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CAREER OPTIONS ON DISPLAY



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

A local student works with a thermal imaging camera under the direction of OCI employee John Garrison Tuesday at the Lee County Career Advantage Center. The students were engaged in a capstone session as part of their rotation through the center.

EARLY SUCCESS: Career Advantage Center showcases student capstone session

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Hammering, welding, imaging and even the best paper airplane were part of a final phase of experiences for area eighth and ninth graders Tuesday morning.

At the Lee County Career Advantage Center in Montrose, about a 130 students from all three county public schools participated in a capstone session where seven different industries and organizations gave hands-on demonstrations to students, including Lee County Sheriff's office, Roquette, Iowa Fertilizer Plant, SCC, Lee County Conservation and more.

The students engaged in three different sessions over a month aimed at opening their eyes to future careers right here in southeast Iowa.

Don Weiss, the curriculum director at the center said the ambition is to open the students eyes to what is happening locally in terms of career and career technology.

"We want to make the kids aware of all the career opportunities that are available in southeast Iowa so they don't feel like to succeed they have to run off to Cedar Rapids or Des Moines. There are plenty of career opportunities right here," he said.

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30 Groups Demand Pause on Carbon Pipeline Approvals

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is revising safety rules after a carbon pipeline rupture sent 45 people to the hospital

Yesterday, 30 groups sent a letter to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requesting that the federal agency issue

an advisory to states recommending that they refrain from permitting any new carbon dioxide pipelines until the PHMSA regulations are final. Groups also requested that the agency hold a public meeting on the urgent need for a rigorous rulemaking.

PHMSA announced its carbon pipeline safety rulemaking in May,

citing serious safety concerns with current regulations, laid bare by a 2020 rupture in Satartia, Mississippi that forced the evacuation of 200 people and sent 45 to the hospital. California has already established a moratorium on certain carbon pipeline projects until PHMSA finalizes its regulations.

EDITORIAL



Stone had message for retail success

A couple of generations ago, an up-and-coming Arkansas retailer was spreading out across America, and Kenneth Stone was inundated with requests to speak around Iowa and far beyond about the company.

Stone was an economics professor at Iowa State University. His expertise was retail sales and business management.

Merchants and community leaders wanted Stone to tell them how their local businesses could compete with this outsider named Walmart and with other national retailers that operated what were coming to be called "big-box stores."

There are indications Stone's message — that businesses must focus on better-serving customers — is needed today as much as it was in the 1980s and 1990s. Last week's national news about Frontier Airlines provided more evidence of that.

Stone, now retired, was a no-nonsense guy — although economists are rarely seen as rollicking, good-time Kens. But his all-business demeanor was not surprising when you learned he was a pilot in the Vietnam War and for a time was assigned as the personal pilot for the top American commander there, Gen. William Westmoreland.

During his years at Iowa State University, Stone crisscrossed the state at the invitation of local chambers of commerce that wanted to tap into his expertise.

He would roll into town armed with charts showing the community's retail sales data that he gleaned from state sales tax statistics. He would show his audience how the local stats compared

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WEATHER

WED 30 Nov Sunny and cold, 32° F / 17° F
THU 01 Dec Sunny and cold, 39° F / 31° F
FRI 02 Dec Partly sunny and cool, 54° F / 27° F

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LOTTO AMERICA 11/28 5 6 29 34 49, Star Ball: 4 All Star Bonus: 4
LUCKY FOR LIFE 11/28 17 21 35 36 42, Lucky Ball: 9
PICK 3 11/28 MIDDAY 9 8 3
PICK 3 11/28 EVENING 5 11
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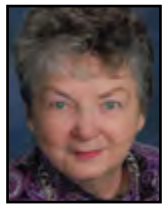
OBITUARIES

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, 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.



KREBILL

OBITUARIES

KATHRYN A. MILLER

Kathryn Ann Miller, 81, of Bettendorf, IA, formerly of Kewanee, passed Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, IA surrounded by her family. She was born November 22, 1940 in Fort Madison, IA, the daughter of LeRoy V. and Mary (Rempe) Hillgartner. She married Robert Lee Miller on February 27, 1960 in Fort Madison, IA and he preceded her in death on September 15, 2013.



MILLER

Survivors include her son, Michael J. (Trisha Gentry) Miller of Reno, NV, her daughter, Julie A. (John) Kedley of Bettendorf, IA, a brother, John L. (Maria) Hillgartner of Fort Madison, IA, her grandson, Jacob M. Kedley (Jordan Karben) of Bettendorf, IA and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Kathryn graduated from high school in Fort Madison, IA in 1958. She had worked as a bookkeeper for Ralston Purina and also had worked in the Alcove at Kewanee Hospital. She was a member of the Kewanee Historical Society, serving as treasurer for 2 years and a member of the Parnassus Book Club. Kathryn enjoyed basket weaving, needle punch, wool applique, knitting, quilting, reading, and gardening. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and cat Bella. This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Cremation will be accorded and memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 30 at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Martin VanMeltebeck officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Private inurnment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

ALICE M. JOHNSON

Alice Marie (Gilliam) Johnson, 66, of Bowen, passed away on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Aspire Nursing and Rehabilitation of Donnellson, Iowa.



JOHNSON

Alice was born on June 18, 1956, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Spriggs) Gilliam. Alice owned and operated Johnson's Grocery in Bowen for several years. She later worked as a cook at the Jiffy Stop in Carthage, and was later employed at Rhodes Market in Augusta, the Post Office, Chem-Gro and Fast Stop throughout her working career.

Alice loved her family, especially taking her nieces and nephews to the county fair. She enjoyed spending her free time camping and playing cards, and her favorite holiday was always Halloween, going all-out every year. Alice was a friend to everyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand. If you were the

underdog, you knew Alice was rooting for you.

Alice is survived by two sisters: Betsy Welty of Palmyra, Missouri, and Faith (Patrick) Thompson of Warsaw; her good friend Teresa Wood of Bowen, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

Alice is preceded in death by her parents and her sister Florence Rohrbough.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am on Monday, November 28, 2022, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday from 1 to 5 pm, with family meeting friends from 3 to 5 pm.

Memorials may be directed to the Assembly of God church in Warsaw, Compassus Hospice or Aspire Nursing and Rehabilitation of Donnellson.

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

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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Sports/From the Front

Bloodhound Sports

Lady Hounds start year with two road wins

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC SPORTS

DAVIS COUNTY - The Fort Madison girls basketball team is off to strong start capturing its first two wins of the year both on the road.

Fort Madison moved to 2-0 with a 58-33 win over Davis County Tuesday night. Camille Kruse poured in 22 points to lead the Lady Hounds. She also had five assists, three steals and two blocked shots in the win.

Irelynd Sargent was also in double figures with 10 points and seven rebounds, while handing out four assists.

Halle Menke had seven points for Fort Madison and seven boards, while Molly Knipe and Taylor Johnson each chipped in with six points.

Fort Madison raced out to an 18-8 first quarter advantage and then held the Mustangs to just three points in the second quarter on the way to a 28-11 first half advantage.

The defense held up in the third quarter limiting Davis County to just five points while the Hounds pulled away for the win.

Last Monday, the Bloodhounds opened the year with a 34-25 win over Ottumwa on the road.

Knipe had nine points and 13 rebounds to lead Fort Madison.

Kruse had eight points and Sargent had seven in the win.

Kruse is second in scoring in the Southeast Conference with 30 points, just one point behind Mt. Pleasant's Andrea Lapreato. Kruse is first in assists and steals in the conference.

Fort Madison opens the home season this Friday when Mt. Pleasant comes to the Hound Dome.

Walton got start in Iowa

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before and after Walmart opened a store within easy driving distance.

He would show the local crowd whether their community was hanging onto its traditional share of retail trade for the region, or whether there was "leakage," meaning residents were taking their checkbooks and credit cards and making more of their retail purchases in a county with a Walmart store.

Stone preached a simple message in dozens of such presentations throughout Iowa and far beyond Iowa's borders: The best way to compete with a Walmart or with similar big-box stores was by thinking first of better-serving customers — including being open on days and at times when it was most convenient for shoppers, not necessarily for the convenience of store owners.

I knew Stone from my

years at The Des Moines Register. I was thinking about him last week, and his serve-the-customer-better mantra, as I read the news about Frontier Airlines. It is obvious a new crop of business leaders could benefit from Stone's wisdom.

Frontier's customers were surprised to find out a week ago that they are no longer able to call the airline and speak to a human customer service representative or ticket agent.

Want to buy a ticket? Need to change your reservation? Have questions about the times Frontier flights arrive in Des Moines or Cedar Rapids or Omaha? You are out of luck with Frontier.

Instead of connecting with a human to answer those questions during a quick phone call, Frontier's recorded message now directs callers to go the airline's website or use the airline's text message "chat service."

The recorded message explains the company's rationale for cutting the cord on human contact: "At Frontier, we offer the lowest fares in the industry by operating our airline as efficiently as possible. We want our customers to be able to

operate efficiently as well, which is why we make it easy to find what you need at Flyfrontier.com or on our mobile app."

In a comment straight out of the "Department of Are You Really Sure of That?," a Frontier spokeswoman told CNN, "We have found that most customers prefer communicating via digital channels."

I have a hunch Kenneth Stone would ask Frontier executives whether their new customer service strategy is truly more expeditious and efficient for the customer, or whether it is the company, rather than the customer, who is benefitting from the cutbacks in human interaction.

Lots of business owners learned 35 years ago they would be smart to listen to that guy from Iowa State University.

Your Iowa trivia tidbit for today: Walmart founder Sam Walton got his start in retailing in Des Moines in 1940 after graduating from the University of Missouri with a degree in economics. Walton joined J.C. Penney as a management trainee.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 11/15/2022

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 11/15/2022, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Gray, Amandus, Rink, Andrews, Schulz and Bowker. Council Member Cangas was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 11/1/2022; Resolution No. 2022-92, approving the Fiscal Year Ending 2022 Annual Urban Renewal Report; Claims dated 11/10/2022, October Manuals, October Financial Report and Payroll of 11/4/2022.

Assured Partners reported on the benefit package. On motion, Council approved \$5,000 to fund a Retail Market Analysis with the Fort Madison Economic Development Corporation and Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-93, terminating the Burlington Hill Urban Renewal Plan for the Burlington Hill Urban Renewal Area and ending the Burlington Hill Urban Renewal Area. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-427, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the Burlington Hill Urban Renewal Area, in the City of Fort

Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-94, terminating the City of Fort Madison Urban Renewal Plan #9 for the City of Fort Madison Urban Renewal Plan #9 Project Area and ending the City of Fort Madison Urban Renewal Plan #9 Project Area. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance C-310, providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the City of Fort Madison Urban Renewal Plan #9 Project Area, in the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending the Code of the City of Fort Madison by amending Title 2, Chapter 8; Title 7, Chapters 2 and 4; Title 8, Chapters 10 and 13; Title 9, Chapters 7, 9 and 10; and Title 11, Chapter 3. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-95, approving the Mayor's signature on a Fund Transfer Authorization. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-96, approving cemetery fee changes effective 1/1/2023. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-97, setting public hearing on the sale of property located at 2715 Avenue O. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-98, approving the Mayor's signature on Change Order #2, for PIP 2020-07, Old Highway

61, Reconstruction of 10th to 18th Streets. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-99, directing the City Clerk to publish notice of the City Council's intent to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Tom Schulz, Second Ward Council Member.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's reappointment of Bob Chesnut

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$ 40,286.29
Special Revenue	127,294.95
Road Use	68,198.36
Debt	4,350.00
Capital	1,154,631.18
Water	96,145.29
Sewer	91,731.18
Solid Waste/IWC	24,776.29
SW Utility	218.58
	<u>\$1,607,632.12</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$147,793.40
Special Rv	326,667.39
Road Use	400.00
Debt	35,193.03
Capital	993,585.08
Water	843.95
Sewer	8,356.55
Sld Waste, IWC	212.99
SW Utility	36.59
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ACTERRA GROUP, INC., REPAIRED FUEL GAUGE.....	1,511.24
AGRINEED, INC - WEST POINT, LAWN MIX - VP	190.00
AHLERS & COONEY, PC, PROF FEE - BOND	180.00
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, FRAME SEAL	1,502.94
ALTORFER INC., BEARING FOR SKID STEER	107.55
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, PORTABLE HARD DRIVE	185.97

and Zach Pieper to the Airport Commission, terms ending 9/30/2025; and the appointment of Linda Larkin to the Housing Authority, term ending 6/3/2023.

At 6:35 P.M. the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL 11/4/2022	
General	\$206,032.39
Old Fort	4,300.10
Road Use	28,993.84
Water	30,367.87
Sewer	30,008.10
Solid Waste	16,474.65
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	2,945.90
	<u>\$319,609.39</u>

ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, WINTER JACKET.....	1,364.72
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DUKE'S ROOT CONTROL, INC., ROOT CONTROL ON SWR PIPE	7,928.12
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BAGE PICK-UP....	703.50
GEOTECHNICS, PROF FEE - COMBINE SWR SEP	19,867.00
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JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, TIMECLOCK SUBSCRIPTION.....	369.60
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #8 - AVE H 10-18.....	873,251.05
LEE COUNTY BANK, INTEREST PYMT.....	25,502.33
LEE COUNTY RECORDER, RECORDING FEE.....	34.00
LEON WILSON, CLOTHING/BOOT ALLOW.....	256.79
LISCO, PHONE/INTERNET.....	1,943.72
LUBY EQUIPMENT SERVICES, BULLDOZER RAILS/DRIVE....	7,947.65
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, SWEEPER SEAL.....	830.78
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, BELT/IDLER.....	425.87
MCFARLAND, PAPER PRODUCTS.....	139.97
MENARD - WEST BURLINGTON, LADDER.....	98.46
MERSCHMAN FERTILIZER LLC, TREATED ICE MELT.....	14,977.50
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., TESTING SUPPLIES.....	409.57
MIDWAY FREIGHTLINER, INC, STUD/FLANGE.....	13.68
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT, RADARS.....	320.00
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPAIR MOTORS.....	1,218.66
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC., GASKETS/RINGS.....	4,790.36
NATHAN KOSER, CONTINUING EDUCATION.....	175.00
NORRIS ASPHALT PAVING, HOT PATCH.....	2,809.73
NORTH LEE CLERK OF COURT, COURT FEES.....	55.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC., PARTS/OIL/GLOVES.....	752.94
OMNI SITE, MONITOR FEE 11/22/22-12/31/22.....	15.78
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL FEE.....	1,350.00
POSTMASTER, PO BOX RENTAL.....	242.00
QUALITY FLOW SYSTEMS, INC, SLUDGE PUMP REPAIR/IMPELLER.....	20,179.62
QUARRY CREEK ELK	

AND BISON, BOOT ALLOW.....	101.75
QUILL LLC, INK....	109.98
RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS INC, RADIO REPAIR.....	1,400.00
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL.....	50.16
RED LION RENEWABLES, ELECTRIC.....	484.79
RHINO INDUSTRIES, INC., REPLACED THICKENER.....	4,825.40
SERVICEMASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE.....	1,311.50
SHOTTENKIRK, REPAIRED FUEL GAUGE/WIRES.....	1,505.03
SINCLAIR TRACTOR, BLADE/BOLTS/SHOES.....	1,174.41
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO., TEST.....	388.46
SMARTCOVER SYSTEMS, INC., YEARLY COVERAGE.....	3,897.00
SOUTHEAST IA REGIONAL MED, ON JOB INJURY.....	667.44
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING.....	90.00
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, FUEL.....	190.00
TONY AND CINDY BAXTER, INTEREST - BLUFF APT.....	4,350.00
TRI-STATE LAWN SERVICE LLC, NUISANCE ABATEMENT.....	762.31
TRUCK REPAIR INC., HOSE FOR BREAKER.....	163.02
UNITY POINT CLINIC - OCCUP, RANDOM DRUG TESTING.....	42.00
USA BLUE BOOK, WRENCH COVER/WIPES.....	1,374.53
W.R. FAETH WHOLESALE, HALLOWEEN CANDY.....	667.80
WILSON DISTRIBUTOR SERVIC, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES.....	48.06
WINDSTREAM, PHONE/INTERNET.....	265.80
TOTAL.....	1,361,746.03
GENERAL.....	21,812.04
SPECIAL REVENUES.....	5,456.47
ROAD USE.....	43,564.49
CAPITAL PROJECTS.....	1,154,631.18
WATER.....	44,842.98
WASTEWATER.....	68,450.76
SOLID WASTE.....	21,309.40
AIRPORT.....	1,569.42
STORM WATER... ..	109.29
TOTAL.....	1,361,746.03

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ACCESS LEASING SYSTEM, COPIER LEASE.....	1,114.40
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	64,601.70
ANSER IOWA, WATER ANSWERING SERVICE	

ASCENT - AIRPORT FUEL, FUEL FOR RE-SALE.....	3,591.26
CENTURY LINK, TELEPHONE.....	185.57
DFI TOTAL BUSINESS SOLUTION, WATER BILLS.....	1,942.25
FARM & HOME SUPPLY, SAFETY BOOTS..	174.99
HY-VEE FOOD STORE, FUEL.....	105.84
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE, WET & SALES TAX.....	16,857.37
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS, WORKMAN'S COMP....	8,782.00
MERCHANT SERVICES, CREDIT CARD FEES.....	3,576.13
MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS, FLEX & SELF INSURANCE ...	25,938.90
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL.....	913.78
RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER @ AIRPORT.....	29.68
SQUARE APP, SQUARE APP FEES.....	73.45
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, UNCLAIMED PROPERTY 2022.....	274.93
TRI-STATE LAWN SERVICE LLC, NUISANCE ABATEMENT.....	2,057.95
WELLMARK BC/BS, NOV HEALTH INS PREMIUM.....	95,589.09
WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE.....	19,866.80
TOTAL.....	245,886.09
GENERAL.....	18,474.25
SPECIAL REVENUES.....	120,460.98
ROAD USE.....	24,633.87
WATER.....	51,302.31
WASTEWATER.....	23,280.42
SOLID WASTE... ..	3,466.89
AIRPORT.....	4,158.08
STORM WATER... ..	109.29
TOTAL.....	245,886.09

PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting October 14, 2022 Board Met Virtually Via Go To Meeting

1. Called to Order at 12:00 p.m.
Roll Call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore x Patrick x VanPelt x
Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl
Supervisor: Absent
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Patrick to approve the agenda
2nd: Alton
Motion Carried
3. Take Possible Action on Concrete Bids for Campground Pads
Baker Concrete came

in with lowest bid at \$68,220 for a total of 10 camp sites at Pollmiller and Chatfield
Motion by Alton to approve the bid from Baker Concrete at \$68,220
2nd: Patrick
Motion Carried

4. Take Possible Action on Step Increase for Environmental Education II
Huebner recommended the 1 year step increase for Lia Risser. Motion by VanPelt to approve the 1 year step increase for Lia Risser
2nd: Alton
Motion Carried
5. Adjournment
Motion by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m.
2nd: Alton
Motion Carried
Tom Pollpeter, LCCB President
Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Special Board Meeting November 3, 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
Supervisor: Absent
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion by VanPelt to approve the agenda
2nd: Moore
Motion Carried
3. Request for closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate per 21.5(1) of Code of Iowa: To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed.
Motion by Alton to enter closed session at 4:02 p.m.
2nd: Patrick
Roll Call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore x Patrick x VanPelt x

Motion by Alton to exit closed session at 4:29 p.m.
2nd: Moore
Motion Carried

4. Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session
No action was taken.
5. Request for closed session regarding potential purchase of particular real estate per 21.5(1) of Code of Iowa: To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed.
Motion by VanPelt to enter closed session at 4:32 p.m.
2nd: Moore
Motion Carried
- Motion by Alton to exit closed session at 5:04 p.m.
2nd: Patrick
Motion Carried
6. Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session
Motion by Moore to put an offer in for the property discussed in closed session
2nd: Vanpelt
Motion Carried
7. Discuss Denning Wildlife Area Management Plan
Huebner presented the Board with the proposed Wildlife Management Plan for Denning Conservation Area. The plan included stipulations on which tracts could be leased for farming each year. Currently, three tracts totaling 95 acres are leased out. The DNR would like to see this lessened over the next three years to turn it back into native prairie. The income from leasing must be used for the management of the Denning Property per the Wildlife Management Plan. The DNR stated in the plan that the financial burden of preserving the barn would fall onto the DNR, not the LCCB. Therefore, less income would be needed to maintain the rest of the property. The Board discussed the difference between preserving and

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restoring and shared what their hopes for the barn had been, but the DNR has the overall say on this property. The Board could not take action in the meeting, but made a plan for

re-bidding out the Denning property land lease to follow the DNR's new guidelines at the next

Board meeting. 8. Adjournment Motion by Alton to adjourn the meeting at 5:17

p.m. 2nd: Patrick Motion Carried Tom Pollpeter, LCCB

President Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

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From the Front

Center not "just for kids"

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"There are advantages to living here. We don't have the traffic, cost-of-living is less, and it's a lot more of a relaxed experience."

He said this is just the first step in the evolution of the center. Students need to see the different things that are taking place. Then the 10th-12th grade students will eventually learn the skills necessary to take those local jobs.

"I suspect most of these kids and most of these parents drive up and down (Highway) 61 all the time and have no idea of the different kinds of industries that are happening 200 feet of that highway doing cutting-edge stuff," Weiss said.

OCI Iowa Fertilizer was on hand showing thermal imaging that is used to help keep the plant safe.

John Garrison, an employee with the OCI safety team, showed students imaging cameras that are used to detect potential leaks at the Wever facility.

"We use this to find hot spots on our refractor a lot. You can look for different leaks, and valves that aren't working correctly. But for the most part we look for refractor damage," Garrison said.

"I'm just engaging with them on how this works. The tech we use is very cool and the job we do is pretty interesting. We just make sure the plant is safe. It's our job to make sure the plant doesn't blow up.

Emily Benjamin, Vice President of Economic Development for Lee County Economic Development Group, which houses the center, said groups have ranged from 150 students to 50 students.

"We think about 120 is a good number and has a lot of energy," she said.

The students enjoy being split into

different groups which allows them to interact with other district kids in the two-hour phases.

"They are also doing curriculum in the classroom at their schools," Benjamin said. "That supplements and supports what we're doing here."

The students work with IowaWorks to be color-coded based on interests, so they know coming into the sessions what group they will be working in.

Next year plans include building out the program so the 9th-11th grade experience is more developed.

"Health Sciences and Industrial Tech and Manufacturing will likely have specialty academy programs next year," Benjamin said.

The students on Tuesday were completing the third or hands-on phase of their three-session curriculum.

Greg Smith, the center's Chief Engagement Strategist, said he works with industries to involve them in how the programs will impact those partners in the future.

"We're already working with SCC to do some academies here. We expect to put in a computer science program and run those kinds of skills. We also want to create a makers space in here so kids can put their hands on robots and those kinds of things. That's the direction we're going," Smith said.

He said plans are also being developed to integrate adult programming to help adults who want to get back to work.

"Even people that are looking for work or want to be retrained. We're talking about that as well. It's not just about kids," Smith said.

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