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LCHD may get USDA grant

NEW FACILITY: County closing in on \$974,000 grant from rural emergency fund

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY - A preliminary award has been received by the county that will add close to \$1 million to the funding of the Lee County Health Department.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise called a special meeting of the board for Thursday at 3 p.m. for a resolution that's required for the grant.

The county has been working with the Mt. Pleasant Regional office of the USDA's Rural Development department to secure the grant. Fraise was notified Wednesday morning that funding through the Rural Emergency Health Care grant had been set aside, however there were some final documents that had to be secured before the end of the week to lock in the grant.

The county is currently using about \$3.9 million of ARPA funds for the project that was initially estimated at \$5.5 million. However, costs for the project, upon finalized designs, is expected to rise.

The grant now gives the county close to \$5 million for the project. The county is also pursuing a Community Development Block Grant with the assistance of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission for up to \$600,000.

Those funds total \$5.6 million, but Supervisor Garry Seyb said the county will probably need a least another million to



Image courtesy of Lee County

A December preliminary drawing of the proposed Meller-Lee County Health Center shows a visualization of the building. However, budget constraints could change the project.

get closer to the final costs of the project, and the CDBG grant isn't guaranteed either.

The city is planning to build a 14,000 square foot facility to house the Lee County Health Department and two Fort Madison EMS ambulance bays and staff space, on property that was donated to the county by the Glen Meller family.

The building will carry the Meller family name.

Seyb, who's been shepherding the

health department project since joining the supervisors, said the grant funding would come at a perfect time.

"This will provide funding for about 20% of the project and that's money we don't have to go to local taxpayers for," Seyb said Wednesday. "That's a big help for us. It takes a lot of effort for a grant this size."

Seyb said he's happy with the current

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LIBRARY EVENTS

February is a good month to date books

BY SARAH CLENDINENG
FM Public Library Director

This February, go on a date with a book

Love reading but having a hard time finding a new book? Want to go on a reading adventure and possibly step out of your comfort zone? Here are a couple of ideas to spice up your reading in February.

During the month of February, the Fort Madison Public Library will have a display of books wrapped in plain paper. The only clue to their identity will be the first sentence of the book taped to the cover. If you're feeling adventurous, you can go on a blind date with one of these books. Pick an intriguing first sentence and check out the book to take home. Did you discover you don't like the book? No worries, just bring it back to the library. However, you could find a new great read.

Try speed dating with books. Wander through the shelves and grab five or six books. You can pick them at random or maybe grab books by two or three authors or from a specific area. Take your books to a table, or comfy chair, and spend one or two minutes with each. Read the synopsis, try a few chapters, and see what you think. At the end of 10 or 15 minutes, check out any books that you find interesting. Library employees can put the ones you do not want back on the shelves for you.

Never forget, you can always ask library employees for recommendations. We love sharing our favorite books with other people.

Book Giveaway

Save the date, Saturday,

March 4 from 10am to 3pm, we will be having a book giveaway for kids and young adults from birth through high school seniors to celebrate National Reading Month. In addition to giving away books, we will have a balloon

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FMAAA

FMAAA to host state watercolor exhibit in February

FORT MADISON - The FMAAA Art Center Main Gallery provides the venue for hosting the travelling exhibition of Iowa's best and brightest watercolorists for the month of February.

The Iowa Watercolor Society was organized in 1977 by a small group of enthusiastic watercolorists. IWS now celebrates more than 150 members and offers the opportunity for interested painters to network with artists statewide.

The Opening Reception for this amazing show is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Friday, February 3rd. Stop in for light snacks

and beverages and take in some of Iowa's finest work.

This travelling exhibit moves to Fort Madison from the Mt Pleasant Main Street Art Center, and Art Domestique in Washington before that, and will be showing in the Main Gallery at FMAAA through the month, then at Addington Place for March. We are grateful for the sponsorship and support of Addington Place to help make these two months of exhibition possible.

The Art Center will be hosting two different watercolor classes this month.

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Jeri Sparks
Art & Instruction

Watercolor Class
Use of White Space

February 22, 2023
5:30 pm

\$45 (all materials included)

Fort Madison Area Arts Association

Register at FMAAA or contact Jeri (319) 759-7315 - jeri@jerisparks.com

Next month:
March 29
Soft Pastel
Still Life

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WEATHER

THU 02 Feb.....Clear Skies, 34° F/ 2° F
FRI 03 Feb.....Sunny and Frigid, 17° F/ 13° F
SAT 04 Feb.....Sunny and breezy, 45° F/ 29° F

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Obituaries/Scene Around Town



Courtesy photo

Tuesday, FMCS D Kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school. Teachers had various activities for them to do including counting 100 fruit loops to make a necklace, counting 100 goodies to make a goodie bag full of treats, finding the number 100 in a scavenger hunt, and they even made hats to celebrate.

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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL R. COOPER

Michael "Mike" Ray Cooper, 64, of Hamilton, Illinois, passed away on Monday, January 30, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Illinois.

Mike was born on April 9, 1958, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Albert Leroy and Margaret Maxine (West) Cooper. He was employed as a caretaker at the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk from 1999 until his retirement in 2019. Mike was a member of the Hamilton VFW and enjoyed spending his free time watching TV, listening to the radio, and hunting for mushrooms and geodes. He loved taking drives around the area, and frequented Menards and Caseys. Two of his favorite hobbies included the Wordscapes app and photography. Mike had a big heart and was always helping others. Mike proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, was stationed in Germany, and served thirteen years in the National Guard. He was honorably discharged.



COOPER

Mike is survived by his daughter Brooke Cooper of Hamilton, his sister Marge Vickers of Elvaston, Illinois, two grandchildren: Chance Cooper and Nathan Gonzales; his great-grandson Cohan Michael Cooper; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and two cats: Snowball and Tawny.



Mike is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Albert "Punk" Cooper and Roger Cooper, his sister Norma Jones, and his grandson Christopher Gonzales.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Friday, February 3, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial with military honors to follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton. Visitation will be held at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk on Thursday from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm.

Memorials may be directed to the Diabetes Association.

As Mike would say, "Tata" for now.

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

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.



Tuesday morning FMHS celebrated National Girls & Women in Sports Day at FMHS. This day helps to recognize these young women's confidence, strength, and character that is gained through their sport and/or activity.

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Local News/From the Front

February library calendar is full of community events

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sculptor from 11-2, crafts and snacks and an escape room activity. More information will be coming in the next few weeks, keep an eye out at the library, in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

Community Calendar

We have begun adding community events to the online library calendar at <https://FortMadisonEvents.org>. Events are added to the calendar as they are submitted by community organizations using the form found here <https://tinyurl.com/547jam3h>. Does your group have an upcoming community event? Let us know by submitting it through the form. Most community events open to the public are eligible for inclusion in the community calendar.

Some of the Newest Books in the Harper Collection for Black History Month

1. Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey From Slavery to Freedom by Ilyon Woo (Harper 306.362 WOO)
2. Out of the Fire: Healing Black Trauma Caused by Systemic Racism Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy by Jennifer Spard Payne (Harper 616.85 PAY)
3. Marked for Life: One Man's Fight For Justice From the Inside by Isaac Wright (Harper 331.5 WRI)
4. Vigilance: The Life of William Still, Father of the Underground Railroad by Andrew K. Diemer (Harper 973.7 DIE)
5. American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics by Kevin M. Hazzard (Harper 362.18 HAZ)
6. Illustrated Black History: Honoring the Iconic and the Unseen by George McCalman (Harper 920.0092 MCC)
7. We Carry Their Bones: The Search for Justice at the Dozier School for Boys by Erin Kimmerle (Harper 365 KIM)
8. Race and Reckoning: From Founding Fathers to Today's Disruptors by Ellis Cose (Harper 305.8 COS)
9. Agent Josephine: American beauty, French Hero, British Spy by Damien Lewis (Harper 792.802 LEW)
10. True: The Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson by Kostya Kennedy (Harper 796.357 KEN)

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library –

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour –Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Hang Teen – Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 for ages 12-19, except for February 28.

Minecraft –3:30-5:00, all ages on Mondays.

Once Upon a Wednesday –Join us from 1:30-2:30 for a variety of adventures. February 1 will be a Valentine's craft. Lee County Conservation will have a hibernation program on February 8. Game day will be February 15 and there will be a food craft on February 22.

Thursday Crafternoon –Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14-adult. This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, March 2, we will be discussing "How the Word is Passed" by Clint Smith.

Cook the Book –February 14, at 6:00 pm, we will be sharing recipes selected from "Trisha's Kitchen" by Trisha Yearwood.

Fort Madison Hall of Fame Inducts 4 New Members

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Hall of Fame Committee has inducted 4 new members for the class of 2022. Three members will be going in as athletes, while the fourth will enter for her contributions to the District and the Community.

Lonnie Emard was a 1977 graduate of FMHS and a 13 Varsity letter winner during his time. He was a captain on four teams, including being the quarterback for football, the point guard for basketball, the #1 for the tennis team and he played short-stop and pitched for the baseball team. He went to state in baseball, basketball, and as an individual in tennis. Lonnie was also named the conference MVP in baseball and was a member of the All State Team.

The next inductee is Peter Jennings, a 2002 graduate of FMHS. Peter was a 4 sport athlete participating in Basketball, Football, Soccer and Baseball and was a member of the National Honor Society. In Football Peter was named captain, All District, All Hawkeye and All State. His accolades in basketball were very similar as well, earning All conference and conference player of the year, All State, All Hawkeye and was named captain of the team. He also earned All Hawkeye honors in soccer.

Also a 2002 graduate and a teammate on the football field of Mr. Jennings, Justin Menke is the third athlete to be inducted this year. Justin is not only a former athlete but currently contributes greatly to the school and helps coach for the Bloodhounds. Justin was a letterwinner in track, football and basketball and is the school record holder in receiving yards and touchdown catches. He earned All State Honors in both track and football. Justin adds so much to FMHS in all of his roles and has been a constant supporter of athletics.

Our last inductee is Tess Thompson-Klesner. No doubt if you've been to an athletic event at the High School, you've met Tess. She has been a constant for many years and has not only made events at FMHS run more smoothly, but has supported the athletes every step of the way by making donations and spreading her Bloodhound Pride day in and Day out.

The ceremony and reception will take place on Friday, Feb. 3 during the Bloodhound basketball game with the following itinerary.

- 6 p.m. - Refreshments and Appetizers Provided by Mary Weisingner in the MPR.
- 7:30 p.m. - Varsity Boys Game Begins in Hound Dome
- 8 p.m. - Halftime presentation of Photos Gym

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Sports

Hellige hits 500 career points in HTC win over Hawks

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – Luke Hellige went over 500 points in just his sophomore season as the Crusaders rolled over Central Lee Tuesday night on the Hawks’ Senior Night.

Hellige had a game-high 19 points as the Crusaders won their third game in a row and are now 8-12 on the year with the SEI Superconference Shootout set for this weekend.

Holy Trinity will take on Wapello at Hillcrest Saturday in a matchup of No. 6 seeds. Central Lee (1-13, 3-16) will take on Columbus at 6 p.m. in Lone Tree.

On Tuesday the Crusaders score first on a free throw by Conner Gehling and never looked back. Cory Jones got Central Lee going with a 3-ball at 6-3, but then the Crusaders went on a 11-2 run with Gehling scoring seven of the points, two on bucket off a nifty bounce past through the lane by Hellige.

Gehling opened the second quarter scoring with a bucket to make it 19-5 and then Central Lee got a 3-pointer from Brayden Wyrick and answered with another bucket by Dante Merschman to cut the lead to 11 at 21-10.

The Hawks shooting would then go cold as they



converted just two of the next nine field goal attempts leading to a 30-16 halftime deficit.

Holy Trinity would get hot in the third period shooting six of 11 from the field and 2-2 from the free throw line. Central Lee would cut into it a bit with three straight to open the third, including a 3-pointer from Jones. His three would cut the lead to nine at 32-23, but then the Hawks would go 2 of 8 from the field, while the Crusaders went 5-of-9 to push the lead to 44-27

The Crusaders would outscore the Hawks 13-7 down the stretch. Nick Fullenkamp opened the scoring on a putback in the lane and then Hellige would scores six unanswered to put the Crusaders up by 23 with 3:27 left.

Ryan Wilbert would add a late 3-pointer for the Hawks, but it was the only points the Hawks would score in the final 6:31 as HTC ran away with the win. “That’s three in a row. The boys are playing really well,” Head Coach John Hellige said. “I thought we were really, really sharp defensively. The refs let it be a little physical, so our sets weren’t perfect, but our sets are right where I want them to be. We’re hitting our stride here for sure.”

Hellige said the Crusaders are figuring out how to play as the season winds down.

“We had some really sharp passes, good motion on offense, good cutting and working off screens.”

He said his son Luke has come a long way and put on some pounds this year.

“He’s more athletic and gets to the hoop. He’s shots are falling - and he’s just having a great year as a sophomore for sure,” Hellige said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee’s Owen Swan tries to sweep past HTC’s Conner Gehling on Tuesday night in Donnellson. The Crusaders won 60-34 for their third win in a row.

BACK PAIN?

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MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...



The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:

MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy?") waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

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MYTH #5: "Muscle Relaxants" will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!

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Board of Supervisors
Agenda**

**DATE: Thursday,
February 2, 2023
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3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
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AGENDA

1. Approve Agenda
2. Consider Approval
of Resolution Authorizing
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3. Adjourn

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REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

The Lee County Board
of Supervisors met at
the Lee County Admin-
istration Building in Fort
Madison on Monday,
November 28, 2022 at
10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug,
Garry Seyb, Ron Fed-
ler, Rick Larkin, Charles
Holmes.

All votes are unanimous
unless indicated other-
wise.

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

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

There was no Public
Input.

Moved by Seyb, sec-
onded by Fedler, to ap-
prove Resolution #2022-
110. Roll call: Seyb-aye,
Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye,
Holmes-aye and Pflug-
aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-110

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this regional development
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come households in the
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LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

THAT:
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ute \$12,500 cash match
to the Great River Hous-
ing Trust Fund in Fiscal
Year 2024 thus benefit-
ing low to moderate in-
come households in the
county and the region.

PASSED and AP-
PROVED this 28th day of
November, 2022.

Lee County Board
of Supervisors /s/ Matt
Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry
Seyb, Vice-Chair; /s/
Ron Fedler, Member; /s/
Rick Larkin, Member; /s/
Charles Holmes, Member;
Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise,
Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb,
seconded by Holmes, to
approve an Employment
Agreement with Lee
County EMS Director
Mark Long. Roll call:
Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye,
Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye
and Pflug-aye. Motion
carried.

Moved by Seyb,
seconded by Fedler, to
approve a Master Service
Agreement with Xiphos
for inspection and ver-
ification of work on and
around agricultural land
involved with pipeline in-
stallation. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes,
seconded by Larkin, to
approve the Tuesday,
November 21, 2022
Board Minutes. Motioned
carried.

Moved by Larkin,
seconded by Seyb, to
approve the payment of
claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler,
seconded by Larkin, to
approve a new hire for
the Sheriff's Office, Lane
Johnston, Correctional
Officer, \$20.83/hr.,
effective 11-29-22 and
a step increase for Julie
Shanstrom, Engineering
Records Manager, from
\$23.56/hr. to \$23.77/hr.,
effective 12-18-22. Motion
carried.

Committee Reports:
Holmes reported on a
Workforce Development
and a Conservation Board

meeting. Seyb and Larkin
reported on the Depart-
ment Head meeting. Lee
County Department of
Public Health Administra-
tor Michele Ross gave the
Board an update on Covid
numbers and provided in-
formation on vaccinations.

At 10:40 a.m. a motion
was made by Fedler, sec-
onded by Holmes, to ad-
journ. Motion carried. The
next meeting will be held
on Monday, December 5,
2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the
Administration Building in
Fort Madison.

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

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November 28, 2022**

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Alliant Enrgy, svcs	1348.82
J Anderson, svcs	204.06
R Aschbrenner, svcs	96.13
L Aschbrenner, svcs	182.31
C Baker, svcs	193.81
D Barnes, svcs	116.50
S Barrett, svcs	170.50
Basepoint Blding, svcs	3500.00
S Batley, svcs	187.00
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Aldi's, splys	113.79
Amazon.com , splys	10,461.47
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From the Front

LCHD still has a ways to go with funding

LCHD - Continued from Page 1

progress of funding for the building, but said there will have to be some other sources uncovered.

The North Lee Community Foundation had committed to supervisors last fall to set up a fund to help raise donations for the facility. That fund had \$100,000 in it when NLCF Executive Director Roger Ricketts presented to the board. Current funding levels on that effort weren't available as of this posting.

"I'm very happy with where we're at today. We've, the Board of Supervisors, committed to \$5.4 million and anyone who looks at construction today will know that's going to go up a bit. So this funding from the USDA really is a godsend," Seyb said.

Lee County Grant Writer Chuck Vandenberg said he'll feel better when the grant is finalized.

"The USDA staff at the regional office was incredibly helpful in putting this together. Time was really running down on the funding available in that REHC fund," he said.

"This is literally down to the last days of getting this grant application finalized and documents signed. People say government is cumbersome, this is a great example of collaboration, and how it might help everyone."

Vandenberg said Lee County officials including LCHD Administrator Michele Ross, the board, and officials with SVPA Architects and Carl A. Nelson all came together in the final days to help potentially secure the funding.

"It was a nice effort. We still have a little ways to go," he said.



Sparks to host Watercolor class at FMAAA workshop

ARTS - Continued from Page 1

Beginners or people who have always wondered about how to engage with this medium are encouraged to try out the monthly class by Jerri Sparks on Wednesday, February 22 or the Watercolor Workshop being put on by Watercolor Society artists Vicky Prosser and Mary Johnson on Saturday, February 25th.

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