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Mayor Walker dies

WEDNESDAY: Paul Walker dies in West Point after battle with lung cancer

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – It's a sad day for the City of West Point as an icon that helped shape the city's past, present, and future died early Wednesday morning after battling lung cancer.

West Point Mayor Paul Dean Walker, 79, of West Point, Iowa, died at 2:32 a.m. Wednesday, at the West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa.

He leaves behind his wife: Mary Beth; one son: Jay D. (Amy L.) Walker; grandchildren: Margaret E. Walker and Mason T.



WALKER

Walker; step-grandsons: Jordan L. Brown and Aden R. Alfred; sisters-in-law: Kate (Dennis) Menke, Rosemary Klemmt, and Dorothy (Tom) Peters. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. Walker's obituary appears in tomorrow's e-edition and on our website now.

City Administrator Randy Welding said no one was more proud of West Point than Walker.

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EDUCATION

Central Lee may cap open enrollment

Class size could result in some students being declined enrollment

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON, IOWA — At its December meeting, the Central Lee Board of Education finalized the school district's open enrollment policy.

This permanent change will help district administration make decisions regarding students who apply for open enrollment. Last year, the Iowa legislature removed the March 1 deadline for OE, forcing the district to shift how it manages the process moving forward.

Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said the numbers pertain to specific class sections.

If the district has five sections of kindergarten, it can allow up to 100 students per grade level. At this time, more than 100 students have enrolled in kindergarten due to higher-than-usual resident enrollment. If a family were to apply for OE for next year's first grade, they would likely be denied due to class size limitations," he wrote in a release Wednesday morning.

He said the dynamic has been created by a multitude of factors.

"It's a combination of facilities, class size, and the ability to finding quality teachers," Crozier said.

"In the past, we could have a surge of elementary students in the summer and I could hire a teacher in late July/early August. Now, the labor market is pretty dry coming mid-April."

In July 2022, the Board of Education approved an emergency policy that articulated class size limitations for OE. These numbers do not change with the permanent policy, as the class size maximum will be 20 students per section in grades K-2 and 25 per section

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Nolan Peitz, Cooper Barnes, and Reid Schmitt talk about popcorn with a visitor who stopped by their science fair project display Wednesday night in West Point.

HOLY TRINITY

Holy Trinity Elementary hosts student science projects

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT - Sixty-five projects were laid out in front of judges and parents in the old Holy Trinity Catholic gymnasium Wednesday night.

The projects were the brainchild of a wide array of students from fifth to

eighth grade, and even a junior in high school.

This year's annual Holy Trinity Catholic Science Fair was a bit different as Science Fair coordinator Ernie Schiller challenged students to think a little outside the box, but within the scientific formula.

"I think this is the biggest group we've

had," Schiller said.

"I was impressed with how I gave them a challenge and they really ran with it."

One of the most outside the box projects was by Evan Pauly, who tested four rooms in a house to see which room was actually the "dirtiest".

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WEATHER

THU 09 Feb.....Cold with rain early, 36° F/23° F
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MARY M. SWINDERMAN

Mary Margaret Swinderman, 89, of Merced, CA and formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on Saturday, February 04, 2023 at 3:34 AM at Pacifica Assisted Living in Merced.



SWINDERMAN

She was born on June 5, 1933 in Cliquot, Missouri to Thomas and Mary Garretson Emmett. On June 10, 1951 she married Jerald Swinderman at the Argyle Presbyterian Church he passed away on May 28, 2015. Mary Margaret was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church in Ft. Madison and attended Central Presbyterian Church in Merced.

Mary enjoyed traveling and visiting new places. The family was fortunate to see many countries around the world and lived in India for three years in the late 60's because of Jerry's job. They moved from Iowa to California and saw the United States during their many travels. She loved her family especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mary was very generous and gave to many charities and her church.

Survivors include two sons, Mitchell (Kathy) Swinderman of Merced, CA and Martin Swinderman of Benica, CA; four grandchildren Mark II, James, Jason and Natalie; four great grandchildren; Anissa, Bryan, Roman and Scarlett; sister Clara of Tucson AZ, sister-in-law Marie Emmett of Colorado, brothers John (Cheryl) Emmett of Ft. Madison and Jamie (Sandy) Emmett of Montrose; nieces and nephews; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Michael and Mark; two sisters, Frances and Dorothy and one brother, Tom.

A special thank-you to the wonderful people at Covenant Care Hospice. A graveside service will be held in the spring or early summer of 2023 at the Montrose Cemetery. King-Lynk Funeral Home is assisting the family.

A memorial has been established for Union Presbyterian Church and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.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.

OBITUARIES

PAUL D. WALKER

Paul Dean Walker, 79, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 2:32 a.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at the West Point Care Center in West Point, Iowa.

He was born on August 7, 1943, in Fort Dodge, Iowa, the son of O.C. and Hazel (Skow) Walker. On May 4, 1968, he married Mary Beth Geers in West Point, Iowa.



WALKER

Survivors include his wife: Mary Beth; one son: Jay D. (Amy L.) Walker; grandchildren: Margaret E. Walker and Mason T. Walker; step-grandsons: Jordan L. Brown and Aden R. Alfred; sisters-in-law: Kate (Dennis) Menke, Rosemary Klemmt and Dorothy (Tom) Peters. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son: Robert L.

Walker.

Paul was a 1961 graduate of Dow City High School and 1967 graduate of North-west Missouri State. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 in Korea during the Vietnam War. He worked as a driver's education teacher and coached football, basketball and track for the Fort Madison Community School System. Paul was an entrepreneur with Sunshine Child Care and also drove for Merschman Seeds. He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, the West Point American Legion Holtz - Geers Post #668. He served on the West Point Utility board for fourteen years, was a West Point councilman for four years, West Point city mayor for twenty-six years, West Point Sweet Corn Festival chicken chairman for twenty years, member of the North Lee County Foundation and served on numerous other boards. Paul enjoyed woodworking, gardening, boating, hunting and fishing. He was utmost proud of his West Point Community.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2023, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Pastor Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery with full military rites presented by the West Point American Legion.

Memorials have been established in his memory for West Point City Parks or Calvary Cemetery.

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



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For the Record/Scene Around Town



Photo Courtesy of FMCSA

The Potowonok Circle of King's Daughters recently donated \$1000 to the FMCSA. These funds will be donated to the negative lunch accounts for FMCSA families. The funds were raised with the dueling pianos event held in April, which the community generously supported. Pictured presenting the check to the Director of Food Services, Tiffany Fullhart is Kate Lamb, representing Potowonok. Also pictured is Dr. Erin Slater, Superintendent of FMCSA.

WB looking for survey volunteers

WEST BURLINGTON - The City of West Burlington was selected as one of 10 communities across the state to participate in the 2023 Iowa's Living Roadways Community Visioning Program, the goal is to develop a transportation enhancement plan that graphically illustrates the vision of West Burlington residents. Part of this process involves obtaining input from residents on how they use the transportation system in West Burlington, compiling the information we collect, and presenting it to the West Burlington Community Visioning steering committee.

Focus Group participants will identify and map transportation assets and barriers, as

well as desired improvements. Iowa State University students will be at City Hall to meet with community members to discuss ways to improve the landscape of West Burlington through transportation enhancement. We need to have at least 10 people registered in each of the following categories. Unfortunately, if we don't have enough people registered, they will cancel the workshop and try to reschedule it. In order to keep the project moving forward, we would love to make the February 18th date work. Please check your calendar and see if you have an hour you could spare on Saturday, February 18th to help us out.

Group 1 - Older Adults: 9:00

- 10:00 am

Group 2 - Mobility Challenged: 9:00 - 10:00 am

Group 3 - Parents: 10:15 - 11:15 am

Group 4 - Youth 12 and Under: 10:15 - 11:15 am

Group 5 - Youth 13 and Older: 10:15 am - 11:15 pm

Group 6 - Active Recreationists: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

To register online, go to www.communityvisioning.org/west-burlington/. When you scroll down the page, you will see a section titled "Community Focus groups". Click on the Public Input button. Choose the Adult Sign-up to register anyone 18 or older. Use the Youth Sign-up to register children under 18 years old.

District to prioritize students allowed to open enroll

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for grades 3-5.

These numbers pertain to specific class sections. If the district has five sections of kindergarten, it can allow up to 100 students per grade level. At this time, more than 100 students have enrolled in kindergarten due to higher-than-usual resident enrollment. If a family were to apply for OE for next year's first grade, they would likely be denied due to class size limitations.

Part of the board's duty to develop a permanent policy was to provide guidance on future incoming kindergarten OE students. Families of kindergarten students who desire to open enroll in Central Lee will need to do so by March 10, and attend our kindergarten information night on March 1 at 5 p.m.

The district will then prioritize students on the open enrollment list based on the following priorities:

Students who have a parent employed by Central Lee will receive top priority.

Students who attended Central Lee four-year-old preschool will receive the next priority.

Students who have another sibling attending Central Lee schools will receive the last priority.

If spots remain after those three priorities are fulfilled, remaining OE students will be accepted based on the date their application was received.

"Open enrollment has been a net positive for Central Lee over the years," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent. "While growth is important, we also want to ensure we manage this process for the years to come. Ensuring our class sizes remain manageable is critical for our staff to be successful, especially at the elementary level."

Families or community members who have questions about OE can contact the district office or visit <https://www.centrallee.org/page/open-enrollment>.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/07/23 - 10:55 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

02/07/23 - 4:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Robert Lee Dunn, 33, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 5th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

02/07/23 - 5:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J.

02/07/23 - 11:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Chad Ryan Cutler, 47, of Keosauqua, at the intersection of 7th Street and Avenue H, on charges of eluding, interference with official acts, and 1st offense OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff Report

02/07/23 - 1:28 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Joseph Ira Swisegood, 56, of Keokuk, in the 2500 block of Hwy. 218, Donnellson, on a charge of possession of a con-

trolled substance - marijuana 1st and a warrant for possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/07/23 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one refrigerant leak alarm.

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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Walker had big pride in WP

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“He would stand in my office and if he saw someone out at the rock or the Statue of Liberty he would go out and talk with them and give them his card,” Welding said.

“That’s all he talked about was the city, its parks, South Park, the people. It’s a very big loss for the City of West Point.”

Welding said Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Loving is set to be appointed as Mayor to fill Walker’s seat. Former City Councilman Bruce Wellman is slated to be appointed to fill Loving’s seat through the end of the year.

Welding said Walker’s lung cancer came back after being in remission for years.

“Two weeks ago, he told me he got bad news. I got to see him Thursday and we carried on a good conversation. I guess over the weekend it got pretty bad.

Welding said he’s been friends with Walker for years and when the mayor needed something, he just only need ask.

“I got to know him when he first asked me to serve on the chicken committee with him many, many years ago. Everytime he needed somebody, he just had to come and ask. He’s the only Mayor I’ve ever worked with.”

Walker was a 1961 graduate of Dow City High School and 1967 graduate of Northwest Missouri State. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 in Korea during the Vietnam War. He worked as a driver’s education teacher and coached football, basketball, and track for the Fort Madison Community School System.

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Check vehicles during Safety recall Week

FORT MADISON - The U.S. Dept. of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s mission is simple: Keep people safe on America’s roadways. One way we work to accomplish this task is through Vehicle Safety Recalls Week March 6-12, 2023. The safety week coincides with the start of Daylight Savings Time, which begins Sunday, March 12, 2023. NHTSA and the Fort Madison Police Department are joining together to remind drivers to check their vehicles for open safety recalls.

Checking for recalls is quick and easy. During Vehicle Safety Recalls Week in March, we are urging everyone to take a few minutes to check for an open safety recall. Remember that every vehicle recalls are free important and should be repaired immediately. The best part? All repairs are free. Your diligence will help keep you and others safe on the roadways.

Check for recalls Two Ways:

First, drivers can use the free, user-friendly Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Look-Up Tool, located at [NHTSA.gov/recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls). This web tool allows vehicle owners to check for open safety recalls on their vehicles or automotive equipment, such as tires and car seats. Drivers can also check for open safety recalls by downloading the free SaferCar app. Once in the app, enter your vehicle’s VIN and NHTSA will send you an alert if a safety recall is issued on them.

Both methods for checking recalls is free and easy. In both cases, you will need to enter the vehicle’s VIN, located on the lower portion of your car’s windshield on the driver’s side. The VIN is also located on your registration car, and it may be shown on your insurance card.

Although last year’s recalls affected millions of vehicles, tires, car seats and other equipment, millions of recalled vehicles still go unrepaired every year. This puts drivers, passengers, and other road users at risk.

For more information on NHTSA’s Vehicle Recalls, visit [NHTSA.gov/Recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/Recalls).



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison-Circle of King’s Daughters. Our organization donated \$1,000 to 2x4’s for Hope this week as a way to give back to the Fort Madison Community. Pictured is Julie Hohl, Member of Fort Madison-Circle of King’s Daughters, and Stephanie Warner from 2x4s for Hope.

FM Library to celebrate National Reading Month

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Public Library invites children and young adults, from birth through high school, to celebrate National Reading Month with a book giveaway. Visit the library on Saturday, March 4 between 10am and 3pm to for new free books, enjoy a snack and participate in fun activities. This event is funded by a memorial in honor of long time local educator Jerry Pickard.

In honor of Dr. Seuss’ birthday, March has been designated as National Reading Month - a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day. Reading is an enjoyable pastime and has many benefits, regardless of your age. It’s a key component of education and professional development. It also has immediate and long-lasting health benefits such as increased cognitive function, memory, vocabulary, empathy and decreased levels of stress. The Fort Madison Public Library wants to help improve access to reading materials for kids

and young adults by giving them free books on Saturday, March 4.

There are a variety of fun activities planned for the day. As previously mentioned, youth of all ages, from birth through high school seniors, can receive their own new books. There will also be cookies, juice and creative stations. Kids who drop by will be able to color their own drum or design their own five piece puzzle. A balloon artist will be at the library between 11am and 2pm making all sorts of wonderful balloon sculptures. Additionally, the Fort Madison Public Library will also have an escape room activity during this time. Registration is suggested for the escape room, though walk-ins will be accepted as space allows.

The event is free and open to the public. All giveaway items and activities are while supplies last. If you need more information or have questions, contact Sarah Clendinning, (319) 372-5721, SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input-Dave Dingman suggested to the Board that the County enter into a contract with towing companies. He received a rather large bill from a company after an accident where the Deputy on scene called a towing company.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a contract with Keokuk Housing Authority for property management of Lincoln Ridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-115. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye and Pflug-aye. Resolution #2022-115 RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE A resolution by Lee County to declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an

essential county service as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1. WHEREAS, Lee County provides Emergency Medical Services to its residents. WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents. WHEREAS, in order to be able to efficiently and effectively provide EMS to its residents, the Board of Supervisors will proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare emergency medical services as an essential county service in order to allow an ad valorem property tax for EMS and the creation of a county emergency medical services

system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of the same. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Lee County hereby declares emergency medical services to be an essential county service. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Lee County directs that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution was made. Any other actions necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS be an essential county service shall be made. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board

of Supervisors for Lee County on this 12th day of December, 2021.

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 Larkin, seconded by Holmes, to approve replacing one part-time Paramedic and one part-time EMT. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion with K.C. Purgason with NuStar Energy regarding eminent domain documents the County received. According to the

Code of Iowa, NuStar had to send the documents because of County roads that are involved.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve twelve tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-116

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and, WHEREAS, Iowa Code

Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Patrick and Kayla Haigh 3179 175th Avenue Argyle IA 52619

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

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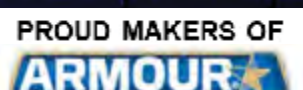


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PUBLIC NOTICES

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-117

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Aaron Barnes 2655 130th Avenue Farmington IA 52626

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-118

WHEREAS, the Board



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of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: David and Carol Beelman 3257 270th Avenue Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-119

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jeff and Barb Dresser dba Turkey Hollow Farms 2453 330th Street Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-120

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jamie and Jalisa Fuller 2521 290th Street Montrose IA 52639

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-121

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Kevin and Teri McCarty 2628 340th Street Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-122

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jerry Hunter 2481 290th Street Montrose IA 52639

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-123

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Roman and Elizabeth Szlendak 3435 Mississippi River Road Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review

pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-124

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Harvey and Teresa Hoskins 3711 230th Avenue Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-125

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Warren and Peggy Rickelman 1921 295th Avenue Fort Madison IA 52627

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-126

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Shane and Kaci Zumdome 2475 235th Street Fort Madison IA 52627

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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.

RESOLUTION #2022-127

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SU-

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: James and Mary Flockhart 3458 270th Avenue Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 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 Holmes, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Monday, December 5, 2022 Board Minutes. Motioned carried.

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

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Holmes, to approve the reclassification of Jason Dunagan, from a full-time Correctional Officer \$24.05/hr. to a part-time Court Security Officer \$20.03/hr., effective 12/2/22; a step increase for Joshua Patton, Mechanic, from \$25.83/hr. to \$26.35/hr., effective 12/27/22 and a newly elected Supervisor-Tom Schulz, \$29,185.92/annual salary, effective 1/2/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the County Commission of

Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting from October 31, 2022; the County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of November 2022; a Manure Management Annual Update for Merigold in Green Bay Township and the County Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of November 2022.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on a Compensation Board meeting, the Assessor's Conference Board meeting and a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. He also discussed some Secondary Roads' matters. Holmes also attended the Compensation Board meeting. Fedler attended the Compensation Board meeting and the Conference Board meeting. Pflug reported on a Board

of Health meeting.

At 11:00 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison. Matt Pflug, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid December 12, 2022

Ace Hardware, splys 124.96
Agriland FS, fuel 20570.61
Agrineed, splys 614.25
Airgas USA, splys... 69.99
Alliant Enrgy, sv 12256.63
Am Abstract, sv... 525.00
Barr Mem Chpl, sv 1200.00
E Biddenstadt, exps

..... 38.00
Blessing Keo, sv... 19.89
J Booth, exps..... 261.00
Bound Tree Med, splys 663.06
Brightree Home, sv 3263.50
Building Mtrl, splys 560.00
CenturyLink, sv 9.29
Comtran Assoc, sv 950.00
A Cook, exps 149.00
M Cook, exps..... 265.00
Cott Systems, sv 7175.00
Cullen Pest, sv... 331.00
Culligan, wtr..... 56.45
H Curtis, sv 70.00
L DeFord, exps 125.50
Dodd Prtg, splys ... 324.60
Donnellson Tire, sv 640.45
EMLSRC, edu..... 3.00
B Fader, exps 193.50
Floyds EZ Way, sv 120.00
T Forseen, sv..... 25.50
FM Water, sv..... 57.83

N Granaman, sv 1312.09
GRRWA, sv..... 21.00
J Hall, exps..... 316.00
A Hayes, exps.....118.00
Health Sol, sv... 3746.90
Hellige Lawn, sv... 200.00
NHirte, exps..... 143.50
Home Thrpy Sol, sv 1211.00
ICONNECTYOU, sv 160.00
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From the Front/Public Notices

Holy Trinity hands out awards for science projects

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Not because his bedroom was really messy, but because he was helping clean the bathroom and realized some of the really nasty stuff can't be seen.

"We were cleaning our bathroom and you really couldn't see the dirt, but then we had these rags that were all grimy. It hit me that even though don't see it, there's a lot of ick there," Pauly said.

So the 6th grader tested the bacteria with agar to see which swabs from four different rooms in his home had the most bacteria.

The result is not what you'd think.

"I hypothesized it would be the kitchen and I was right. People would think it's the bathroom because they see the dirt there and what the room is used for," he said.

"But they think the kitchen is cleaner because that's where we cook. When in actuality it's the other way around."

Pauly also said that the dining room is a dirtier room than the living room, which was also born out by the study.

Schiller said the science fair, which also doubled as a soup supper fundraiser, helped defray costs of the students who advance to regional and state science

fairs.

"I had about six moms step up to help with the event and boosters come forward to help put this on. It's been one of our biggest fairs and it also helps raise some money."

Other projects included how to tell if someone might be lying taken up by Caleb Dinwiddie in his Pinocchio's Arm - A Lie Detector, a look at Turkey Tail mushrooms by Ezra Graber, Real Honey vs. Fake (Store) Honey by Malani Roach, Anna Rempe, and Greyson Rhoades, all 5th graders.

Awards presented Wednesday night included:

NRCS- Conservation Awards- Sponsored by Lee County Conservation Middle School- 26 awards

Jr/Sr High- 10 awards
Alan Adams- Inspiring Excellence Awards (\$20 and Certificate)

1. Madisyn Griffin.
2. Maddy Kieler
3. Brynn Denning
4. Beau Berry
5. Emma Menke
6. Chase Menke
7. Jack Ragar
8. Lydia Behne
9. Brooklyn Todd
10. Elizabeth Griffin

Best Board Display
Nolan Peitz, Cooper Barnes, Reid Schmitt
Best Use of Photos



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Above, science fair enthusiasts meander through the 60-plus projects that were on display Wednesday night at HTC Elementary in West Point. Below, two visitors to the Holy Trinity Catholic Science Fair in West Point Wednesday night hear about the benefits of farm-produced honey compared to retail-produced honey as told by Malani Roach, Anna Rempe, and Grayson Rhoades.



Elizabeth Griffin
Best Presentation
Brooklyn Forsythe
Best Notebook
Brooklyn Todd
Menke And Co- Excel-
lence In Data Analysis (\$50 each)

1. Brookly Todd
2. Emma Menke
3. Chase Menke
4. David Vradenburg

5. Brooklyn Forsythe
6. Morgan Krogmeier
7. Ellie Hellman
8. Jack Ragar
9. Savannah Overton, Claudia Boyles, Bailey Krogmeier (\$20 per student)
10. Liam Drollinger, Sam Schmitz, Chase Ellison (\$20 per student)

5th Grade- Group results

3rd Place- Ruby Steffensmeier, Brady Adams, Kate Pieper

2nd Place- Malani Roach, Anna Rempe, Greyson, Rhoades

1st Place- Savannah Overton, Bailey Krogmeier, Claudia Boyles

6th Grade-
3rd- Brooklyn Forsythe
2nd- Jack Ragar
1st- Zane Houtz

7th Grade-
3rd- Morgan Krogmeier, David Vradenburg
2nd- Chase Menke
1st- Emma Menke

8th Grade-
3rd- Brooklyn Todd
2nd- Elizabeth Griffin
1st- Ellie Hellman

High School-
1st- Marybeth Scheetz

Merschman Seeds- Excellence in Science Research (\$50 each)

Jr/Sr High (7-12)
3. Chase Menke
2. Ellie Hellman
1. Emma Menke

Middle School (5-6)
3. Savannah Overton, Bailey Krogmeier, Claudia Boyles

2. Jack Ragar
1. Zane Houtz
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3. Chase Menke
2. Ellie Hellman
1. Emma Menke

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