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Search starts for new EMS director

AMBULANCE: Dinwiddie takes over on interim basis

LEE COUNTY - Current Lee County Ambulance Director of Operations, and current Lee County Emergency Management Coordinator Jason Dinwiddie was installed as the new Director of the ambulance service by Lee County Supervisors today in a special meeting.

Dinwiddie will take over the position on a temporary basis until a full-time replacement is found.

County officials have begun advertising the position and are accepting applications until Nov. 4.

Dinwiddie replaces Dennis Cosby who resigned unexpectedly Monday afternoon with no notice to supervisors.

Supervisors voted unanimously to officially accept Cosby's resignation at Tuesday's meeting.

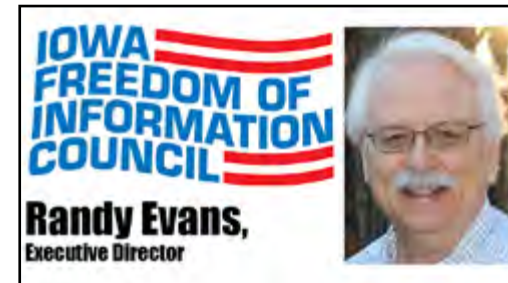
Cosby was installed as the Director in July of 2021 when the county purchased the ambulance service from the Young family after financial woes incumbered the private service.

The county was subsidizing the service at close to one million dollars in 2020 before deciding to purchase the service and run it publicly.

Staffing woes pinched operations early in the county's

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OPINION



GOP silent on farm loan forgiveness

I try to stay atop the day's news. But I must have dozed off last week — because I missed the response from Iowa Republican leaders to the Biden administration's announcement of \$1.3 billion in debt relief to 36,000 farmers who have fallen behind on their farm loan payments.

In making the announcement, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, "Through no fault of their own, our nation's farmers and ranchers have faced incredibly tough circumstances over the last few years. The funding included in today's announcement helps keep our farmers farming and provides a fresh start for producers in challenging positions."

I am not here to question the wisdom of the federal assistance. But the silence from Gov. Kim Reynolds and U.S. senators Charles Grassley and Joni Ernst is markedly different from their criticism after President Biden announced in August that the government would forgive up to \$10,000 in federal student loans for most borrowers.

If you have forgotten, here's how Iowa's Republican leaders reacted to the student loan announcement:

Reynolds explained it this way: "Biden didn't cancel student loan debt. He sent the bill to you." She also tweeted, "The expensive, unlawful Biden mass debt cancellation plan is an insult to working people and must be stopped."

Grassley said that by forgiving student loans, Biden "continues to pour gasoline on the fires of inflation."

And Ernst said bluntly: "President Biden is rewarding the wealthy and penalizing working families."

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The home stretch on the Fort Madison Avenue H rehabilitation project is underway with 6th through 18th Streets done, with the exception of the stretch from 12th to 15th, and much of the concrete has been put down on that stretch, as well.

ARTS ASSOCIATION

FMAAA gears up for November classes, Lunch Ala Art

BY LORI ILLNER GREENE
FMAAA DIRECTOR

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Arts Association is in the final days of the exhibition of Oil and Water, work by Carol Janosik and Chris Swetye. Stop in to see this excellent body of work in the Main Gallery of the Art Center located at 825 Ave G in Fort Madison.

These two artists have produced a collection of figurative, landscape, and floral works each in their own medium of oil painting or watercolor. Their work exemplifies their own styles yet pushes into shared sensibilities.

Contact the Art Center at 319-372-3996 to reserve your spot for Lunch ala Art, a lunch and artist talk, scheduled for this

Friday, Oct 28th beginning at noon to visit with the artists themselves as they describe their dual and intersecting practices along with their common love of color.

The luncheon costs \$9 and features a tasty spread by Harvestville Farm. Or join us later that evening for FINALE as we

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For the Record/From the Front

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/21/22 - 1:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue E.

10/22/22 - 9:26 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

10/22/22 - 2:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue H.

10/22/22 - 9:22 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue J.

10/23/22 - 1:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1700 block of Avenue L.

10/23/22 - 1:52 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue J.

10/24/22 - 12:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Andrea Jean Hoenig, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on charges of interference with official acts, possession of drug paraphernalia, mfr/del/pwi meth/amphetamine, drug tax stamp violations, and intent to manuf/deliver. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/24/22 - 1:28 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Charles Dean Meyer, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 37th Street, on a charge of invasion of privacy. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/24/22 - 7:09 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

10/25/22 - 4:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Abagayl Jean Kirchner, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road, on a charge of domestic assault - bodily injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/25/22 - 4:28 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested William Austin Kemp, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 3900 block of Bluff Road, on a charge of domestic assault - bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/21/22 - 10:05 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jacob John Montgomery, 35, of Wever, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for driving while barred, and charges of speeding, eluding, and driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/21/22 - 1:47 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Logan Gene Meyers, 24, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/21/22 - 11:48 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at Hwy. 61 and 354th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Dalton Tanner Vaughan, 22, of Keokuk, was traveling southbound on 354th Avenue when it left the roadway and rolled. No injuries

were reported and the vehicle sustained disabling damages. Vaughan was arrested by a State Trooper.

10/22/22 - 12:00 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kaitlyn Nicole Mitchell, 26, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for 1st degree attempted burglary. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/22/22 - 1:22 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 1900 block of Hwy. 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Bonnielyn Pepple Neyens, 77, of Fort Madison, was traveling westbound on Hwy. 2 when her vehicle was struck with ears of corn, breaking her windshield. No injuries or citations were reported.

10/23/22 - 6:15 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Larry Leon Sartorius, 60, of Burlington, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear - citation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/24/22 - 6:43 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at 228th Avenue and Hwy. 16. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Robert Edwin Martin, 34, of Burlington, was traveling eastbound on Hwy. 16 approaching 228th Avenue when a deer entered the roadway. Attempting to avoid the collision, the vehicle entered the ditch to the right, became airborne, rolled, and came to rest on its wheels. The

driver complained of injuries and was transported by Lee County Ambulance. The vehicle sustained severe damages. No citations were issued.

10/24/22 - 8:17 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jennifer Cheyanne Sangster, 32, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of Hawkeye Village, Keokuk, on a warrant for 1st degree harassment. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a pre-trial release.

10/24/22 - 4:57 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Aaron Michael Ball, 34, of Keokuk, in the 400 block of Hwy. 61, Fort Madison, on a warrant for contempt - failure to pay fine/cost and charges of eluding - injury, OWI, drug and 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/24/22 - 9:25 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Anthony Deon Gregory, 47, of Keokuk, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/25/22 - 12:04 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested David James Markell, 26, of Keokuk, in the 3600 block of Iowa Road, Keokuk, on charges of 3rd degree burglary - vehicle 1st offense and 2nd degree criminal mischief \$1,500-\$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Dinwiddie to step in as county's interim Ambulance director

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ownership, but in recent months the county has stepped up with incentive packages, including sign-on bonuses and paid training to attract more employees.

In September Blessing Hospital announced its closure in Keokuk further straining the service's resources, but supervisors pushed forward committing to hiring nine additional staff and purchasing property in Keokuk to hold two ambulances and staff to handle the additional demand of the Blessing closure, which included the Emergency Department.

Dinwiddie said Monday that he wouldn't be able to be the director and County EMA coordinator at the same time permanently, but could do it in the interim.

Supervisor Chairman Matt Pflug said he spoke with Dinwiddie who said he was happy to fill in in the interim.

Supervisor Garry Seyb said the county would make every effort to get the replacement process started as soon as possible.

Supervisor Ron Fedler said the county was actually lucky to have someone like Dinwiddie in place to step in and help during the hiring process.



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Scene Around the Area/Iowa News

HHS unveils several new food security initiatives

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces two initiatives focused on healthy habits, nutrition and addressing food insecurity for Iowa families. "Though these programs have different goals and execution, helping Iowa families and communities lead healthier lives is deeply embedded in the HHS mission. Food insecurity, exacerbated by the rising cost of food and an increasing rate of obesity in Iowa drive the need for HHS to focus our attention on nutrition and health education. Through these programs, we reach Iowans in 20 counties with programming that is collaborative, targeted and measurable," said HHS Director Kelly Garcia.

Iowa Stops Hunger Pilot Program

Iowa Stops Hunger is a statewide initiative formed by Business Publications Corporation (BPC) in 2020 to bring awareness and inspire action to combat food insecurity in Iowa. With the support of Presenting Sponsor Hy-Vee and Supporting Sponsor Mom's Meals, Iowa Stops Hunger has explored hunger in Iowa, created ongoing media content and events to discuss food insecurity in

Iowa, showcased actions taken by businesses, and connected participants from the business and nonprofit communities across the state.

The dialogue generated throughout 2020 and 2021 sparked interest in further action. A small group led by Hy-Vee, Mom's Meals and HHS, facilitated by BPC, have joined forces in a public/private coalition to reduce food insecurity in Iowa through targeted programming. The Iowa Stops Hunger Coalition will launch a pilot program targeting women between the ages of 21-44 who are food insecure but may not qualify for SNAP, WIC or Free and Reduced Lunch programs. Many of these women are young mothers who are in the workforce at low-wage jobs or who have left the workforce, making this project of particular relevance to Iowa employers.

The pilot project timeline is being finalized by the public/private coalition. Managed Care Medicaid providers Amerigroup Iowa, Iowa Total Care and Molina Healthcare will provide outreach and coordination of services with community-based nutrition partners including each of the Iowa area Food Banks. Hy-Vee

and Mom's Meals will be providing coordination, food and nutrition education and support. BPC is assisting with Coalition facilitation and communications support. Iowa Medicaid will administer the pilot.

The program includes short-term food insecurity stabilization and resources and longer-term food and nutrition access and education. The pilot will focus on women ages 21-44 in eight Iowa counties who have indicated that they are experiencing food insecurity.

Counties include:

- Clinton County
- Polk County
- Blackhawk County
- Pottawattamie County
- Des Moines County
- Woodbury County
- Linn
- Jones

Participating counties were identified by HHS through analysis of screenings which showed a higher-than-average rate of food insecurity for residents. The selected counties represent a statewide cross section of rural and urban populations. An estimated 23,000 individuals are identified as part of the pilot. Specifically targeting moms with kids will help address the systemic challenges families often face.



Courtesy photo

Several Central Lee FFA Greenhand's (1st year FFA members) participated in a Greenhand Fire-up event held at Clear Creek Amana Schools recently. The group participated in breakout groups with topics in leadership, teamwork, growing as an individual, and meeting State FFA officers and district FFA officers. Front(L-R) Taylor Jones, Jayden Mueller, Audrey Sturdivant, Lily Thomas, Charlee Clay, Lily Smith. 2nd row Avery Peterson, Addison Newberry, Jodee Boone, Cody Kitzman, Sophie Hocker, Makayla Mertens. 3rd row Aubrey Weber, Riley Gregory, Layla Gonterman, Nic Wiegand, Colton Taft, Peter Serb, Riley Salter-Rickman, 4th row Frankie Jenkins, Mylan Lowenberg, John Wilson, Caleb Larson, Kadence Burnett, Nathan Newberry, back row(L-R) Brody Moeller, Owen Swan, Ward Fraise, Blake Loges, Dylan Rankin, Korbin Wilson, Kaleigh Coleman, and Sara Breitenstein.

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From the Front

Farmers get loan relief under Biden forgiveness

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Under the federal farm relief announced last week, each farmer/borrower who is delinquent on a direct government loan or on a farm loan guaranteed by the federal government will receive automatic payments to get them caught up on their loans.

Each farmer with a direct federal loan will receive about \$52,000, the Associated Press reported. Each farmer with a guaranteed loan will receive about \$172,000.

Vilsack also announced 21,000 borrowers whose farm loans have been foreclosed on but who still owe money will share \$200 million in federal assistance. That is an average of \$101,000 each, the USDA said.

Don't forget, the student loan forgiveness tops out at \$10,000 for most borrowers and at \$20,000 for low-income borrowers.

There is no indication the student loan forgiveness will be repeated in the coming years. But the USDA said the farmer assistance announced last week is just the first round of payments to help struggling farmers.

Another difference worth mentioning: The student loan forgiveness is available only for borrowers whose



income is less than \$125,000 (or, no more than \$250,000 for couples). But there is no income ceiling for the USDA's farm loan repayment assistance.

During the recent debate between Reynolds and Democratic challenger Deidre DeJear, the governor was asked about her opposition to student loan forgiveness.

"It does nothing but encourage bad borrowing practices," Reynolds replied. "And if you're the truck driver or machinist or a nurse or a person that decided not to seek a college education, why should you be responsible in paying somebody else's off, especially when they often make more than you do? It's not right. It's not fair."

Of course, those same observations could be made about the loans and loan payments for farmer/borrowers. But this time, Republicans are not in a mood

to ask those questions. They saw the college borrowers as a good target for political pot-shots. They don't see farmers that way.

Iowa needs nurses, accountants, teachers, physicians, social workers, and other college-educated workers who rely on student loans. Iowa also needs farmers — and many often need to rely on the federal government to provide or guarantee their farm operating loans.

A friend of mine challenged the governor to respond to the farm loan assistance in the same manner as she did to the student loan forgiveness. He posted on Facebook: "I expect you to be in court on Monday morning, filing suit against Joe Biden to stop this irresponsible and unjust transfer of wealth from hard-working taxpayers to whining farmers. The message to farmers should be this: If you don't have enough money to farm, don't farm. Don't expect the taxpayers to bail you out."

He was being melodramatic. But the contrast between the Republican reaction to the loan assistance for college borrowers and for farm borrowers is inescapable — and maddening, especially if you believe there should be consistency in what our political leaders stand for and do.

We need farmers. But we also need lots of professionals who are in short supply in many communities in Iowa.

If a farmer goes bankrupt, someone else will acquire that land and keep producing crops and livestock. But there is no guarantee a school district will be able to fill a teaching vacancy or the local clinic or hospital will be able to hire enough nurses.

This is where we need more leadership — and less political theatrics.

A footnote: Biden's student loan forgiveness is being challenged in court. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett denied a Wisconsin group's request last week to block the law from taking effect while the challenge is heard. Legal experts saw that as a sign she did not believe the legal issues were a close call.

A similar challenge by Iowa and a handful of states will be considered this week by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis. In both cases, the government says Biden acted under authority granted by Congress 20 years ago to make changes in the federal student loan program in response to national emergencies, such as the Covid pandemic.

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From the Front

FINALE set for Oct. 28

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welcome local singer/songwriter Tommy Caruso to the Main Gallery for a free musical concert starting at 7pm! This exhibition comes down on Saturday, October 29th and was made possible through the generous support of DuPont.

Lunch ala Art | Friday, October 28, noon-1:30pm Lunch by Harvestville Farm of Donnellson, Iowa. \$9/person and reservations highly recommended. Note: You do not need to purchase lunch to attend this artist talk.

FINALE | TOMMY CARUSO Friday, October 28, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This free musical event will feature originals and covers. Join us as we offer a final nod to this month's exhibit while enjoying acoustic guitar and lyrics by one of Fort Madison's own emerging talents. Open mic available during intermission - we welcome musicians, poets, authors, and performance artists of all variety to share their work. BYOB with some snacks and refreshments available for a donation.

Saturday Spooktacular | Kid's Creative Time Saturday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. - noon Spooktacular activities, stories, and face painting. Kid's time at the Art Center is geared for ages 5 to 10 years old. (children who have completed Kindergarten). Younger children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be available. Cost is \$10 and registration is highly recommended to ensure a space for your youngster.

Artist to Artist in Fort Madison | Wed November 2, 6pm-8pm Monthly artist forum - to be held in Fort Madison this month. This is a group for working artists to use for critiques of their work and to network with other area artists about a variety of topics. This monthly meet-up on the first Wednesday of

every month is a collaboration between us and the Art Center of Burlington to be able to better serve the region's artists. We alternate hosting the group between the two Art Centers each month to give the group further reach. If you are an artist please consider bringing along a piece of work to talk about / get feedback on, or just come to join in the discussions. We'll have snacks and beverages. Hope to see you there!!

Opening Reception for Simple Pleasures, Quiet Places | Fri November 4, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of celebrating the artwork of Robin Fisher in the Main Gallery at the FMAAA Art Center, located at 825 Ave G in Fort Madison.

Fisher is masterful in depicting rural Iowa - rural life, kids being kids, animals being animals. With a BA in Art Education from Iowa Wesleyan, she can't remember a time when she wasn't drawing.

She recalls, "I wrote and illustrated my first book at age seven about pigs; unfortunately it wasn't a best seller. However, the one thing I remember most was how proud I felt when Mom asked me to show my book to Aunt Helen. It's in those simplest of moments that dreams are made."

She further credits influences of Garth Williams the illustrator of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House books, Mary Cassatt's paintings, right along with Fisher's own mother and sister for helping her to find her own style.

The Fort Madison Area Arts Association is pleased to share her work with you for the month of November. This exhibition will be on display through November 30th, 2022. The FMAAA is grateful for the generous sponsorship of this exhibition by Carol and John Janosik.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE

The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, October 26, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public -All items with an asterisk (*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.
3. Receive & file communications-
 - Annual Urban Renewal Report
 - City has received the 2022 Audit.
4. Approve agenda.
- *5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.
- *6. Approve payment of bills.
- *7. Receive reports of Officers.
8. Old Business-
 - a) 3rd reading/adopt proposed ordinance to amend curfew ordinance.
 - b) 2nd reading of proposed ordinance amending the zoning ordinance to permit and regulate Recreation Vehicles.
 - c) Resolution authorizing the execution of the agricultural lease of airport farm ground.
9. New Business-
 - a) Authorize Park & Recreation Department to submit an application to Enhance Henry County Foundation.
 - b) Resolution setting a public hearing on the application for a zoning change for Faith Lutheran Church located at 910 E. Mapleleaf Drive.
10. Public Forum.
11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

There was no Public Input.

The Board held a discussion on adding additional ambulance service in Keokuk due to the closing of Keokuk Blessing Hospital.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve hiring 2 part-time EMTs and 3 full-time EMTs. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve funding for ISAC to petition the Iowa Utilities Board to intervene in the dockets for the permit application of the Navigator CO2 Pipeline. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Second Reading of an Amended Pioneer Cemetery Commission Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Monday, September 12, 2022 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve two new hires for EMS Kierra Huddleston, full-time EMT, \$17.40/hr., effective 9/26/22 and Sammie Jones, part-time EMT, \$17.40/hr., effective 9/26/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Ball Family Enterprises in Charleston Township, the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for August 2022 and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for August 2022.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Committee meeting, a RUSS Board meeting and a Public Hearing regarding the Navigator CO2 Pipeline. Seyb reported on a Child-care Coalition meeting and the Pipeline Hearing. He also reported on a call

from a trash hauler that was not allowed to dump at the transfer station in Keokuk. Holmes reported on an Open House at the new Iowa Works location in Westland Mall; a Workforce Development Board meeting with Lee County Economic Development and the Pipeline Hearing.

Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting, a Landfill Board meeting and the Pipeline Hearing. Pflug reported on a Friends of Lee County Health Department meeting.

At 11:15 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

Claims paid September 19, 2022

AARP/Medicare, rfn	277.16
Access Enrgy, svs	369.86
Access Sysms, svs	86.40
Agriland FS, fuel	1641.14
Airgas USA, svs	69.99
Alliant Enrgy, svs	3585.78
Altorfer, parts	240355.32
Amerigroup, rfnds	224.15
Artistic Clnrs, unif	45.00
Jim Baier, svs	156.71
Bates Sntatn, svs	240.00
E Biddenstadt, exps	11.00
Blessing Hlth, svs	260.00
Bituminous Mtl, mtrl	93540.63
J Booten, exps	111.09
J Booth, exps	456.50
Bnd Tree Mdcl, splys	4134.35
Brookes Publ, mtrl	56.44
CenturyLink, svs	70.81
A Cook, exps	167.00
M Cook, exps	230.00
Covenant Care, svs	1400.00
Cresnet Parts, svs	58.99
Daniels Jntrl, svs	4328.41
L DeFord, exps	247.50
DM Co Hlth Dpt, svs	5560.21
Dodd Prtg, splys	33.99
Dnnllsn Lmbr, splys	15.37
Donnellson Tire, svs	1307.10
B Fader, exps	331.00
WR Faeth Whsle, splys	188.40
Floyds, svs	60.00
T Forseen, svs	52.00
Garner FdMart, fuel	1351.38
J Giebelhausen, exps	125.50
N Granaman, svs	1407.51
Gray Quarries, splys	

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GrtAmer Fncl, rntl	174.42
Grn Scene Lawn, svs	1840.00
Griffin Muffler, svs	81.42
Hall Excvtng, svs	260.00
J Hall, exps	347.00
A Hayes, exps	242.00
R Heidbreder, exps	65.00
Hellige Lawn, svs	440.00
J Hudson, exps	267.00
IACCVSO, dues	60.00
ICEA, svs	700.00
IA Bridge/Clvrt, mtrl	1500.00
IA DOT, svs	480.00
IA St Pen, meals	16448.25
S Jeffries, exps	283.50
Jerrys Transmsn, svs	332.54
Jet Gas, fuel	11599.69
C Johnson, exps	105.00
J Johnson, exps	60.00
Keo Hospital, Meds	64.27
P Knustrom, exps	342.50
Kohlmorgan Hlg, svs	595.15
B Riesberg, exps	116.00
Liberty Util, gas	248.81
Lori Mehl, exps	45.35
Menards, equip	873.62
Mid Cntry Mach, svs	162.99
Midway Frtlnr, svs	7140.38
O Miller, exps	573.00
L Mullins, exps	378.50
Mutual Wheel, parts	818.75
NAPA Auto, parts	78.26
Ntrnl Res Center, edu	1100.00
JJ Nichting Co, parts	9226.52
OReilly Auto, svs	97.50

OMG Midwest, svs	12489.22
Onmedia, adv	1240.00
M Park, exps	174.50
P Patrick, svs	775.00
R Rahn, exps	156.00
Phoenix Supply, splys	2104.05
Pitney Bowes, equip	135.00
Sanofi Pasteur, splys	2386.69
J Saunders, exps	287.50
K Schleidt, svs	971.00
T Schroeder, exps	149.00
Sec/State, svs	30.00
ServiceMaster, svs	21138.85
G Seyb, exps	88.67

J Shoup, svs	675.00
SE IA Reg Mdcl, svs	125.00
St Hygienic Lab, svs	25.00
Steffensmr Bros, svs	159.50
S Thompson, exps	60.20
P Tripp, exps	75.00
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R Wagner, rfn	657.82
Wayland Stone, splys	55000.00
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Opinion

WIU loss shows rebuild will be a tough process

Some of Western Illinois' football players huddled near the yellow penalty flag on the field at the 10-yard line, hoping that it was a signal of a defeat denied, or a sign that there would be another chance to avoid their seventh crushing loss of the season.

When the officials broke their conference on the other side of the 10, the Leathernecks heard the news.

Game over.

When the announcement was made of the penalty — illegal substitution on the Leathernecks — Clay McFadden's 42-yard field goal was officially counted, giving Youngstown State a 28-27 win at Hanson Field on Saturday.

Western Illinois defensive back T.J. Limehouse, so good all day with an 11-tackle performance, ripped his helmet off and with two hands slammed it to the turf. Several of his teammates sat on the field, staring into the fall darkness.

This was a win that the Leathernecks, and first-year coach Myers Hendrickson, needed. They led 27-17 with 3 minutes, 9 seconds to play, and couldn't finish.

"Our team always plays hard, they play hard all the way to the finish, it's something we do," Hendrickson said. "Today we were just on the wrong side of it."

Such is life when you're trying to build a program. The Leathernecks won three games in 2021 — one in the six-game spring season caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and two in the normal fall schedule.

One win now can make a difference.

Quick fixes don't happen in college football, even now in the world of the NCAA's transfer portal, when you can go shopping for what you need. But a quick fix sometimes means cutting corners, and foundations you try to build can collapse from that.

It always takes time, whether you're an FCS school like Western Illinois or a bigger school with better resources.



That's something Hendrickson — a former Leatherneck player whose father, Mark, is a former WIU head coach — understands. He wants progress, but knows patience comes with that.

Hendrickson said he saw progress from his team on Saturday — they led in a game for the first time this season.

"We played, by far, our best complimentary football we've played," Hendrickson said.

But part of the rebuilding process is learning how to finish, how to win. The education was painful on Saturday.

The Leathernecks trailed 17-13 before getting touchdowns on consecutive possessions in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Clay Bruno threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Naseim Brantley then, after true freshman linebacker Ryan Crandall's interception, Bruno threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Brantley.

Veteran teams know how to finish wins like this, but the Leathernecks don't have a lot of that experience. They are a mix of transfers, returning players, and true freshmen — again, such is life when you're rebuilding — and with a chance to put away this one, they let Youngstown State rally.

When you need a win, breakdowns are magnified. Breaks that go the way of experienced teams don't go yours. All of that happened on Youngstown State's next

possession.

Quarterback Mitch Davidson threw a 48-yard pass to Brandon Alexander, then followed that with a 40-yard touchdown pass to Bryce Oliver, and WIU's lead was 27-23. Instead of a PAT that would have cut the lead to three, a bad snap forced the Penguins to scramble, and on the broken play holder Paddy Lynch threw a two-point conversion pass to Trenton Gillison. It was 27-25, and now the Penguins could get a field goal to win the game.

Brantley secured the onside kick, but a third-down incompleteness ended the Leathernecks' possession and the Penguins, with 50 seconds left and one timeout, drove 58 yards in six plays to win.

The last two plays were runs of seven and eight yards by Jaleel McLaughlin, who rushed for 207 for the game. McFadden's kick was good, and then there was the wait for the penalty ruling, and then the game was over.

"You know, it's frustrating," Crandall said. "It really showed our fight. Something like this is frustrating. All we can do is move on now."

"It's a tough loss," Brantley said. "A tough one. But this is a time where we have to come back together and really execute on the areas we need, so we can get that win."

Hendrickson's message all year has been, "Pound the rock." Keep hammering away, because the little cracks eventually lead to the rock's destruction.

In a new season, under a new coach, with a new roster, that rock can seem like a mountain.

They'll keep pounding, Hendrickson and the players said. A win, this win, could have been the crucial swing of the hammer.

Progress, Hendrickson said, still means something, even without a victory to go with it.

Then he rubbed his temple.

"Still hurts," he said. "Still hurts."

John Bohnenkamp is an award-winning sports writer and contributor to Pen City Current.

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