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## FMs newest legal eagles

**MOCK TRIAL:** First-ever Bloodhound Mock Trial team to compete in regionals

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The progression of the Fort Madison High School's career training has trickled into the law field.

Fort Madison Attorney Mio Santiago has helped launch a mock trial team at Fort Madison High School so maybe there will be a few more 'legal eagles' in that area. But Santiago said that isn't the main goal of the program.

A group of 13 students will be trekking to Iowa City in a couple weeks for a regional Mock Trial competition sponsored by the Iowa State Bar Association, and the Bloodhounds will be part of the competition for the first time ever, Santiago said.

"I don't remember there ever being a Mock Trial team since I've been around," he said.

"It's been going on for years and I used to be on the board of governors for ISBA and I thought that it would be really cool if Fort Madison was able to do one."

Students involved in the Mock Trial program are Allison Lamb, Ethan Huffman, Jayden Frank, Oliver Santiago, Aiden Benda, Madelyn Gobble, Castille Johnstun, Jake Haessig, Jed Bruster, Jerome Zemlicka, and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Mock Trial team goes through some scenarios at the STEM Lounge earlier this year. The team will be competing on March 22 in a regional competition in Iowa City. This is the first Mock Trial team ever.

foreign exchange students Hong Limsuwan, Daniela Matas, and Marie Resseguier.

Santiago said he's been thinking about the program for several years and this year approached the district about getting it up and running.

"This year I decided to take a swing and see if the school would be interested in starting one to see if the students would be interested," he said.

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### SEVERE WEATHER SEASON

## County sets up severe weather drill

LEE COUNTY - March 21-25, 2022, is Severe Weather Awareness Week in Iowa. Lee County Emergency Management Agency, Local First Responders, and the National Weather Service have joined together to promote severe weather awareness and preparedness during this week.

Changing seasons bring unsettled weather. Lee County Emergency Management encourages everyone to be prepared and know how to stay safe during and after the storm. You never know when a storm may hit, creating potential electrical hazards, damage to your home or property, or injuries. The best solution is to plan ahead and be prepared.

For each day during Severe Weather

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### STATE NEWS

## Aldis to take over Dept. of Education

DES MOINES – Governor Reynolds has appointed Chad Aldis, a native Iowan and former student of Camanche, East Central (now Easton Valley), and Clinton Community School Districts, to lead the Iowa Department of Education as director beginning March 15, 2023.

For the last 20 years, Aldis's career has been focused on education reform. His experience encompasses education policy, advocacy, and research, and spans multiple states. Most recently vice president for Ohio policy at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, Aldis led the organization's efforts to successfully reform Ohio's high school graduation requirements, state report cards and charter school laws. He partnered regularly with the governor's office, legislators, and the department of education to strengthen state policy on literacy, school funding, and private school choice.

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### LEGISLATURE 2023

## Reichman's rural emergency hospital bill moves on

### Montrose Senator's bill may open path to ER facility in Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A bill that was aimed at allowing health care organizations to stand up emergency room facilities outside of regular hospital facilities has cleared a critical hurdle.

Senate File 75, which was sponsored by State Sen. Jeff Reichman (R-Montrose), is about two weeks from becoming a law.

The bill, if signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, will allow for licensure and certification of Rural Emergency Hospitals, which could pave the way for a health care organization to reopen the former Keokuk hospital facility, or stand up another facility.

The city has been without an emergency room since the end of September and this comes on the heels of Lee County voters approving an essential service measure in voting Tuesday.

The county is deficit-spending on the EMS service and has been



REICHMAN



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since purchasing it from the Young family in 2021. Tuesday's passage of the essential services measure opens the door to a levy on county taxes to help fund EMS operations.

County voters approved that measure with more than 76% of the vote.

Reichman said Wednesday that the bill was passed on a floor vote of the House Tuesday after passing the Senate with bipartisan support. The House added an amendment that would trigger additional reviews of certificates of need if the emergency hospital licensed were to convert to a different type of facility.

"They adopted an amendment which adds a couple weeks to the process to get some eyes on the certificates of need," Reichman said.

"The concern was if somebody said they were going to open an emergency hospital and then shut it down only to reopen it as, say a surgery center, they wanted some checks and balances to prevent it

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### WEATHER

THU 09 Mar ..... Breezy with wintry mix, 39° F/ 30° F  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### SHIRLEY J. CASE

Shirley J. Case, 86, of Argyle, IA died Monday, March 6, 2023 at her home. She was born March 2, 1937 in Farmington, IA the daughter of Wayne and Neva Cappelman Johnson. Shirley graduated from Argyle Community School with the class of 1956.



CASE

On August 16, 1966 Shirley was united in marriage to Allan Case. He survives.

Other survivors include her children, Rick Derr (Kandy) of Montrose, IA, Dean Derr (Susan) of Keokuk, Danny Derr (Lynn) of Keokuk, Shari Burdette (Jim) of Argyle, IA and Duane Case (Tracy) of Argyle, IA, thirteen grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Pearl Severin and Iris Johnson and two brothers, Don Johnson and Carl Johnson.

Shirley was of the Catholic faith.

She was a devoted mother and homemaker who greatly enjoyed caring for her family. Shirley enjoyed spending time with her husband while he was fishing and going for car rides together to see the wildlife and scenery. Shirley also enjoyed sitting next to her window and watching the deer and birds outside, especially the hummingbirds. She loved to cook and made wonderful meals for her family. She grew a large vegetable garden every year and spent hours canning tomatoes and vegetables that she had grown.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Father Joe Roost officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Sand Cemetery in Vincennes, IA.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Argyle Fire Department.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## OBITUARIES

### LEONIDA C. DAW

Leonida C. "Nida" Daw, 76, of Montrose, IA, died Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Fort Madison, IA.



DAW

She was born on April 10, 1946, in Malolos, Bulacan Philippines, the daughter of Segundo and Encarnacion (Cabral) Castro. Nida attended school in the Philippines and then received her Associates Degree from Southeastern Community College in Keokuk.

On August 9, 1980, Nida was united in marriage to James Daw in Alexandria, MO. He survives.

She is also survived by three daughters, Lynn Corns (Chuck) of Wauke, IA, Melissa "Lisa" Harper (Jeff) of Edinburg, TX, Josefina Foreman (James) of Fairfield, IA, one son, Aries Daw (Aimee) of National City, CA, two step-sons, Jim Daw, Jr. of Montrose, IA and Eric Daw (Kelly) of Madison, AL, two step-daughters, Kathy Ashworth (John) and Karen Colvin (Chuck) both of Keokuk, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren with one more due in July and six great-great grandchildren. Other survivors include one sister, Julieta Boquiren of San Diego, CA, numerous nieces and nephews, two brothers-in-law, John Daw, Jr. (Mary) and Colin "Spike" Daw (Mary), and two sisters-in-law, Jean Pezley (Roger) and Kay Williams (Ron).

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Milagros Alcazar, Marcelina Aclaro and Carmen Lipumano, one brother in infancy, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, John Daw, Sr. and Phoebe Daw, one daughter-in-law, Meutiah "Tia" Daw and one son-in-law, Steve Dye.

She had been employed at Armor Dial in Fort Madison for thirty-two years and retired in 2004. Following her retirement, she worked at Hy-Vee in Keokuk for thirteen years.

She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Montrose.

Nida enjoyed traveling worldwide and touring with her husband in their Model-T. She loved to crochet and every one of her grandchildren have been blessed with one of her beautiful blankets. Watching game shows on television, especially Wheel of Fortune, was one of her favorite pastimes. Most of all Nida cherished spending time with her family. She enjoyed family get-togethers and attending all of her grandchildren's events.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Monday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Montrose with Father John Stack officiating. Burial will be in the Montrose Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time. A Rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

# Respiratory Season is Here!

### Complete with Influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19!

The colder temperatures keep us all cozy and warm inside, but this closeness and the decreased indoor air flow only increase the spread of uninvited viruses.



### Keep your family safe during Respiratory Season by following these tips:

- Stay home if you are feeling sick.
- Get a vaccination/booster for any viruses circulating. In our region this includes flu and COVID-19.
- Wash hands often, especially after sneezing, coughing, using a bathroom, or blowing your nose. It is always important to wash your hands before touching your face.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth whenever possible.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes or cough into your sleeve.
- Disinfect any surfaces you frequently use, such as doorknobs, faucet handles, children's toys and remote controls.

If you do catch one of these viruses, consult your medical provider for any symptoms that are severe or concerning.



### Pen City Current obituary policy

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

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## Local News/Iowa News

# Be a smart driver on St. Patty's Day

FORT MADISON - This year, St. Patrick's Day - March 17, 2023 - falls on a Friday. The celebratory day is one of the biggest drinking occasions of the year, and this, unfortunately, means more drunk drivers on the roads. With Saint Patrick's Day falling on a Friday, we can expect a fairly dangerous weekend for drivers and passengers alike. St. Patrick's Day is most widely celebrated in the United States.

To help keep your community's street safe, the Fort Madison Police Department is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to spread the message about the dangers of drunk driving. If your plans for the holiday include alcohol, make sure you plan for a sober driver. Help us spread the message that Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

If you plan to drink, make sure you refrain from driving and make a plan to get home safely. Review these facts and share the word about the dangers of drunk driving so you can continue merry-making for all the St. Paddy's Days to come.

If you are the designated driver, make sure you keep that promise of safety to yourself and your passengers. It can be along night, but people are counting on you, not to mention the other drivers, passengers and pedestrians on the streets.

Plan ahead:

\*Before you have one drink, designate a sober driver who won't be drinking

\*If you are drinking, plan to call a taxi or a rideshare service.

\*If you are the designated driver, take your job seriously—don't drink.

\*If you see a drunk driver, contact the Fort Madison Police Department 319-372-2525 or 911.

\*Take keys away from friends/family that is going to drink and drive. Keep everyone you love safe.

# Players Workshop to hold open auditions

BURLINGTON - Players Workshop will hold open auditions at the Workshop, 1431 Grove St., Burlington, for Ripcord, a comedy by David Lindsay-Abaire.

Auditions will be Sun., April 2, and Mon. April 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for this show, which will be presented in reader's theater format, meaning minimal set and costumes, and scripts being used openly during performance.

The cast calls for two women, ages 50-80, plus three men and one woman, ages 30-45, for a story of two elderly women, one cantankerous and one cheery, who are forced to share a room in a senior living facility. Confrontations between the two lead to a seemingly-harmless bet, to determine who is going to vacate the room, but it quickly escalates into a deadly game of one-upmanship.

For more information on auditions, contact director Jayne Gobble at 319-470-3720, go to the Workshop's Facebook page, or check [www.playersworkshoptheater.com](http://www.playersworkshoptheater.com).

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# Pate sets high school registration drive

DES MOINES - Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is calling for every Iowa high school to conduct a voter registration drive on Wednesday, March 22.

"Engaging in Iowa High School Voter Registration Day is a great opportunity for students to participate in their communities and encourages civic engagement for our next generation of voters," Secretary Pate said. "It is vital for students to understand that their involvement in elections is the best way to make their voices heard. I encourage every Iowa high school to participate in this statewide event."

Iowa law allows 17-year-olds to register to vote and there are currently more than 3,400 already registered. They can also participate in primary elections as long

as they turn 18 prior to or on the day of the general election. Iowa law requires high schools to conduct two voter registration drives every school year.

"Voting is both a fundamental right and an important way for individuals to engage in their communities," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "When young people are registered, they are more likely to turn out to vote. Participating in high school voter registration day is a great opportunity to promote civic engagement and motivate young people to take part in shaping the world that we live in."

To check your voter registration status, register to vote or update your information, visit [VoterReady.Iowa.gov](http://VoterReady.Iowa.gov).

# AG Bird takes legal action against E15 decision

DES MOINES— Today, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird and Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers took another step to challenge the EPA's illegally delayed decision regarding the sale of year-round E15 gasoline. They sent an intent-to-sue letter to the EPA demanding that the EPA change the proposed rule to allow for E15 sales

this summer.

Governor Kim Reynolds led a bipartisan group of seven governors in a letter to the EPA on April 28, 2022, requesting a waiver to extend the sale of E15 through summer months. E15 gasoline is made up of 15% ethanol, causing it to emit less emissions and to save consumers money compared to

E10 gasoline. E15 is already sold during fall, winter, and spring. Although federal law states that the EPA must respond to the governors within 90 days, it took nearly a year for them to do so. The EPA's late proposed rule has an effective start date of April 28, 2024—exactly two years from when the States sent their original request.

# BACK PAIN?

**Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?**

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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!"**

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse!"

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

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay "in spades"! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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## From the Front

# Clinton native takes over DOE

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“Chad is the type of leader we need at this pivotal time for Iowa’s education system,” Governor Reynolds stated. “His unique perspective will help lead reform within the department and across our schools so that every Iowa student—regardless of what school they attend—receives a quality education that prepares them to be successful in life.”

“It’s been 30 years since Iowa led the nation in math scores, ranking first among eighth graders and second for fourth graders in 1992. In 2022, we ranked above the national average, but Iowa students and families deserve better. By innovating our education system and renewing our focus on academic instruction and performance, I’m confident that Iowa schools and students will again lead the way.”

A fourth-generation Iowan, Aldis was born and raised in eastern Iowa, graduated from Clinton High School in 1990, and was named to the Des Moines Register’s First Team Academic All State. He began his college career at the University of Northern Iowa before transferring to the University of Mississippi where he earned a bachelor’s degree in economics. He also holds a law degree from Florida State University.

“I’m honored to accept this opportunity to serve the students of Iowa,” Aldis said. “The governor’s unwavering commitment to ensuring all children are provided with a quality education that fits their needs is a vision I share and one that will drive the department’s work.”

“Like many Iowans, I owe much to the great public education I received. We need to make sure that today’s students have the same opportunities to pursue their dreams,” Aldis added. “That starts with all students leaving high school with the reading, math, and civics knowledge and skills to prepare them for either college or a career.”

Chad and his wife look forward to moving to Des Moines. They have three adult children.

# REH bill could become a law in a couple weeks

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from morphing back and forth.”

Reichman said the Senate will see the file back probably next week where it will go to another floor vote with the amendment attached. If it passes, the legislation has been written so that it takes effect as soon as the governor signs it.

Legislators have been looking for a way to keep rural emergency facilities operational throughout the state. When the Keokuk hospital closed, Reichman went to work with some additional staff, including Republican Legislative analyst and Donnellson native Dylan Keller, to put together legislation.

“When we heard it was closing, we started looking at it immediately. The holdup was the rules. We didn’t know how the rules in the federal legislation were written and that was the trigger going forward,” he said.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley carried the federal legislation in 2021 that opened the door for states to allow rural emergency hospital facilities.

State Rep. Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) supported the bill in the House. He said the bill would not include any in-patient acute care.

“In order for the state to allow a hospital to convert to a Rural Emergency Hospital, the state must license these facilities as a health care facility that maintains a 24-hour emergency room, but does not include acute inpatient care,” Graber said.

“This would allow Keokuk Hospital to reopen as a Rural Emergency Hospital.”

Insight, a Michigan-based health care system, has approached Keokuk and Blessing officials about possibly acquiring the shuttered Keokuk facility. A team from Insight visited the facility earlier this year but have yet to give a firm commitment on the facility or provide a time frame when the hospital might be operational.

Even with the hospital up and running, Lee County EMS officials said it won’t impact the greater need for ambulance services in the county.

EMS Director of Operations Jason Dinwiddie said Monday that the closing of the hospital hasn’t really triggered an increase in calls, but has dramatically impacted the amount of time paramedics and EMTs are on each call.

“Before the closure, those calls in Keokuk were 30 minutes or so, but now that same call is close to an hour and a half from the time we are toned out to the time we get that same ambulance back and in place for the next call,” he said.

Reichman said reimbursements and insurance payment structures are the main reason why it’s difficult to keep rural hospitals open.

He said insurance companies don’t like to pay for overnight stays any more and that’s part of the reason why Keokuk Blessing had a 2% occupancy rate at the hospital and couldn’t keep the doors open.

“That’s the trend. Insurance doesn’t pay for it at a level needed and that created dire financial situations for many hospitals across Iowa,” he said.

“My motivation was to help out southeast Iowa, but I’m really excited about it. Hospitals across the state are excited about it and this will help others out as well.”

“In the next two weeks I would expect it be on the ground.”

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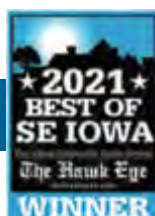
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input-Brent Dresser, Keokuk, thanked the Board for the letter that was submitted to the Iowa Utilities Board in opposition to the Navigator Pipeline and wondered if the Board intends to take further measures in opposition.

The Board held a discussion with County Engineer Ben Hull regarding resurfacing 180th Avenue that goes through the City of Donnellson. The County will pave the portion that goes through the city limits. Hull will draft an agreement with the City where the City will reimburse the County over a period of 2 to 3 years.

Lee County Economic Development President Dennis Fraise gave the

Board a recap of 2022 activities.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve an amended agreement with multiple counties to purchase a road widener. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve an amendment to the Secondary Roads Five-year Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve an agreement with Municipal Collections of America for collection services for EMS. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve replacing a full-time EMT. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler,

seconded by Holmes, to approve two tax abatement resolutions. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2023-32**

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: Tyler Huffman 2460 Hwy 2 Donnellson IA 52625

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 23rd day of January 2023.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Matt Pflug, Member and /s/ Tom Schulz, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion

carried.

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

Moved by Schulz,

seconded by Pflug, to approve the Monday, January 16, 2023 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve a new hire for EMS, Zach Boyd, part time

EMT, \$17.40/hr., effective 1/23/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report for the period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Pieper Pork Plantation in Cedar Township.

Penalty on Taxes

.....	25,364.00
Int.-Delinquent Taxes Tax	..... 2,789.00
Int.-Mobile Homes	..... 855.00
Mobile Home Taxes	..... 30,155.00
Moneys & Credits	..... 974.82
Grain Handled Tax	..... 5,355.00
E911 Surcharge	..... 46,685.35
Local Option Sales Tax	..... 709,452.56
Excursion Boat Gambling Tax	..... 13,567.17
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	..... 3,022,642.00
Road Use Taxes	..... 2,375,585.85
Liquor Licenses	..... 3,780.00
Homestead Replacement Fees	..... 711,472.56
Disabled Vets Homestead Tax Cr	..... 55,468.07
Family Farm Tax Credit	..... 723847.05
Ag Land Tax Credit	..... 184,393.60
Mobile Home Replacement	..... 1,528.00
Military Service Replacement	..... 21,293.85
Commercial & Industrial Repl.	..... 281,916.77
FEMA	..... 210,844.69
DHS Adm. Reimbursement	..... 38,853.17
Medicaid	..... 218,075.25
American Rescue Funds	..... 50,000.00
Contract Law Enforcement	..... 25,000.00
Care of Prisoners	..... 102,559.51
Emer Mgmt Svcs Agency Funding	..... 412,275.70
Region Fiscal Agent	..... 135366.92
Misc Contrib-Other Gov	..... 834,832.78
INTRA-County Reimbursements	..... 208,582.99
Home Care Aide Grant	..... 24,396.31
Public Health Nurses Grnt	..... 6,155.47
Well Testing	..... 7,778.91
Senior Health Grants	..... 334.30
Veteran Affairs Allocation	..... 10,000.00
REAP Grant	..... 14,634.00
Road Use Tax FTM Transfer	..... 8,611.06
Misc. State Grants	..... 702,969.07
Wireless E911 Payments	..... 111,984.24
Medicare	..... 656,260.22
Misc Federal Grants	..... 26,278.80
Locl Gover-Lieu of Taxes	..... 540,000.00
Swimming Pool & Spa Licenses	..... 3,335.00
Sewage Disposal/Septic	..... 26,800.00
Water Well Permits	..... 500.00
Food Est/Vending Lic	..... 97,802.17

Hotel Motel	..... 900.00
Other Health & Environ Lic/Per	..... 2,205.00
Trip Permits	..... 21,135.00
Entrance Permits	..... 5,185.38
Misc License/Permit	..... 9.00
Recording of Instruments	..... 51,951.55
Boat Fees	..... 1,320.00
Real Estate Transfer Tax	..... 19,626.63
UCC Fees	..... 680.00
Certified Copies	..... 10.00
All Terrain Vehicle Fees	..... 308.75
DNR Fees	..... 870.00
Auditor's Transfer Fees	..... 5,785.00
Boat Titles	..... 605.00
Vital Statistics Fees	..... 6,388.00
Passport Fees	..... 560.00
Electronic Transaction Fees	..... 2,772.00
Other Recorder Fees	..... 275.00
Tax Sale Publication Costs	..... 4,890.00
Auto Registration Fees	..... 148,340.92
Auto Use Tax Fees	..... 3,600.81
Motor Veh. Mailing Fees	..... 15,806.00
Special Assessmt Charge	..... 925.00
Driver's License Fees	..... 12,740.00
Sheriff Fees	..... 79,107.06
Weapons Permits	..... 6,620.00
Prisoner Room & Board Reimb	..... 20,327.72
Sex Offender Regist	..... 1,070.00
Other Sheriff's Fees	..... 24,013.97
Accident Report Fees	..... 1,471.78
Ambulance Services	..... 10,273.86
Camping Fees	..... 63,632.35
Recreational Facility Rentals	..... 11,608.25
Nursing Services Fees	..... 22,924.37
Home Care Aide Service Fees	..... 7,254.34
Other Health Fees	..... 846.57
Photocopy/Fax Fees	..... 7,571.55
Interest On Investments	..... 42,447.01
Land	..... 1,010.00
Buildings	..... 61,760.76
Equipment & Machinery	..... 971.02
Concessions	..... 2963.00
Other Misc Use of Money	..... 45.00
Repayment of Principal	..... 17105.60
Contrib,Donation	..... 99,657.02
Reimbursements Private	..... 533,646.89
Opioid Settlement	..... 237232.12
Voided Warrant-Prior Yr	..... 3,349.60
Secondary Road Materi-	

### Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report

Fund	Balance July 1, 2022	Revenues	Total to be Accounted for	Disbursements	Fund Balance December 31, 2022	Auditor's Warrants Outstanding
General Basic	8654369.81	7,193,580.31	15,847,950.12	7,837,070.37	8,010,879.75	112,923.16
General Supplemental	2188894.69	3,823,918.77	6,012,813.46	3,260,139.38	2,752,674.08	5,839.76
Rural Services Basic	1598628.50	1,849,637.66	3,448,266.16	1,129,453.80	2,318,812.36	14,352.56
Rural Serv. Supplemental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary Road	6718440.23	3,123,338.97	9,841,779.20	4,483,092.75	5,358,686.45	48,581.49
Capital Projects	2296898.97	2,281.78	2,299,180.75	1,524,772.45	774,408.30	0.00
Drainage Control	218476.04	749,968.10	968,444.14	308,023.04	660,421.10	2,363.00
Debt Service	71071.22	622,887.15	693,958.37	54,594.65	639,363.72	0.00
Joint Disaster Service	29790.71	412,312.31	442,103.02	420,959.11	21,143.91	538.70
Property Tax Agency	0.29	2,353.32	2,353.61	2,303.66	49.95	0.00
Township Control	6451.93	388,189.83	394,641.76	378,958.13	15,683.63	0.00
Corporation Control	195036.63	7,594,358.64	7,789,395.27	7,473,634.51	315,760.76	0.00
School Control	274627.22	11,942,203.23	12,216,830.45	11,889,286.20	327,544.25	0.00
Area School Control	25912.04	1,255,511.17	1,281,423.21	1,251,310.55	30,112.66	0.00
Denmark San Dist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
D M-Argyle San Dist	7147.08	0.00	7,147.08	0.00	7,147.08	0.00
Agency	946964.42	818,545.78	1,765,510.20	1,016,658.01	748,852.19	4,114.04
Co. Ag. Extension	3539.78	175,377.41	178,917.19	174,753.21	4,163.98	0.00
Co. Cons. Land Acq	462913.68	145,964.29	608,877.97	150,655.48	458,222.49	0.00
Motor Vehicle Trust	541591.51	3,497,479.62	4,039,071.13	3,341,290.24	697,780.89	0.00
Use Tax Trust	375408.94	2,027,776.79	2,403,185.73	2,061,353.76	341,831.97	0.00
City Special Assess.	42368.78	54,026.13	96,394.91	88,589.19	7,805.72	0.00
Tax Redemption Trust	72560.12	377,334.72	449,894.84	444,452.69	5,442.15	0.00
Central Purchasing	10959.44	24,594.59	35,554.03	31,477.32	4,076.71	0.00
Data Processing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operational Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reap	64385.87	14,727.27	79,113.14	0.00	79,113.14	0.00
E911 Surcharge	807214.72	170,146.65	977,361.37	148,174.05	829,187.32	0.00
E911 Contribution	67709.25	785.16	68,494.41	0.00	68,494.41	0.00
County Assessor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reval	2109764.91	1,940,177.08	4,049,941.99	2,269,289.09	1,780,652.90	3,636.30
Self Funding Ins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Trust Fund	296193.12	29,529.96	325,723.08	22,629.49	303,093.59	292.50
Records Management	59851.85	2,407.39	62,259.24	7,175.00	55,084.24	0.00
Medicare Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Environmental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ser. Vehicle Des	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pollmiller- Seal Coat Designat	488218.35	49.50	488,267.85	488,267.85	0.00	0.00
MH-DD Services Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health Trust Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Agency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Keokuk Floodwall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Silgan Tif District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Bond	33061.61	9,764.85	42,826.46	40,431.92	2,394.54	0.00
County Assessor	650145.69	381,426.08	1,031,571.77	262,838.14	768,733.63	1,216.31
County Assessor FICA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ISF Fund	328711.62	184,078.40	512,790.02	222,854.46	289,935.56	130.94
County Assessors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IPERS	801.50	37,946.50	38,748.00	37,946.50	801.50	0.00
Drivers License Trust	1114.92	2,773.53	3,888.45	2,729.00	1,159.45	0.00
Recorders	45564.54	564,209.81	609,774.35	0.00	609,774.35	0.00
Sheriff Forfeitures	10423.04	14,351.58	24,774.62	469.46	24,305.16	0.00
Sheriff Reserves	58877.97	24,013.97	82,891.94	66,639.28	16,252.66	0.00
Sheriffs commissary	10023.01	1,903.61	11,926.62	0.00	11,926.62	0.00
Argyle Special	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drug Task Force	29774114.00	49,459,931.91	79,234,045.91	50,892,272.74	28,341,773.17	193,988.76

Receipts and Disbursements

Revenues

Current Net Prop Taxes ..... 25,834,139.98

Delinquent Taxes ..... 10,609.00



# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

als..... 15,589.10	..... \$54,594.65
Equipment, Supplies	E911 Surcharge
..... 7,574.39	..... \$148,174.05
State Sales & Use Tax	Emergency Management
..... 5,886.60	..... \$420,959.11
Insurance From Indiv	Reg. Utility Service Sys-
..... 265,474.82	tems..... \$218,298.93
Credit on Warrant	Early Childhood Program
..... 5,701.80	..... \$50,133.31
Misc Reimbursements	Children First Misc Fund
..... 31,023.34	..... \$455.00
Miscellaneous	School Ready Children
..... 488,164.54	Services.....\$163,114.75
Insur From Departments	Drug Task Force Restitut
..... 1,736,210.00	..... \$1,410.00
Law Enforce Surcharge	Drug Task Force Forfeit
..... 103.87	..... \$5,463.56
Fine Collections	Lee County PSAP Associ-
..... 49,795.77	ation..... \$577,782.46
Defaults..... 450.00	Co.Conserv.L.Acq.Tr.
Sale of Seized Prop.. 1.00	Fund..... \$150,655.48
Fines & Forfeitures	Co. Assessor Agency
..... 3,406.98	Fund..... \$262,838.14
Cash Forfeitures	Memorial Trust Fund
..... 2994.96	..... \$22,629.49
Rural Service Basic Fund	Self Funding Insurance
..... 680,804.75	..... \$2,269,289.09
Other Budgetary Funds	Central Purchasing
..... 10,113.37	..... \$31,477.32
Sale of Fixed Assests	Information Technology
..... 13,850.00	ISF..... \$222,854.46
Used by Treasurer Only	Drainage Funds..... \$0.00
..... 2,027,776.79	MV Fees-State
Motor Vehicle License	..... \$3,164,403.32
Issued..... 3,496,824.23	MV Fees-County
Future Tax Payments	..... \$176,886.92
..... 8,446.85	Use Tax State
Anatomical Gift Donation	..... \$2,057,752.95
..... 655.39	Use Tax County
Driver License State	..... \$3,600.81
..... 25,128.50	Paid by Treasurer
Driver License County	..... \$489,917.27
..... 12,818.00	Treasurer Order
Special Assessments	..... \$21,256,531.79
Collected..... 55,929.74	D L Fee-Deposit
Drainage Tax Collected	..... \$37,946.50
..... 43,694.61	Total Expenses
Tax Sale Redemption	..... \$50,892,272.74
..... 377,334.72	Balance on Hand
Total Revenue	December 31, 2022
..... 49,459,931.91	..... 28,341,773.17
Other Financing Sources	Committee Reports:
In..... \$1,561,836.24	Schulz reported on a
Other Financing Sources	Landfill Board meet-
Out..... \$870,918.12	ing and a New Officers
Expenses	School put on by ISAC.
Operating Transfers	Holmes also attend-
..... \$690,918.12	ed the New Officers
Auditors Warrants Paid	School. Fedler attended
..... \$23,014,315.06	a meeting on safety with
Expenses	the Navigator Pipeline
General Basic Fund	Company. Seyb attended
..... \$7,700,738.68	the safety training, a Lee
SEIL Designated Fund	County Economic Devel-
..... \$93,740.04	opment Board meeting
Pioneer Cemetery	and a meeting with the
..... \$5,677.21	construction managers
American Rescue Fund	of the new Health/EMS
..... \$42,591.65	Building.
General Supplemental	The Board canvassed
Fund..... \$3,254,462.17	the Green Bay Drainage
MH-DD Services Fund	District Election that was
..... \$488,267.85	held on Saturday, January
Rural Services Basic	21, 2023. The results are
Fund..... \$448,649.05	Richard Kuntz 16, Mike
Sheriff Reserves Fund	Walker 16 and Brandon
..... \$290.64	Bonar 16.
Sheriff Commissary Fund	At 11:05 a.m. Pflug
..... \$66,639.28	made a motion to adjourn.
DARE..... \$178.82	Holmes seconded the
Secondary Road Fund	motion. Motion carried.
..... \$4,483,092.75	The next meeting will be
Records Management	held on Monday, January
..... \$7,175.00	30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at
Green Bay Drainage Dist.	the Administration Build-
..... \$223,700.32	ing in Fort Madison.
Green Bay Drainage Debt	Garry Seyb, Chairman
..... \$84,322.72	Attest: Denise Fraise,
Capital Projects	Lee County Auditor
..... \$1,514,659.08	
Debt Service Fund	

Claims paid

### January 23, 2023

AAT Holdings, rent	..... 210.00
Access Enrgy, svcs	..... 1283.60
Access Systms, splys	..... 479.81
Agriland FS, fuel...	310.55
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	..... 1206.52
B&B Propane, fuel	..... 100.00
Jim Baier, svcs.....	63.75
Benco Dntl, splys....	14.34
Blessing Hlth, svcs ...	37.00
R Braden, exps.....	80.00
Brightree Home, splys	..... 3263.50
Building Mtrl, splys..	78.66
CDW Govnmt, equip	..... 251.06
CenturyLink, svcs....	70.81
ClickStart Web, svcs	..... 44.85
Commerce Bank	1PASSWORD, svcs
..... 19.95	
4IMPRINT, splys... 475.81	
Access Syst, svcs.... 111.83	
Adobe, sftwr..... 815.27	
Aldi's, food..... 17.70	
Amazon, splys... 6,357.92	
American Heart Shop,	mtrls..... 310.89
APCO, mbrshp..... 100.00	
Availty, billing..... 35.00	
BP, fuel..... 42.50	
Burlington Trailways,	trnspt..... 70.50
Casey's, fuel..... 218.45	
Centurylink, svcs	..... 2,561.63
<a href="http://Chewy.com">Chewy.com</a> , splus... 90.91	
Claim MD, sftwr.... 200.00	
Cleanitsupply, splys	..... 100.14
Court Ave Brewing, meal	..... 108.45
DCUyour check, mtrls	..... 204.07
DM Stamp, splys.... 31.22	
Dollar General, splys	..... 156.35
Dropbox, svcs..... 128.27	
Dunkin Garage, svcs	..... 234.45
ES&S, svcs..... 406.18	
Experts Exchange, svcs	..... 9.99
Forestry Supplies, splys	..... 842.63
Galls, unif..... 1,285.27	
Goodyear, tires..... 333.24	
Govconnectia, tax	..... 136.30
Hancock Journal, publ	..... 1,424.88
Hartrick's, splys..... 9.99	
Heartland custom, svcs	..... 435.91
Hilton, Idging..... 988.50	
Hulu, svcs..... 16.04	
Horse & Hound, splys	..... 869.85
Huffman Welding, svcs	..... 43.99
Huffman's, splys	..... 1,350.64
HyVee, splys..... 128.84	
IA Dept of Ag, cert... 30.00	
IA Sec of State, notary	..... 60.00
Kohlmorgan, svcs... 595.15	
Int Svs Fee, fee..... 2.81	
IA Enviro Hlth, mbrshp	..... 240.00
IOWWA, mbrshp... 730.00	
ISSDA, ISSDA..... 50.00	
Kempker's, equip .. 558.49	
KE Farm & Home, splys	..... 89.94

McFarland's, splys	..... 89.94
Mediacom, svcs... 4,300.00	
Medpro Waste, svcs	..... 174.30
Menard's, parts..... 331.58	
Netflix, svcs..... 21.39	
Ninjaone, svcs..... 418.00	
ODP Bus Sol, splys	..... 109.49
OFF/PROF RGLTN, svcs	..... 540.00
O'Reilly Auto, parts	..... 63.07
Parking Ramps, fees	..... 21.00
Phillips 66, fuel..... 17.01	
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Sherwin Williams, splys	..... 12.32
Shottenkirk, svcs.... 991.12	
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Donnellson Lumber, splys	..... 52.99
SE IA Garage, parts	..... 394.25
Cardboard Box, pstg	..... 19.19
Survey Monkey, survey	..... 396.00
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Teleflex, equip..... 1,345.50	
Tmobile, svcs..... 298.03	
USPS, pstg..... 459.48	
Verizon, svcs..... 540.81	
Vet Info, publ..... 65.00	
Wal Mart, splys.. 1,359.59	
Winsupply, splys... 787.72	
Windstream Pmt, svcs	..... 373.94
Xpert Auto, repair.... 20.00	
Conduent Pymt, splys	..... 94.55
D Coover, svcs..... 495.23	
Cordray Htg, parts	..... 474.95
Cullen Pest Cntrl, svcs	..... 130.00
Culligan, water..... 31.49	
H Curtis, svcs..... 16.25	
Daniels Jntrl, svcs	..... 4328.41
LDettmers, exps..... 29.00	
Diamond Drugs, rx	..... 845.57
Donnellson Tire, svcs	..... 536.95
Drake Hdwr, equip	..... 709.00
Farm/Home, splys.. 59.99	
T Forseen, svcs..... 59.50	
FM Chmbr, dues... 185.00	
FM School, svcs	..... 274997.39
FM Water, svcs..... 4000.72	
D Fraise, exps..... 40.00	

French-Reneker, svcs	..... 21290.00
L Gatton, rent..... 300.00	
B Gaylord, exps..... 40.00	
J Giebelhausen, exps	..... 27.00
N Granaman, svcs	..... 1401.27
Grt Amer Fnnc, equip	..... 174.42
Grn Bay Twnshp, ctrb	..... 18854.78
M Hellige, svcs..... 150.00	
Henry Co Shrrf, svcs	..... 64.00
Historic Hotel IA, rent	..... 300.00
Hope Haven, svcs	..... 1992.00
IA Dare Assoc, edu	..... 100.00
ISAA, dues..... 975.00	
ISAC, reg..... 610.00	
Jet Gas, fuel..... 25089.49	
JW Medical, equip	..... 1593.00
Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ	..... 200.00
Keo Water, svcs..... 431.38	
Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs	..... 250.00
Kuckelman Trust, fees	..... 354.33
LeeCo Assr, ctrb	..... 8585.33
LeeCo Adtr, CtrlPur	..... 4648.11
LeeCo Econ Dvlp, cntrb	..... 50000.00
LeeCo EMS Cncl, cntrb	..... 1275.34
LeeCo Task Force, cntrb	..... 2000.00
LeeCo Shrrf, svcs	..... 3035.44
LeeCo Treas, fees	..... 214.09
Lincare Inc, splys.. 171.67	
MLong, svcs..... 300.00	
Mediacom, svcs..... 234.88	
L Merschman, rent	..... 300.00
Dly Gate City, publ	..... 602.50
NAPA Auto, parts.. 103.05	
Nat'l Rsrch, svcs... 1765.56	
OMG Midwest, svcs	..... 858.66
Pen City Current, publ	..... 692.49
Prvnt Child Abuse, dues	..... 2000.00
J Raj, svcs..... 150.00	
Red Lion Rnwbls, svcs	..... 757.27
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
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BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 22, 2022  
LEE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION  
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2652 HWY61  
MONTROSE, IA 52639**

1. Called to Order at 4:00 p.m.  
Roll Call: Alton x Pollpeter x Moore x Patrick x VanPelt x  
Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl  
Supervisor: Holmes  
2. Approval of Agenda  
Motion by Alton to approve the agenda  
2nd: VanPelt  
Motion Carried

3. Public Input  
Jill DeRoos asked why the bids from Denning Farm Lease were all rejected last week. Huebner responded that after further conversations with the Iowa DNR and the subsequent creation of the Wildlife Management Area Plan for the Denning Property, the LCCB was required to reject those bids in order to go out to bid under the new terms in agreement with the Wildlife Management Plan. The new terms include lessening the amount of acreage leased for farming each year to plant it back into native prairie. LCC is just the land manager of the Denning Property and must follow the IDNR's guidelines for this management.  
4. Open and Take Possible Action on Denning Farm Bids

Pollpeter opened the two bids received for the 3-year Denning Farm Lease. The highest bid came from Randy Stuecker at \$357/acre each year. Motion by Patrick to accept the bid from Randy Stuecker for \$357/acre for the Denning Farm Lease  
2nd: Alton  
Motion Carried  
5. Discuss and Take Possible Action on French-Reneker Engineered Plans for Pollmiller Trail  
Huebner walked the Board through the engineering plan for the Pollmiller Trail project, noting that the City of West Point will be responsible for reimbursing the LCCB for 15% of the cost of engineering for the portion of the trail falls on South Park. Huebner stated that a public hearing will have to be held in January in conjunction with West

Point, then the project will go out to bid for 30 days, a contractor will be selected, and the project will be completed before the end of May. Van Pelt asked if the portion of the project costs based on hourly pay will exceed the stated \$32,800 in the contract. Huebner responded that it will not exceed what is stated in the contract. Motion by VanPelt to approve the Engineering Services Agreement for the Poll miller Trail project with French-Reneker-Associates  
2nd: Alton  
Motion Carried  
6. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Resolution for IDNR Fish Habitat Program Application  
Huebner reminded the Board that this grant would cover 90% of the project costs for the Wilson Lake Pond if received. The plan is to

apply for the grant over 3 years, breaking the project down into 3 phases - engineering and surveys, clearing and land preparation, and completing the pond. The Board must approve a resolution to show their support of this project.  
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-003  
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FISH HABITAT PROGRAM  
WHEREAS, the Lee County Conservation Board is interested in developing a new lake and fish habitat at Wilson Lake; and  
WHEREAS, Fish Habitat program funds are required for the project.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:  
That the Lee County

Conservation Board does hereby make application for assistance, AND further agrees to abide by all the covenants of Section 483A.3A Code of Iowa 2001 and Chapter 35 (571), Iowa Administration Code.  
APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of November, 2022.  
Motion by Alton to approve the Resolution for IDNR Fish Habitat Program Application  
2nd: Patrick  
Motion Carried  
7. Adjournment  
Motion by Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 p.m.  
2nd: Alton  
Motion Carried  
Tom Pollpeter, LCCB President  
Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

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- Fatigue and Weakness
- Rapid Deep Breathing





**From the Front**

# Baker's dozen start FMHS's first Mock Trial team

**MOCK** - Continued from Page 1

"The main objective isn't to get a new crop of lawyers. That's not the expectation. It's important that the kids develop a skill set of presenting persuasive argument in front of people they don't know.

"I see enough kids that could improve in that. I thought that would be a great skill set to initiate and foster in our district."

The format of the contest in March involves a legal case that is sent to all the teams in the state and then teams represent both the plaintiff and defendant side of the case. The students develop the roles of the attorneys and the witnesses.

"I guess I would equate it to a cross between debate and drama. The witnesses are acting and the students have a case file," Santiago said. "These are the facts of the universe and you can't stray, but you have artistic license between the parameters."

The students will draw up opening statements, direct examinations, cross-examinations, and closing arguments. They have to adhere to rules of civil procedure.

Fort Madison students will go up against other schools along the southeast side of the state including Mediapolis. They will also be up against Iowa City and Cedar Rapids teams.

The top four teams in each of the six regionals will be invited to compete at the state competition later in the year.

Santiago said the district has been filled with kids who he calls "can't say no kids".

"These are the kids you see involved in everything in high school, student government, athletics, drama, show choir, band, work."

"At first our numbers were really strong, but some dropped off. The crew we have now, I give them kudos and appreciate their patience."

Assistance has been given to the team from District 8B Judge John Wright, FMHS English teacher Randy Sissell, Activities Director Jeff Lamb, and the YMCA Test Kitchen who has given the team practice space.

Santiago also said the district has been extremely supportive of the program.

"Kudos to Jeff Lamb. When I brought this to him, he said absolutely, that sounds great. They've been nothing but supportive. I announced the formation of it at a school board meeting and I have had nothing but positive feedback."

Santiago said it will be interesting to see how the students do considering he's never coached a team and they've never had one, but he hopes it creates a foundation going forward.

"I've told the students, 'You get to start this from scratch. You are each founders of the inaugural FM Mock trial team.'"



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# First countywide tornado drill set for March 29

**STORM** - Continued from Page 1

Awareness Week, it is suggested that you review a different subject that will help you get prepared for the anticipated storms that will strike our area.

Monday – Severe Thunderstorms

Tuesday – Receiving Warning Information

Wednesday – Tornadoes

Thursday – Family Preparedness

Friday – Flash Flooding

The highlight of Severe Weather Awareness Week is the annual tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 10 AM.

The weather service will NOT activate the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The Monthly test of the all-hazards weather radio system will still take place 10am. Also, The Cities of Donnellson, Wever, Denmark, Keokuk and Fort Madison are planning on activating their outdoor warning sirens. The sirens will be turned on and confirmed that they are working and then be turned off.

All residents, no matter where you live, are urged to purchase an all-hazards weather radio from a local retailer if they have not done so already. As the siren system is an outdoor warning system and may not necessarily be heard by those who are indoors or are not nearby a siren, the weather radio is designed to work indoors. Plus, there are many areas in the county such as the rural areas and housing developments outside the city limits who cannot hear the outdoor warning sirens. There are also communities and cities in Lee County that are not covered with an outdoor warning system. If individuals need assistance programming their radio they can contact Lee County Emergency Management, 319-470-1796, for assistance.

Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management has information on individual and family preparedness at [www.beready.iowa.gov](http://www.beready.iowa.gov). The National Weather Service will promote severe weather safety on their website [www.weather.gov/dvn](http://www.weather.gov/dvn) and by issuing informative public information statements.