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Comp board says 7%

RAISES: Board recommends 7% for county officials, 3% for supervisors

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Compensation Board has recommended a 7% raise for elected officials in the county and a 3% increase for Lee County Supervisors.

The board didn't make the recommendation without hinting that the county needed to listen more to the recommendations.

"Last year was my first year and I was proud to be asked to do it," said comp board member Janet Hissom.

"And the first word out of the supervisors' mouth was 'You can make all the recommendations you want and we don't have to listen to you.' That really put a sour taste in my

mouth," she said.

"We had the Black the Blue Mandate, we did what we thought we had to do, and ultimately I still think that's what we have to do. We do have to keep the employees happy."

Garry Seyb, a Lee County Supervisor, said the county has to keep pace with other counties in elected officials' pay and the Back the Blue law brought the county closer to being equitable in the state, but they needed to keep the momentum going.

Seyb said Lee County is 22nd in population for the state of Iowa, and compared to other elected officials, the vast majority of other counties are paid more.

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Another FM woman wins Lottery prize

SCRATCH OFF: Fowler wins \$50,000 on scratch-off purchased at gas station



CLIVE, Iowa — A southeast Iowa woman has won a \$50,000 lottery prize.

Nikki Fowler of Fort Madison won the sixth top prize in the Iowa Lottery's "X The Money" scratch game. She purchased her winning ticket at Fort Madison Tobacco & Liquor, 1735 Ave. H in Fort Madison, and claimed her prize Monday at the lottery's Cedar Rapids regional office.

X The Money is a \$5 scratch game that features eight top prizes of \$50,000 and overall odds of 1 in 3.27. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit ia-lottery.com.

About the Iowa Lottery: Since the lottery's start in 1985, its players have won more than \$5.3 billion in prizes while the lottery has raised more than \$2.2 billion for state programs. Today, lottery proceeds help our state in multiple ways. They support Iowa veterans and their families through the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund. They help the families of Iowa peace officers, firefighters and corrections employees who die in the line of duty. And they provide help for a variety of significant projects through the state General Fund.



Courtesy photo

From left to right: McKayla Schinstock, Laura Mehmert, Alexa Dingman, Kayla Box, Taegen Denning, Hannah Hoenig, Rachel Menke, Sarah Menke, Izzy Behne, and Addie Link.

Holy Trinity Catholic girls place 5th at State Pom Competition

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity Dance team took 5th place at the state Pom Competition last week in Des Moines.

According to coach Hannah Hoenig the teams had a truncated time frame

to learn the routine, which was different from years past.

"The girls had just five weeks to learn their routine, when typically they start four months before the state contest," Hoenig said.

The competed in Class 1 and placed 5th out of 12 teams. The girls also

received the competition's GPA award with an overall GPA of 3.991.

Competing for the Crusaders this year were: McKayla Schinstock, Laura Mehmert, Alexa Dingman, Kayla Box, Taegen Denning, Hannah Hoenig, Rachel Menke, Sarah Menke, Izzy Behne, and Addie Link.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

DORIS J. ROBBINS

Doris Jean Robbins, 73, of Keosauqua, Iowa, passed away at 6:05 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2022, at the Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua, Iowa.



ROBBINS

She was born on October 29, 1949, in Burlington, Iowa, the daughter of Ray and Viola (Brockway) Basquin. On January 5, 1978, she married Kenneth Robbins in Keosauqua, Iowa. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her three sisters: Diana Boyd of Valley Falls, Kansas, Pat Bean of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Suzanne Downer of Sperry, Iowa and one brother: Kenneth Basquin of Allerton, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband: Kenneth. Doris was a graduate of Mediapolis High School. She worked at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Hawkeye Steel and Siliconics in California. She enjoyed playing Bingo and mushroom hunting. Doris was always known for helping others. Her body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at the Harness Cemetery near Mt. Sterling, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, the family asks that people do a kind deed for someone in her memory.

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

OBITUARIES

JAMES S. BEGER

James Steven Beger, 72, of rural Franklin, Iowa, passed away at 7:44 a.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at his home.



BEGER

He was born on July 7, 1950, in St. Charles, Missouri, the son of Harold and Elizabeth "Betty" Mae (Heye) Beger. On December 17, 1977, he married Judy Watkins at the Sharon Presbyterian Church in rural Farmington, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife: Judy; three brothers: Tom (Chris) Beger of Columbia, Missouri, Bob (Judy) Beger of High Ridge, Missouri, John (Cindy) Beger of Rolla, Missouri; step-daughter: Wendy (Loren) Caviness of Montrose, Iowa; two daughters: Louisa (Duane) Beger - McConnell of Fort Madison, Iowa, Katherine (Wade) Warner of Selah, Washington; six grandchildren: Ryan Caviness, Matthew Caviness, Shawn Caviness, Elijah McConnell, Olivia Warner and Katalina Warner. Also surviving are five nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Jim was a graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated Beger Lawn Spraying and sold Aflac Insurance. Jim was a member of Sharon Presbyterian Church and the Tri-State Gun Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, skeet shooting, watching wildlife, traveling and being outdoors.

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

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial will be at the Sharon Church Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory for the Job's Closet Food Pantry of Bonaparte. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.



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For the Record

- Fort Madison Police Report**
 12/06/22 - 6:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue H.
 12/06/22 - 6:32 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3000 block of Avenue O.
 12/06/22 - 8:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited April Dawn Stegall, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of driving while barred.
 12/06/22 - 10:34 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua James Hayes, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred and a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/07/22 - 1:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Diego Henry Lozano, 21, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a Henry County warrant for 3rd degree harassing communication. He was released on bond.
 12/07/22 - 4:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
- Lee County Sheriff's Report**
 12/06/22 - 11:53 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joshua James Hayes, 34, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a judgment entry warrant. 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.*

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Obituaries/Sports

Morrison goes for 35 in Hawks loss to No. 14 ND

PCC Staff

DONNELSON - Makayla Morrison exploded for 35 points, but the Lady Hawks couldn't catch up with Notre Dame Tuesday night.

The Class 1A No. 14 Nikes couldn't put the clamps on Morrison, especially in the 4th quarter as the Hawks scrambled back from a 9-point deficit with one-minute left to put a scare into the Nikes.

Morrison had three 3-pointers including two in the final minute, to get Central Lee within striking distance, but a 3-ball from Notre Dame's Anna Engberg kept the game just out of reach.

Kenna Sandoval had the best game of her career scoring 22 points inside with 12 coming in the second half of Central's comeback.

Notre Dame led by just one point at the end of the first quarter at 10-9, but Notre Dame erupted for 24 in the second quarter to take a 38-28 lead into the lockerroom.

The Lady Hawks would close that gap to just one point 54-53 to start the final period. The two teams traded buckets throughout the final period, but Notre Dame went on a small 7-0 run at the two minute mark to create enough room to hold on for the win.

Kodi Moeller had five points in the win.

The Hawks (1-3, 1-2) travel to Van Buren on Friday night for girls/boys double-header.

Central Lee boys fall to Nikes

PCC Staff

DONNELSON - The Central Lee boys basketball team continues to look for its first win of the year.

The Hawks suffered a 59-40 setback to Burlington Notre Dame at Central Lee High School.

Central Lee got off to a slow start scoring just nine points led by Aidan Ross' four points. But the Hawks got things turned around in the second half and kept pace with the Nikes in scoring 15-14 for an 11-point halftime deficit.

Keagan Damico went 4-of-4 from the free throw line in the second quarter and hit a three to lead the Hawks with seven.

The Hawks' shooting went cold in the second half, converting just six shots from the field and going 4-of-8 from the free throw line as Notre Dame pulled away in the third quarter, stretching the lead to 45-27 at the end of the third.

The Nikes would hold that lead through the fourth quarter with the Hawks never getting closer than 15 the rest of the way.

"We played really well at times, but failed to make shots at crucial moments in the game. It has been the same in all our games so far early this season," said Head Coach Kritter Hayes.

"We are really improving at some things we have struggled with in the past and continue to take positive steps forward. We want to win. We have to start better as we seem to always be fighting from behind and that takes a ton of effort and energy."

Brayden Wyrick led the Hawks with 11 points and Damico finished with eight points. Cory Jones finished with five points for Central Lee.

Central Lee (0-4) travels to Van Buren for a double header Friday night.



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OBITUARIES

DEBORAH HORTON

Deborah Horton, 66, of Ft. Madison passed away at 6:50 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at her home.



HORTON

She was born on July 10, 1956 in Ft. Madison to Kenneth and Doris Carter Holtkamp. On April 15, 1975 she married Don Horton in Burlington. She worked at the Daily Democrat and Armour Dial. Her greatest job and love was being a wife, mother, grandma and great grandma. Deb loved birds, especially cardinals. She enjoyed crafting, listening to older country music and watching old black and white movies.

Survivors include her husband, Don Horton of Ft. Madison; two daughters, Sasha Horton and Tenile(Ernest) Aldridge both of Ft. Madison; two sons, Don Horton III and Joshua Horton both of Ft. Madison; ten grandchildren; Chantal Clifford, Sabrina Wilson, Damien Pope, Chance Horton, Alexis Huston, Selena Clanton, Bailee Horton, Julien Pope, Kylee Howren and Gavin Horton; eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Steve (Marlene) Holtkamp of Irving, TX; two sisters, Denise Peacock and Deanna (Richard) Rankin both of Quitman, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Rebecca and Donna; two brothers, Scott and Stan and a great grandson, Munson.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

United Way/RSVP asks for winter coats

LEE COUNTY - AmeriCorps Seniors/Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) and United Way of the Great River Region is hosting a winter coat drive. Coats can be new or gently worn. Gently worn coats must be freshly laundered. We will also be accepting new hats, gloves, and scarves.

Drop off dates: November 16 until December 11, 2022
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Sports

HTC girls fade in loss to Mepo

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

MEDIAPOLIS - Tony Johnson knew the second half was not going to go Holy Trinity's way less than a minute after it began. Mediapolis' Payton Bush banked in a 3-point on the opening possession of the half, shrugging her shoulders after the shot went through the net. "I mean, right off the bat, second half, you bank one off the glass," said Johnson, Holy Trinity's coach. It was that kind of night for the Crusaders, who let a first-half lead get away in a 54-35 loss to the No. 11 (Class 2A) Bulldogs on Tuesday night. The Crusaders (1-3 overall, 0-3 SEI Superconference South Division) scored just four points in the third quarter after

leading 25-21 at halftime. Holy Trinity's offense was plagued by turnovers in the second half. The Crusaders were either too aggressive or too tentative against Mediapolis' pressure defense, and it cost them. "We couldn't keep somebody in the middle for some reason," Johnson said. And it didn't help that the Crusaders lost freshman center Presley Myers late in the third quarter. Myers, who had 14 points, was a big part of helping Holy Trinity break the pressure with her height and presence in the middle of the court, but she went down with a leg injury after being fouled from behind and didn't play the rest of the game. "Losing kind of a key in the middle, or you can throw it to her over the top of the defense, that hurts," Johnson said.

Myers was having her best offensive game of the season went she went down, and the loss of that punch inside affected the Crusaders. It's been a year of injuries for Holy Trinity. Guard Natalie Randolph is out for the season with a knee injury, forward Mary Kate Bendlage could return after suffering a knee injury in preseason practice. Myers' injury didn't appear serious — she was walking with a slight limp after the game — but it was another piece of bad luck for the Crusaders. "When you're seven deep, and then you lose one and another one's banged up (center Jenna DiPrima appeared to tweak an ankle early in the second half) and now you're five deep, yeah, you struggle," Johnson said. "That's where we are as a program, but there's no one making excuses. Nobody's making excuses. We're still fighting." Holy Trinity led almost the entire first half behind Myers, whose scoring inside along with the ability to draw fouls helped counter four 3-pointers from the Bulldogs (3-0, 3-0). Teagan Snaadt added nine points for the Crusaders, who play Friday at New London.

Crusader boys lose momentum to Bulldogs in 2nd half

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - There were flashes of what the Holy Trinity boys basketball team could be in the first 14 minutes of Tuesday's game against Mediapolis at Shottenkirk Gym. The final two minutes of the first half, and all of the second half, were what the Crusaders don't want to be this season. The 74-52 loss came after Mediapolis went on a run going into halftime, and then coming back out of the locker room. The Bulldogs (2-1) outscored the Crusaders (1-4) 30-6 in a 7 1/2-minute stretch after the Crusaders were up 30-22. "We had all of the success in the world," Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said. "We were playing as good as any team in the (SEI Superconference) South Division for a quarter and six minutes. And then we decided we weren't content with success. We forced things, we turned the ball over, we fouled in the half-court. We didn't see guys that were open, and it kind of snowballed from

there." Mediapolis' Cole Lipper scored 33 points, constantly finding his way to the basket. "Lipper, I mean, hat's off the him," Hellige said. "He really had a great game. We had no answer for him tonight. He was just so stronger than us." Holy Trinity led by as much as 10 points in the first half before the Bulldogs first chipped into the margin and then completely erased the Crusaders' control. "We ran some really good sets we've been working super-hard on," Hellige said. "But we couldn't get into a position where we could get things set up and get a good shot with a nice 10-point lead, and that's what we really needed." "When we run our sets, when we get things organized, we're successful. But when we try to play willy-nilly YMCA basketball, it's not good." Conner Gehling led Holy Trinity with 21 points. Luke Hellige had 13 points. But only three other Crusaders scored. Kamden Stotlar had 11 points for Mediapolis.

Hounds sweep double dual at BHS

PCC Staff

BURLINGTON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds came off a productive weekend in Independence by sweeping a double dual at Burlington High School Tuesday night. The Hounds rolled Mediapolis 57-19 and downed Wapello 66-14.

Teague Smith recorded two pins at 182, both in less than :45, to lead Fort Madison in the dual sweep. Nolan Riddle wrestled at 145 also recorded two pins on the night. Daniel Sokolik had two wins including a forfeit but posted the fast pin of the night in just :18 over Wapello's Austin Meeker at 285 pounds. Fort Madison took advantage of nine forfeits combined in the two dual matches. Complete results from the duals are below. Fort Madison (FOMA) 57.0 Mediapolis (MEDI) 19.0 113: Tateum Schelich (FOMA) over James Garrison (MEDI) (Fall 2:19) 120: Noah Swigart (FOMA) over Grant Kennedy (MEDI) (Dec 4-0) 126: Logan Pennock (FOMA) over Braxton Davis (MEDI) (Fall 0:29) 132: Joey Glendening (MEDI) over Hayden Woolever (FOMA)

(Dec 6-1) 138: Grady Gunn (MEDI) over Calvin Johnson (FOMA) (Fall 2:29) 145: Nolan Riddle (FOMA) over Mason Johnson (MEDI) (Fall 1:49) 152: Aidan Pennock (FOMA) over Ben Gerst (MEDI) (Fall 0:39) 160: Emmett Kruse (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 170: Joe Hartman (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 182: Teague Smith (FOMA) over Parker Lange (MEDI) (Fall 0:25) 195: Josh Glendening (MEDI) over Isaac Thacher (FOMA) (MD 16-2) 220: Landon Rudd (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 285: Daniel Sokolik (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 106: Dakota Aney (MEDI) over Gavyn Siemens (FOMA) (Fall 1:32) Fort Madison (FOMA) 66.0 Wapello (WAPE) 14.0 106: Codder Malcom (WAPE) over Gavyn Siemens (FOMA) (Fall 3:24) 113: Tateum Schelich (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.) 120: Noah Swigart (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.) 126: Logan Pennock (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.) 132: Garret Dickey (WAPE) over Hayden Woolever (FOMA) (Dec 6-0) 138: Zach Harbison (WAPE) over Calvin Johnson (FOMA) (TF 16-0 2:00) 145: Nolan Riddle (FOMA) over Matthew Helscher (WAPE) (Fall 2:37) 152: Aidan Pennock (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.) 160: Emmett Kruse (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.) 170: Joe Hartman (FOMA) over Garen Wilkerson (WAPE) (Fall 1:02) 182: Teague Smith (FOMA) over Kason Dopler (WAPE) (Fall 0:45) 195: Isaac Thacher (FOMA) over Carter Ball (WAPE) (Fall 0:25) 220: Landon Rudd (FOMA) over Jamie Prado (WAPE) (Fall 0:22) 285: Daniel Sokolik (FOMA) over Austin Meeker (WAPE) (Fall 0:18)

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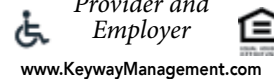
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Pay recommendations will go to Supervisors next

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"Ours should be in the area of 22nd or better. If not, they're not in that sweet spot or average spot. The one that doesn't fit well is the Board of Supervisors," he said.

He said of lot of Lee County's supervisors don't need the salary, but it does inspire others to run.

"I for one, would be happy to have anyone run against me," Seyb said. "I would encourage people to do that and if that inspires them to do that, I'm good with that."

But Supervisor Chuck Holmes, who was in attendance along with Supervisor Ron Fedler and Supervisor-elect Tom Schulz and Seyb, said even if the position was volunteer, he would still serve.

"It makes no difference to me what the compensation is."

Fedler said he's hearing from the public that caution

is in order this year after last year's large increases for county officials and staff.

"They tell me they never got the raises they felt we got and would like us to think really hard about them paying taxes to pay us," he said.

"There are people out there that are hurting and I feel for them."

The board gave 10% across the board raises to county officials and staff, and gave close to 40% to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber and the administration tied to his salary.

The move was ushered in by the Back the Blue law that made counties consider the salaries of law enforcement heads from proportionate population areas in making county sheriff salary determinations.

That law is still in place, which requires the compensation board to again consider the average wages of

comparable cities and county populations.

Richard Fehseke, Sr., representing Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber in front of the comp board, said Weber's salary currently is \$130,907 and the average salary of the cities used in comparison such as Mason City, Cedar Falls, Bettendorf, Marshalltown, and Marion was about \$143,000.

Fehseke said Weber wasn't looking for a makeup to that degree, but a 5% increase to just over \$137,000. That was adjusted to 7% when the recommendation from the board for other elected officials was set at that level.

The Board of Supervisors has final say in setting the pay increases, but by code they have to make any adjustments equally to all officials. As an example, if supervisors cut the recommended raise for county officials by 50%, all adjustments must be cut 50%.

State has \$19.3M in Opioid settlement fund

DES MOINES - The Iowa Opioid Settlement Fund contains \$19,336,358.73 after recent deposits from settlements reached by the Iowa Attorney General's Office.

"Resources are flowing in from hard-won settlements my office has reached with companies who caused or contributed to the opioid crisis," Attorney General Tom Miller said. "Legislators have a crucial opportunity to use this money to prevent addiction, increase access to treatment for opioid use disorder, and save lives."

Under Iowa Code Chapter 12.51, legislators will determine how to spend that money as part of the appropriations process. The money must be used for opioid abatement, such as prevention, treatment, or recovery services, under terms of the settlement. A list of possible uses can be found here.

Local governments have received a similar amount, which is allocated among all 99 counties.

The Iowa Treasurer's Office received payment last week of \$12,239,486.05 from the settlement with Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and its parent company Johnson & Johnson. The amount equals the first five payments under the settlement. Under the agreement, if a state attains maximum participation from its eligible cities and counties, its first five payments are accelerated.

"Iowa is really benefiting because county and city leaders quickly got on board with the agreements," Miller said.

Also in November, the Treasurer's Office received \$4,626,656.84 from the settlement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors - Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen.

In all, the Opioid Settlement Fund will receive about \$90 million from the two settlements over the course of 18 years.

Money from other opioids settlements is expected to arrive in the future. Miller has recently announced several important updates in negotiations:

In November, Miller announced opioid makers Teva Pharmaceuticals and Allergan would provide \$42.6 million to the state of Iowa and local governments. His office led negotiations with the two companies.

Also last month, Miller said a settlement with Walmart will provide more than \$19.9 million to Iowa.

Miller confirmed that promising negotiations were also underway with Walgreens and CVS. The parties continue their efforts to achieve those agreements.

In August, Miller reached an agreement in principle with Endo International plc and its lenders that would provide up to \$450 million to participating states and local governments.

Find Help

If you or a loved one suffers from Opioid Use Disorder, go to IowaOpioidHelp.com to find treatment centers and other resources across the state. The Iowa Attorney General's Office launched the site in September to provide Iowans with a path to recovery.

"Most people do not realize that addiction to opioids is treatable and that Iowans suffering from Opioid Use Disorder can successfully regain control of their lives," AG Miller said. "There is help and hope available right now."

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