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Lady Hounds break barrier



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Sadie Brandon gets ready to pin Muscatine's Gabriele Lingler in early action at 170 lbs. The Lady Hounds hosted the school's first ever all-girls' wrestling tournament on Monday night at the Hound Dome in Fort Madison

ALL-GIRLS EVENT: First ever all-girls wrestling invitational held: Hounds finish 2nd

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison High School broke a barrier Monday night when it hosted its first-ever all-girls' wrestling event, an eight-team affair at the Hound Dome.

And not only did they enter the record books with the first event in school history, but they took second place with 95 points, trailing only Anamosa with 118.

Four Fort Madison wrestlers – Hailey Kemper at 100 lbs., Mara Smith at 130 lbs., Mylah Blanchard at 135B, and Athena Carson at 235, all brought home tournament titles.

Kemper went 3-0 on the night with three pins. The sophomore scored wins by fall in the first two rounds over Anamosa and Highland and then pinned Keokuk's Madelyn Rose in just :25 to end the night undefeated and take the 100lb. bracket.

Smith, just a freshman and daughter of Fort Madison boys' head coach Ryan Smith, rolled through the 130lb. bracket going 4-0. She scored all her wins by fall going past the first round just one time and wrapping up her night with a :41 second pin of fellow Bloodhound freshman Carolena Crooks.

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SUPERVISORS

County gives \$12.5K to help housing

Housing Trust has funded more than \$7.1M since 2011 in area housing

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Supervisors are once again putting money into housing efforts locally.

At Monday's regular meeting of the board, they approved unanimously a request from Mike Norris, the President of the Great River Housing Authority, for another \$12,500 annual contribution to the fund.

"Looking at our fiscal year 2024 grant, Great River Housing is looking to bring down \$433,000 from the local housing trust fund grant, which will require a \$93,000 match," Norris said.

The match comes from the housing trusts four-county region and would give the group \$526,000 to work with that year.

The Great River Housing Trust provides several housing initiatives including down payment assistance, general owner occupied rehabilitation funding assistance, commercial upper story conversion, and single-family housing assistance.

All the programs have income eligibility restrictions based upon county median family income levels.

The downpayment assistance is up to \$7,500 in down payment and closing assistance, that's offered as a deferred loan and gets reimbursed at the next sale of the property. Homeowners must be at 60% of the Iowa Finance Authorities income limits which is \$74,900 for a family of three.

Rehabilitation projects assistance ranges from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the form of a 5-year forgivable loan. Applicants must be at 30% of the IFA income limits which is \$37,475 for families of three or more.

Commercial upper story conversion assistance is capped at \$25,000 per unit

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WEST POINT

Career Advantage Centers sees more than 400 this fall

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY - More than 400 Lee County 8th and 9th graders have attended the Lee County Career Advantage Center during the fall of 2022. Students came from Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Central

Lee school districts. In addition, a dozen business and industry partners have provided the students with three unique experiences.

In their first experience at the Career Advantage Center, students participated in a series of activities

designed by IowaWorks that examined their personality type and preferential learning and working environments.

In experience 2, students engaged

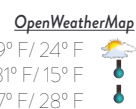
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WEATHER

TUE 29 Nov.....Mostly cloudy and cool, 59° F/ 24° F
 WED 30 Nov.....Sunny and cold, 31° F/ 15° F
 THU 01 Dec.....Sunny and cold, 37° F/ 28° F



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CURTIS BECKER

Curtis "Curt" Becker, 72, of Warsaw, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2022, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Curt was born on June 6, 1950, in Macomb, Illinois, the son of Bernard and Ruth (Wood) Becker. He graduated from Warsaw High School in 1968, and on March 11, 1972, he was united in marriage to Deborah Rohrbough in Warsaw, Illinois. They later divorced.

Curt was employed at Roquette (Formerly Hubingers) for thirty-eight years. He was an active member of his community and was a member of the Warsaw Fire Department for almost 30 years, Lions Club, Spunky Point Senior Center, American Legion Ralph Parker Post #682, VFW Post #9802, and the Hancock County Veterans Affairs Committee. In his free time, Curt could be found racing RC cars or working in his yard and around the house. Curt proudly served his country in the United States Army in the 101st Airborne, Company F, 41st Infantry, during the Vietnam War, receiving his honorable discharge. During his service, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Sharpshooter and the Bronze Star.

Curt is survived by his ex-wife Deb Becker of Warsaw; two sons: Chris (Michele) Becker and Andy Becker, both of Warsaw; two granddaughters: Chloe and Caleigh Becker, both of Warsaw; his brother C. Craig (Denyse) Becker of Ozark, Missouri; two nephews: Corey (Sarah) Becker of Ozark, Missouri, and Collin (Dana) Becker of Osage Beach, Missouri; two great-nephews: Dawson and Noah; and a great-niece Addie. Curt is preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 4 pm on Saturday, November 26, 2022, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from noon to 4 pm directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Warsaw Fire Department, Spunky Point Senior Center or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com.

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.



BECKER



OBITUARIES

DONALD P. DODGE

Donald P. Dodge, 87, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 11:37 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2022 at The Kensington. He was born on July 23, 1935 in Fort Madison, IA to Paul & Elvina Cullen Dodge. He married Mary J. "Judy" Cox on December 29, 1959 in Keokuk, IA. She preceded him in death on December 20, 2006. He worked for the BNSF Railroad with 42 years of service, retiring as an engineer. He served in the U.S. Army in North Korea in 1959 and he was stateside for the remainder of his service. He was a member of Holy Family Parish, the Fort Madison Elks and Knights of Columbus and enjoyed boating on the Mississippi River, hunting and being a pilot. He especially loved his time with his grandsons.



DODGE

Don is survived by: 1-son: Bradley Dodge of Nauvoo, IL; 2-daughters: Christine (Charles) Noll of Mundelein, IL & Cynthia (Glenn) Olson of Avon, CT; 4-grandsons: Benjamin & Alexander Noll and Collin & Spencer Olson; 1-great granddaughter: Charlotte Noll; 2-sisters: Susan Reichelt of Fort Madison, IA & Peggy Dehner of Houston, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Fort Madison with Rev. John Stack officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Primrose Path at The Kensington. Online condolences to the Dodge family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



DALE PARREN

Dale Parren, 71, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 4:39 a.m. Friday, November 26, 2022 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Dale was born May 22, 1951 the son of Charles and Virginia (Magerle) Parren. On August 25, 1973 he married Paula Snook in Reno, Nevada. She preceded him in death in 2007.

Mr. Parren served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a motorcycle and car enthusiast and restored several cars. He enjoyed playing music, especially guitar in the Silver Creek Band.

Survivors include his significant other: Donna Krier of Nauvoo; one sister-in-law: Irita Parren; two nephews: Douglas and Donald; one niece: Dianna and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Paula, and one brother: Leslie Parren.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo.

Burial will be held at a later date at the Woodville Cemetery in Rogue Rover, Oregon.

To leave a tribute for the family, please visit Dale's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com



Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

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Obituaries/From the Front

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MINDY L. SCHOFIELD

Mindy Louise Gilbert Schofield, 51, of Carthage, IL passed away Monday November 21, 2022 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

Mindy was born on July 7, 1971 in Keokuk IA, to Barb Ferguson and Delbert Gilbert. Mindy grew up in Keokuk and graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1989.



SCHOFIELD

Mindy married Jeffrey Schofield April 15, 2000. Mindy was a caring and loving soul who would do anything for the people that she loved. She enjoyed working and was working at Henniges Automotive when she became ill. After taking leave she spent her time doing things that she loved for as long as she could. Up until she could no longer do it Mindy loved to be outside gardening and planting flowers. She settled down and really got a knack for crafting. She was always making things for her children and grandchildren. Mindy loved spending all her free time with her grandkids. Below you will read that Mindy is survived by her four children, but anyone who knew Mindy knew she was "mom" to way more than four Mindy took in any and all kids who ever needed a helping hand. She had a huge heart and she wore it on her sleeve.

Mindy is survived by her husband Jeff and her four children, Blake Gilbert of Carthage, IL, Ashley (Travis) Bergheger of Carthage, IL, Drake Schofield of Fairfield, IA, Devin (Whitney) Schofield of Donnellson, IA. She is also survived by her parents, Barb (Larry) Ferguson of Keokuk, IA and Delbert (Kelley) Gilbert of Keokuk, IA, her sister, Michelle Mikaelson of Shallotte, NC, six grandchildren, Akadian, Akillian, Xander, Janice, Ezra, Tristan, a niece, Mariah, two nephews, Tristan and Kyle and several other nieces and nephews, five step-sisters, Kathy (Gale) Howell of Kahoka, MO, Lucy (Mike) Benedict of Fairfield, IA, Lisa (Jesse) Donaldson of Ft. Madison, IA, Mary (Keith) Skinner of Keokuk and Marcia Lott of Keokuk and one sister-in-law, Crista (Jonathan) Dulguime.

Mindy was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, James Gilbert, Kathryn (Howard) Jarvis, her maternal grandparents, John and Fern Korschgen, and her mother and father-in-law, Susan and Wayne Hobbs.

A gathering of remembrance will be held Friday from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the Vigen Memorial Home for final expenses.

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

OBITUARIES

VIOLA J. KREBILL

Viola Jane "Vi" Krebill, 90, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:32 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at The Kensington. She was born on July 23, 1932 in Good Hope, IL to Buford & Lillie Mathis Lancaster. She married Henry Richard Krebill on June 26,



KREBILL

1955 in Memphis, MO. He preceded her in death on July 6, 2009. She was a registered nurse with Lee County Public Health from 1977 to 1984. She was a member of the Fort Madison United Methodist Church, Past President of the United Methodist Women and volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Fort Madison Community Hospital Auxiliary. She loved cooking and was a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan.

Vi is survived by: 1-daughter: Sue Lee of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: Richard (EunJoo) Krebill of Seoul, Korea & Tim (Laurie) Krebill of Donnellson, IA; 6-grandchildren; 2-great grandchildren; 1-brother: Gerald (Marilyn) Lancaster of Burlington, IA & 1-sister-in-law: Dorothy Krebill Karayanis of Santa Fe, NM. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-grandson & 1-brother-in-law.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Fort Madison United Methodist Church. The memorial service will immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. with Kayla Carney officiating. Burial will be held at Mennonite Cemetery in Donnellson, IA. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Fort Madison United Methodist Church or the Southeastern Community College Nursing Endowment Fund. Online condolences to Vi's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

DELORES A. KNOCH

Delores Ann "Susie" Knoch, 77, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:38 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at The Madison. She was born on December 5, 1944 in Missouri to Lewie & Margaret Young VanVelkinburg. She married Leroy



KNOCH

Glenn Knoch on December 19, 1964 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on November 9, 2022. She owned and operated Knoch's Wallpapering Service for 30+ years. She papered many homes and business throughout the surrounding area. She enjoyed making Christmas candy with her grandkids, tending to her flower gardens, watching the birds on the back porch with Leroy and their road trips together. She and Leroy enjoyed making crafts for around the yard and for family and friends.

Susie is survived by: 1-daughter: Glenda "Pebbles" (Paul) Schneider of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Fred (Stephanie) Knoch of Fort Madison, IA; 5-grandchildren: Austin Post, Denver (Sam) Gittings, Manuel Martinez, Liandra Martinez & Abigail Martinez; 7-great grandchildren; 1-brother: Sonny VanVelkinburg of Kahoka, MO; 4-half-brothers: James (Joan) McVeigh, Larry (Julie) McVeigh, Ron McVeigh & Everd VanVelkinburg. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband and 3-siblings: Robert in infancy, Mary Alice Brown & Marilyn Hodges.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to the Knoch family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Housing trust functions under SEIRPC

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with a maximum award of \$100,000. The units must be affordable for at least five years and tenants must be below the 60% IFA guidelines.

"It's a really efficient way to add new units and tax base to our older downtowns, or in our upper story portion of commercial buildings you can create new residential


units and we support that with grants," Norris said.

Since 2011 the trust has awarded more than \$7.1 million in funding in the four-county area, including Lee, Louisa, Des Moines, and Henry counties. Those funds come from \$3.73 million from the Iowa Finance Authority and \$890,000 in local match funds.

The trust has used those funds to leverage an additional \$2.5 million from other funding streams.

The trust functions under the direction of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission and is a 501c3 organization.

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Sports

LADY CRUSADERS

Quick start leads to win for Lady Crusaders over WACO

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Tony Johnson wasn't sure what he was going to get out of his Holy Trinity girls basketball team in Monday's season opener against WACO.

His mind was eased when the Crusaders scored the first 14 points of the game.

That early start steadied Holy Trinity in the 50-42 win over the Warriors.

"Honestly, I thought they played really good," Johnson said. "They did a really good job of rebounding, a really good job of communicating on defense and offense. When we keep the ball moving, we get the ball to where we want for the shot."

Teagan Snaadt scored 21 points to lead the Crusaders, who have had to reconstruct what they wanted to do in the preseason.

Johnson knew before the season started that he would be without junior guard Natalie Randolph, who suffered a knee injury in preseason volleyball practice. Randolph was the Crusaders' second leading scorer and leading 3-point shooter last season.

Then junior Mary Kate Bendlage, the team's leading scorer last season, suffered a knee injury in preseason practice and is also lost for the rest of the season.

Johnson pointed out how Holy Trinity's volleyball team, which reached the state tournament, worked together after Randolph's injury. He has seen the same in his team without Bendlage.

"I told them before the game it's going to take all however many of us play tonight," he said. "You never replace the player. You just try to replace the production."

Holy Trinity struggled in a preseason scrimmage against Keokuk, and Johnson wasn't sure how that would translate into the season opener.

"We hammered on defense in practice," he said. "Like, three days in a row. I know it was boring to them, but in the long run..."

It paid off, as the Crusaders kept WACO (1-1) scoreless until Allah Kissel's layup with 1:15 left in the first quarter. By then, Holy Trinity was in command after its 14-0 start.

The Crusaders led by as much as 18 points in the second quarter before the Warriors chipped into their lead. They would never cut the margin to single digits until the final 80 seconds of the game.

"It's just early-season blues," Johnson said of his team's missed shots, particularly in the second half. "Everybody has them. But everything they did was positive. And I didn't see anything that was any kind of negative whatsoever to take from this."

Snaadt, a sophomore, controlled the Crusaders' offense.

"God love her, she did a great job," Johnson said. "She probably played close to 32 minutes tonight."

Reagan Holdout had eight points for the Crusaders. Kayla Box and Presley Myers each had seven.

Kissel led WACO with 15 points.



Crusaders hang with WACO until second half surge

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - The first three quarters of Holy Trinity's boys basketball season opener on Monday night was what coach John Hellige wanted.

The fourth quarter was what the Crusaders need to use as a lesson for the rest of the season.

WACO pulled away in the final eight minutes to take a 66-52 win.

The Warriors used a 20-6 run to take command of the game after the Crusaders were within 41-35 at the end of the third quarter.

"I think we got a little bit tired," Hellige said. "The legs wore down on us a little bit and we lost a little bit of focus. I think it just led to some breakdowns on defense and offense."

Conner Gehling led Holy Trinity with 22 points.

The Crusaders, who had stayed close to the Warriors all night, surrendered back-to-back 3-pointers to WACO's Isaac Oswald, who to that point hadn't scored. Those two shots gave the Warriors a 47-35 lead, and the Crusaders didn't have an answer.

"It's not necessarily what we're doing today in November," Hellige said. "We're playing for February."

We've got a quarter of our offense put in at this point."

Both teams struggled to get points early — WACO led just 10-6 at the end of the first quarter.

But the two offenses responded in the second quarter, with Holy Trinity taking a 21-17 run sparked by a 12-2 run led by Luke Hellige, who had 11 of his 13 points in the first three minutes of the quarter.

"It was nice to see Luke be able to step out and hit some threes early," John Hellige said. "He realizes defenses are going to figure that out. All summer long, he was finishing at the rim, and we've got to see that to keep defenses honest. Otherwise, they're going to just hard close out on him every time."

The Crusaders trailed just 29-26 at halftime.

"I can't say enough about how the kids came out in the first half," Hellige said. "We had a little bit of tough luck making some baskets early on, but once we got going, we played really well."

"I'm really happy with that first half, and we're just going to build upon that."



Holy Trinity's Nick Fullenkamp pulls up for a jumper in the Crusaders' 66-52 loss to WACO Monday night. The Crusaders trailed by only three points at the half, but couldn't keep pace with the Warriors down the stretch.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**Donnellson City Council
Monday,
November 14th, 2022
7:30PM
City Hall**

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor Dave Ellingboe, with Council Members Moeller, Weber, Marshall, Newton & Estrada present.

Motion by Weber, second by Newton to approve the agenda: all ayes.

Citizen comments – None.

Motion by Newton, second by Estrada to approve the minutes of the October '22 meetings: all ayes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Estrada to approve the October '22 financial reports: all ayes.

Motion by Weber, second by Newton to approve the October '22 disbursements and November '22 bills to be allowed: all ayes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Moeller to approve tax abatement application for 814 State St: all ayes.

Motion by Newton, second by Moeller to approve building permit for deck at 811 N Main: all ayes.

Motion by Moeller, second by Marshall to approve French Reneker engineer agreement for Westview Park Trail Phase 1: all ayes.

Akanksha with SEIRP gave an update on the progress of the comprehensive plan.

Set December 12th 2022 to open request for proposals for FY23 Annual Examination at City Office Building at 7:30pm.

Motion by Newton, second by Marshall to approve Resolution No 2022-17 changing the employment status of a part time library clerk to a part time assistant librarian and setting the wages: RCV all ayes.

Set December 12th 2022 for budget workshop & salary committee to discuss the budget for F2023 starting at 6:00pm at the city office building.

Nuisance Properties – discussed next steps for 215 Lincoln Ave Lot 1 due to tree falling through trailer.

Set December 12th 2022 7:30pm at city office building for public hearing

and first reading amending Ordinance Chapter 151 Trees by adding planting prohibited. There shall be no planting of trees, plants, or shrubs on the city's parking or right of way.

Discussion was held regarding the counties construction project on 180th Ave resurfacing the roadway. Council would like to invite Ben Hull county engineer to attend December 12th city council meeting to discuss further.

Police Report – There were 43 calls for service, 10 traffic stops & 2 citation. 28 building checks were done during the day & night time hours.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Report – water main flushing went as planned with no issues encountered. New Christmas lights were hung on the water tower. 5 new Christmas decorations to be hung on the street light poles were purchased and will be hung this year.

Clerk Report –The Best You Coalition updates were given to the council with upcoming meeting dates.

There being no other business to come before the Council, motion by Moeller, second by Newton, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned: all ayes.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor
Attest: Rebecca Schau,
City Clerk

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

**Meeting
September 21, 2022
Iowa State Extension
Office, Lee County
414 N Main Street
Donnellson, IA 52625**

1. 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

Supervisor: Holmes

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Moore to

approve the agenda

2nd: Alton

Motion Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

from August 16 and 30,

2022

Motion by VanPelt to

approve the August 16

and 30 minutes

2nd: Alton

Motion Carried

4. Public Input

None

5. Approval of the Bills

Motion by Alton to ap-

prove the bills

2nd: VanPelt

Motion Carried

6. Approval of the Fi-

nancial Report

Motion by Alton to ap-

prove the financial report

2nd: Patrick

Motion Carried

7. Take Possible Action

on Step Increase for Park

Ranger

Huebner recommended

the 6 month step increase

for Jack Davis, who will

be going to the Police

Academy in January

2023.

Motion by VanPelt to

approve the 6 month step

increase for Jack Davis

2nd: Moore

Motion Carried

8. Present and Take

Action on FY 2022 Annual

Report

Huebner presented the FY 2022 Annual Report highlighting the new shower house, trail, and concrete camp pads at Chatfield Park, new concrete camp pads and paved exit at Pollmiller Park campground, the volunteer 100 tree planting day at Heron Bend Conservation Area, new docks and kayak launchers at Wilson Lake Park, Chatfield Park, and Heron Bend Fishing Area, having a full staff, numbers up at special events, and a revenue spike from camping and cabins.

Motion by Alton to approve the FY 2022 Annual Report

2nd: VanPelt

Motion Carried

9. Take Possible Action on Purchasing a New Vehicle

Due to being unable to order the work truck planned for purchase during the current fiscal year, the Director and Operations Supervisor recommended the Board approve replacing the office Jeep Patriot with a midsize SUV for EE events, conferences, and errands. The work truck will be ordered for next fiscal year once ordering opens up and the budget is approved.

Pawling and Veihl obtained bids from four area dealerships for midsize SUVs currently available off the lots. The lowest bid came from Deery Brothers In Burlington at \$26,175 for a 2022 Chevy Equinox. Veihl stated that this vehicle covers the needs for the office staff and EE team at a price much lower than the 3 other bids at \$31,860,

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\$38,934, and \$40,775 for the same size vehicle. Motion by Alton to approve the purchase of the 2022 Chevy Equinox from Deery Brothers Burlington at \$26,175

2nd: VanPelt
Motion Carried

10. Staff and Director Reports

Steele gave his outdoor and environmental education report highlighting working with Fort Madison schools' Jumpstart program with field trips

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prior to the school year, a successful fishing derby at Pollmiller Park, and completing school program scheduling for the coming school year.

Oldfield gave his parks report highlighting 464 walk-up camping nights, 230 reserved camping nights, 32 cabin nights, and 1500 beach entries. He also stated that Pawling and Jacobs recently completed a viewing platform at Trumpeter Marsh sponsored by Lee County Pheasants Forever. Pawling stated they were completed routine maintenance and preparing equipment for the upcoming farming season.

Huebner gave her director report highlighting attending 3 conferences in the past month.

11. Foundation Update
Huebner state she

HELP WANTED

Water Treatment Plant

Full Time Operator

Operates and repairs all pumps and appurtenances necessary to produce high quality and adequate quantity of water to meet system demands. Performs routine maintenance on equipment, collects and analyzes water samples, and completes inspections.

DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Education and Experience:
1. Graduation from high school diploma or GED equivalent
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would like someone from the Foundation board to present updates twice a year to LCCB. A short update from Huebner included added new Foundation board members and preparing for the Chicken Dinner fundraiser.

12. Board Member Comments

Alton stated she enjoyed the tour the Board and staff went on to view all of LCC's properties prior to a strategic planning meeting.

VanPelt asked what the status of Croton was. Huebner stated she had briefly talked to Bill Batten of Croton and will set-up a meeting with him soon.

13. Adjournment
Motion by VanPelt to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

2nd: Moore
Motion Carried
Tom Pollpeter, LCCB President
Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting October 11, 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, Steele
Supervisor: Absent

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by VanPelt to approve the agenda
2nd: Moore
Motion Carried
3. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2022
Motion by VanPelt to approve the minutes
2nd: Alton
Motion Carried
4. Public Input
None
5. Approval of the Bills
VanPelt asked if the bill

from CCS was the final bill for the Denning demo. Huebner responded that it was the final bill for halting the project and having to move the excavator off and back on the project. Van Pelt asked for which playground the dirt work was completed for. Huebner responded it was completed for the Chatfield playground, which has been ordered. VanPelt asked why staff went all the way to Wiss & Wiss Equipment for tractor repair. Pawling stated that they are the closet Kubota dealer.

Motion by Patrick to approve the bills

2nd: Moore
Motion Carried

6. Approval of the Financial Report

Motion by Alton to approve the financial report

2nd: VanPelt
Motion Carried

7. Take Possible Action on Step Increase for Conservation Tech

Huebner recommended the 6 month step increase for Avery Jacobs.

Motion by VanPelt to approve the 6 month step increase for Avery Jacobs

2nd: Alton
Motion Carried

8. Take Possible Action on Wilson Lake Pond Surveys

Huebner stated that the Iowa DNR required a threatened and endangered species survey for bats and botanical surveys be completed prior to work being done on the new Wilson Lake pond.

French-Reneker Engineers provided various quotes for survey options. Patrick inquired about who is responsible for creating the mitigation plan if something is discovered in the surveys. Huebner will ask this question of her French-Reneker contact. The Board agreed these surveys were necessary in order to continue with the project. Option 1 of the quotes came from Impact 7G to complete both of

the surveys and would be begin this October. The Board agreed this was the timeliest and would have the best chance of not pushing back the project timeline. Pollpeter stated that if the Fish & Wildlife Habitat was received that the cost of these survey would be able to be reimbursed.

Motion by Alton to go with quote from Impact 7G for \$8,950 for both the bat and botanical surveys

2nd: Moore
Motion Carried

9. Approve and Discuss Bid Process on Pollmiller Trail Project

Huebner stated that LCC got the Land & Water Conservation Fund grant for \$150,000 for the Pollmiller trail project. The Board is now ready to move forward with the bidding process for the project. Pollpeter stated he was looking forward to completing this project and having it kick start all of the plans for Pollmiller Park.

Motion by Alton to approve starting the bid process for Pollmiller trail project

2nd: VanPelt
Motion Carried

10. Staff and Director Reports

Steele gave his outdoor and environmental education report highlighting scheduling a total of 75 field trips and 300 classroom programs for the current school year. Steele also assisted with Keokuk's Geode Fest for the first time and felt it was a beneficial event to be a part of.

Moore asked Steele if any more Hunter Ed courses were coming up. Steele responded that the next one would be in the spring. Oldfield stated that people can look up dates for every county's Hunter Ed courses through the DNR website.

Oldfield gave his parks report highlighting 610 camping nights, 32 cabin nights, and 3 shelter rent-

als. He also stated that the beach saw 6,692 people for the 2022 summer season. Huebner stated the new Halloween HOOT event went over very well. She received many compliments and no negative feedback. Staff is already planning for next year's event on Oct. 14.

11. Foundation Update

Huebner stated the Foundation will be reimbursing the LCCB for half of the Chatfield playground from funds raised for the project. The foundation is now focusing fundraising efforts on outdoor education and is writing several grants through the Keokuk Area Community Foundation, Casey's, and Walmart. The annual Chicken Dinner will be on Nov. 6 at the Charleston Board of Trade. Huebner invited to Board to come out and support the event.

12. Board Member Comments

VanPelt attended the Halloween HOOT event and stated it was well organized and heard many good comments on it VanPelt asked how the food truck did at the event. Huebner responded that the owner were more than happy with their sales from the evening.

VanPelt asked if you had to take your boat all the way around the Wilson Lake Park road after exiting the lake. Staff responded that yes, people have to follow the one way, as the road is too narrow to be a two way all the way around.

Patrick stated that more signage for the one ways and speed limits would be beneficial.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Alton to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

2nd: VanPelt
Motion Carried
Tom Pollpeter, LCCB President
Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

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Advantage center geared toward helping students find careers

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with professionals from local businesses to learn about their education and career path, why they enjoy their jobs and any advice they have for students exploring career options.

Finally, their 3rd visit is the capstone experience, where students once again connect and interact with local business representatives. Students partake in hands-on experiences intended to simulate working in a real-world environment. Students have had opportunities to try welding on a virtual welder, use infrared camera equipment, align pumps with laser equipment, conduct lab experiments, don Hazmat suits, inspect drones, observe a controlled starch explosion, and much more.

Designing these experiences was a collaborative effort between Lee County Economic Development Group and the School District's curriculum directors, utilizing feedback and input from industry leaders and local employers. Plans are underway to develop even more robust programming to help prepare students for fulfilling careers.

"These 8th and 9th grade experiences are one of the first steps in increasing the number of skilled workers in southeastern Iowa by helping students become aware of the many diverse career opportunities available to them in this area," said Don Weiss, Chief Education Strategist at the center.

"Students can begin to work in most of these career opportunities without the need of a four-year college degree. The goal of the CAC is to help facilitate Career Academies that can give students a head start on their career path right out of high school and a path toward future career growth through our partnering with SCC."

Lee County Career Advantage Center by the numbers:

- To date, 402 students have been through the three experiences;
- 165 from Fort Madison Community School District
- 187 from Keokuk Community School District
- 50 from Central Lee Community School District
- An additional 265 students are scheduled to participate before the end of the school year.

Participating businesses and industry partners:

Iowa Works; Axalta; Roquette; Huffman Welding and Machine; Lee County Sheriff's Department; JJ Nitching Company; Jones Contracting; Iowa Fertilizer Company; Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center; Lee County Conservation; Southeastern Community College; Iowa State Penitentiary

"The Fort Madison Community School District is excited to be building relationships between Lee County Economic Development, business and industry, Lee County Schools and SCC," said Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent of Fort Madison Community School District.

"These relationships are supporting additional educational opportunities for Fort Madison students in workforce education. We are excited to continue the work started over six years ago and expand these partnerships."

Smith, Blanchard lead Lady Hounds to 2nd place

GIRLS - Continued from Page 1



Fort Madison's Hailey Kemper gets the quick upper hand on Keokuk's Madelyn Rose in Monday's first-ever all-girls' wrestling event at the Hound Dome.

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

"Mara did very well. A lot of these girls are finding their identity in the wrestling world. They are piecing together what works for them and what doesn't. But she did pretty good tonight," said Head Coach Kyle Doherty.

The first-year coach said it was a great event.

"One of the biggest takeaways was seeing some of these different schools that we're normally used to seeing in wrestling. There was a lot of good wrestling here," Doherty said.

"I also thought the support from the community was very strong."

Blanchard, a senior, also went undefeated with three wins all by pinfall. Two of the pins were in under one minute and the third was eight seconds into the second period.

"Mylah Blanchard's our hammer and she looked really good. I was really impressed with where we're at even seven days ago," Doherty said.

Blanchard said she liked going to the guys' wrestling event, and along with some other girls, pushed to get the program up and running in Fort Madison.

"I think this is cool," she said. "It's exciting to be part of this for the first time."

"It was a little harder than I expected. My first match wasn't that hard, but the girl from Anamosa was harder than I expected."

"Leading up to this, they were super excited and they were excited to help set everything up. In that transition, they went from being into getting things set up to getting ready to get on the map."

Doherty said he hopes to build the annual event into a two-day weekend event.

"With the rich history of our wrestling program, it should bring more teams here," he said. "But our gym is one of the better places to wrestle in as far as environment, how it's set up, and how it's ran."

Sophomore Athena Carson wrestled in a bracket with only one other wrestler from Burlington Notre Dame, but she downed Macey Johnson two times by fall at 1:31 and 1:13.

Carson said it was nice to be able to have a home meet.

"I really like the support we've been getting," she said. "Being a part of the women's wrestling team is a big step in the right direction. Now that it's more common and there are more wrestlers, it's really nice."

Marquel Warner earned a second-place finish in a short division at 145lbs., while Sadie Brandon was second at 170lbs. Alexa Walz 135A and Marie Young 135B both came home with third-place finishes for the night. Freshman Tatum Peters was third at 155.

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