Spearheaded by Rep. Dean Fisher, they created an address confidentiality program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, trafficking, and stalking. The program shields participants' physical address and provides a legal substitute address for use on public and personal documents. Safe at Home adds an important layer of protection for survivors, making it much harder for their abusers to locate them. It also helps participants lead an active life

within their community.

Representative Fisher had a constituent who was a young mother that was suffering from domestic abuse. She was forced to flee Iowa, leave family behind to escape her attacker, and go to a state that had an address confidentiality program. That prompted Rep. Fisher to take the lead in the Iowa Legislature to create a program here, and I was proud to work with him on its implementation.

Since its launch in 2016, Safe Someone you know has been a victim of domestic violence. By raising awareness, you can help victims become survivors. On Thursday, October 20, wear purple and participate in Purple Thursday, a national day of action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's an easy way to let survivors know you support them while promoting the cause. Join me, my staff, and Iowans across the state in this movement. Let's be a voice for victims.

Paul Pate  
Iowa Secretary of State

### County may try to fund EMS upgrades out of general fund

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county is looking at possibly \$100,000 to \$150,000 in renovations and improvements to be able to house the two ambulances.

Supervisor Chuck Holmes asked if Freitag would consider buying the property on contract so the county could pay for it out of the general fund.

Supervisor Chairman Matt Pflug asked Budget Director Cindy Renstrom if the general fund could handle the purchase. Renstrom said things would get tight if that's how the county moved forward.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said Freitag was being very flexible with the county to be able to get in and make renovations.

"For me, the Freitag property is the one that will work the best. It's cost effective and the location is good," Seyb said.

He did express concern about the left turn out onto the highway, but said it had great access to all points of Keokuk.

Seyb said he looked at several properties. Cosby said that facility also seems to be the best fit for the service.

Lee County grant writer Chuck Vandenberg said recent conversations with USDA Rural development specialists indicated there could be a possibility of some reimbursements on the building as well as the rapid-response vehicle that was approved at last week's meeting.

"We had a very good conversation with the specialists there and we are eligible for some funding if we can turn it all back to the pandemic," he said.

Keokuk's low-middle income levels would qualify for up to a 55% reimbursement, however the rest of Lee County only qualifies for 35% reimbursement based on those income levels.

Vandenberg said the county could make the case that the Keokuk facility is geared toward supporting that service area's emergency needs, however it would still be part of the county service.

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Lee County EMS is now accepting applications for full-time EMT Trainees. We are a county owned and operated ambulance service providing emergency medical services to Lee County, Iowa as well as critical care transport services. Our primary full-time schedule is based on two 24-hour shifts per week rotation with five days off in a row every third week! Starting EMT wage, \$48,580 per year based on a 48-hour full-time work week. 2% wage increases annually for three years. 20 cents per hour increase for every year of EMS experience after your first year. Benefit package includes paid Vacation, Personal days, Sick and Family Sick days! Health insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield (80/20 plan), chiropractic, prescription plan, annual wellness, vision, dental, life, protection class IPERS, optional 401K, Aflac, Lee County Credit Union. Annual uniform allowance provided. In house continuing education provided.

EMT Trainee Qualifications:

- High School Diploma (GED or High School Equivalence Certificate)
- Valid Driver's License/insurable

Applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S. Veterans will be given preference but all candidates will be considered. Applications and job descriptions may be found online at [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) and may be also obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison Iowa. You may also email [jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org](mailto:jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org) for an application or more information. Applications accepted through October 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Complete background check, drug screening and post-offer physical required. Lee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please email completed applications to:  
Dennis Cosby, EMS Director  
[dcosby@leecounty.org](mailto:dcosby@leecounty.org)  
Jason Dinwiddie,  
Director of Operations  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE TENTATIVE AGENDA FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022**  
**Time: 5:30 P.M.**  
**Place: City Council Chambers, City Hall**

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ROLL CALL  
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Friends of the Library Week  
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CONSENT AGENDA  
1. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the consent agenda:  
• Minutes of September 20, 2022;  
• Liquor License Renewal: Quicker Liquor, 1414 – 48th Street, effective November 1, 2022 – Class E Liquor, Class B Wine, Class C Beer with Sunday Sales;  
• Liquor License Renewal: Corks 'n' Barrels, 622 – 7th Street, effective November 1, 2022 – Class C Liquor with Sunday Sales;  
• Claims dated September 29, 2022, and  
• Payroll of September 23, 2022.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS  
2. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve the first reading of an ordinance vacating city right-of-way located between Avenue B and 117-16th Street.  
(SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2022-56)  
3. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on Change Orders #6 and #7 for Public Improvement Project 2019-05, Amtrak Station Platform Improvements. (SEE COUNCIL REPORT NO. 2022-57)

4. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to adopt a resolution approving the Mayor's signature on a Two-Year Exclusive Option to Purchase with Barker Financial for 732 Avenue (James Block Building).  
OTHER  
5. (Blank) moved and (blank) SECONDED to approve a commitment of \$75,000 in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, and \$90,000 in the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, for financial support of the proposed Fort Madison Tourism Bureau.  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND CITY MANAGER'S FINANCIAL REPORT  
OPEN DISCUSSION/FUTURE MEETING ITEMS/COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS  
MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS  
ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING  
The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting August 16, 2022 Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Hwy 61 Montrose, IA 52639**

1. Called to Order at 4:00 p.m.  
Roll Call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore x Patrick x VanPelt x Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Risser, Davis, Pawling, Jacobs Supervisor: Holmes  
2. Approve Agenda  
Motion by VanPelt to approve the agenda  
2nd: Patrick  
Motion Carried  
3. Approval of Minutes from July, 12, 2022  
Motion by VanPelt to approve the July 12 minutes  
2nd: Moore  
Motion earned  
4. Public Input  
Ron Mace brought up the topic of the county putting together a Climate Action Plan. He stated that other counties, such as, Dubuque, Story, and Linn Counties, have started their own.  
Huebner responded that she had received Mace's email on this, but believed this plan to be bigger than just Lee County Conservation.

She believes it require a task force with industry leaders and others involved.  
Alton thanked Mace for his input and stated that the Board would take this idea into consideration.  
5. Approval of the Bills  
VanPelt asked what a hydrobike was. Moore responded it is like a stationary bike on pontoons for the water.  
Moore questioned whether it would be more cost effective to get a larger generator or gas powered air compressor instead of having to rent one. Pawling responded that they would need it very infrequently.  
Alton asked if the board for benches were for Denning. Huebner responded that they were for fixing benches at Denning.  
Motion by Patrick to approve the bills  
2nd: VanPelt  
Motion Carried  
6. Approval of the Financial Report  
VanPelt asked about the Equipment Fund. Veihl responded that only funds made from renting out LCC equipment went into this account for any necessary repairs on this equipment.  
Motion by VanPelt to approve the financial report  
2nd: Moore  
Motion Carried  
7. Take Possible Action to Approve Purchase of Playground for Chatfield  
Huebner stated that Commercial Recreation Specialists had a discount of 50% off playground equipment August through October. She presented the Board with their quote of \$64,250 for playground equipment, mulch, and boarders for the Chatfield playground. She also presented quotes from Outdoor Recreation Products ranging from \$94,000 to

\$140,000, which included playground equipment, mulch, boarders, and installation oversight.  
Alton asked whether the staff was able to do install alone. Pawling responded that the Pollmiller playground was 90% installed by staff alone.  
He was confident the staff could handle the project. Alton had concern about the lack of play options on the \$64,250 playground. The rest of the board and staff agreed that the playground had plenty of great components and would do well in Chatfield Park.  
Motion by Patrick to approve the purchase of the \$64,250 playground from Commercial Recreation Specialists  
2nd: Moore  
Motion Carried  
8. Update on Projects  
Huebner gave an update on current projects, including putting in the parking lot and sign at the Clark property, continuing island meetings with the Army Corp of Engineers on the FID study, and waiting to hear on the Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Pollmiller Trail.  
9. Staff and Director Reports  
Huebner reported that interpretive signs were about to be ordered for Heron Bend Conservation Area, gave a list of the many upcoming events, and talked about being a part of the Tourism Taskforce with other county leaders.  
Oldfield reported 701 camping nights, 45 cabin nights, and 2,015 beach entries during July. He also stated that the beach would only be open Saturday-Sunday through Labor Day as the last day.  
Risser gave the education report highlighting having a booth at Kids Day at the Lee Coun-

ty Fair and at a Back to School Fest for Van Buren County. She has also been working on the ambassador animals' habitat updates.  
Jacobs reported the seasonal workers had ended their terms and were a huge help throughout the summer.  
10. Board Member Comments  
Alton stated she went to view the sunflower field at North Heron Bend and Denning.  
VanPelt stated she enjoyed the Christmas in July Event and would like to see something similar at the other campgrounds. Patrick responded that parking was an issue for this at the other campgrounds. Huebner responded that after the campground expansion at Wilson Lake this would be a great idea.  
Patrick stated he was impressed with the campground maintenance since staff took it over this year. He also stated Wilson Lake had a large group of motorcyclists that had camped that past weekend, which was a tourism boost for the county.  
Moore had a questions about the placement of some of the fire rings at campsites.  
11. Adjournment  
Motion by VanPelt to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m.  
2nd: Moore  
Motion Carried  
Tom Pollpeter  
LCCB President  
Caroline Veihl  
LCCB Secretary

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### Montrose, IA 52639

Called to Order at 8:00 a.m.  
 Roll Call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore x Patrick x VanPelt x  
 Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Risser, Davis, Pawling, Jacobs, Steele  
 1. Board met in workshop to tour all of LCCB's properties in preparation

for strategic planning  
 \*This was a mobile meeting with the Lee County Conservation Center as the starting point  
 Tom Pollpeter  
 LCCB President  
 Caroline Veihl  
 LCCB Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**

**Board of Supervisors Agenda**  
**DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2022**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME: 11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. (CDT)**  
**LOCATION: 933 Avenue H Fort Madison, IA**

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 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input

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## From the Front

# FMAAA to provide creative time with Madison residents

### ART CENTER - Continued from Page 1

Living in different states they spoke by phone often, but didn't notice they had a mutual love of color and art until 2012 when they took a class offered by Pat Wynn, an oil painter and instructor in Fort Madison. Thoroughly enjoying it, they repeated the experience in 2019. "We had so much fun that week that we swore to do it every chance we got. We became brave and tried new things ... We learned to laugh at our disasters and urged each other to try something outside our comfort zones." It was a watercolor plein air class in Tubac, Arizona that cemented their painting relationship and pushed them to grow as artists. They have painted together in variety of states and locales saying of the experiences, "We always look forward to the next time we're together and can paint and sketch."

Lunch ala Art the Art Center's monthly artist gallery talk, and FINALE the free musical concert series will both be held on Friday, October 28th in connection with this exhibition. Remember to get your reservations in by October 26th for the luncheon artist talk to be held at noon on FINALE is 7pm to 9pm featuring singer/songwriter Tommy Caruso with open mic during the intermission. Poets, musicians, and other performance artists are encouraged to come and take advantage of the open mic time.

This exhibition will be on display from Oct 7 - Oct 30 in the Main Gallery. We thank month's sponsor DuPont for their generous financial support of this exhibition.

#### Classes and Creative Time at the Art Center

We hope to see you at the Art Center this month! Besides our monthly Main Gallery exhibition, there are several classes available. Please call 319-372-3996 to register in advance for all classes so we can have enough supplies on hand.

For adults: Raku Pottery, Paper Quilling, Silk Scarf Dyeing, and Watercolors fine arts instruction available at the Art Center this month.

Thursday, Oct 13 5:30pm-8:30pm Raku Pottery \$45

Wednesday, Oct 19 6:30pm-8:30pm Paper Quilling \$10

Saturday, Oct 22 1pm-3pm Silk Scarf Dyeing \$25

Wednesday, Oct 26 5:30pm-8:30pm \$45

For Kids check out our Saturday Spooktacular to be held Saturday, October 29th from 10:30am until noon with creative time, stories, snacks and face painting. PLEASE NOTE: Younger children must have already attended Kindergarten or be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Keep track of the variety of classes available on our website [fortmadisonart.com](http://fortmadisonart.com) or by following us on Facebook.

The Art Center partners up with The Madison to provide creative time for Residents

FMAAA Art Center

## Saturday Spooktacular

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The Art Center is going to provide creative time at The Madison each month for Residents that would like to participate. Conversations first began last year between Brian Wright, a Madison employee at the time, and FMAAA Art Center Director, Lori Illner Greene to come up with some programming options for Residents and Community members alike to enjoy. A December guided painting class at the Newberry Center was well attended. This summer, conversations resumed, now driven by Shelly Gregory of The Madison. Gregory reached out to see if she could arrange regular visits from Art Center instructors to provide creative opportunities at the Madison facility. Illner Greene went to the Madison in July to give an artist talk about her then currently installed art exhibition, Fragility and Impermanence. She met with Gregory after the talk to review some of the possible ideas local artist, Diane Jennings of Burlington, initially proposed for potential programming. They have since agreed on ideas to take them through the next few months, and will continue to evaluate the program for what can be improved in the new year.

In addition to working with The Madison, Illner Greene notes that Residents from the Kensington and Sunnybrook both recently visited the Art Center. A few weeks ago, a group from the Kensington glazed ceramics. After, staff took supplies back to Kensington to do glazing with those who couldn't make it for the outing. The pieces will be returned when they are done and the Art Center will include them with the others to be fired. A small group from Sunnybrook visited the Art Center earlier this summer for an outing.

If you would like to arrange a visit for your group, or set up at time for glazing ceramics or some other creative activity, please reach out to Lori Illner Greene at [fortmadisonart@gmail.com](mailto:fortmadisonart@gmail.com) or by calling the Art Center at the number noted above.

## Check Out the CANDIDATES



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**Thursday, October 6**

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## River City Baggers

Noon (Main Street) Bags Tournament

## Bingo

1 pm - 3 pm (Community Room)

## Choppers Axe Throwing

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## Food Trucks

3 pm - Bun Buster & Low n Slow

## Lee Henry Road Band

3 pm - 6 pm (Stumble Inn)

## Hawkeye Tailgate Party & Trivia

4 pm (Stumble Inn)

## Family Activities in the Park

### Bounce House

10 am - 4pm (\$3)

### Sand Art

10 am (\$3)

### Pick a Pumpkin

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