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Central Lee kids roll at EISEF

HOHLS WIN HONORS: More than 25 awards bestowed on Hawk students



Courtesy photo

Central Lee junior and senior high students dominated the Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair Saturday in Cedar Rapids.

PCC STAFF

DONNELSON - On Saturday, March 18, 45 Central Lee Middle School students and 11 High School students participated in the Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair in Cedar Rapids.

Alicia Schiller Haynes served as high school science fair sponsor, while Amanda Schiller, Jansen Menke, and Nadin Weirather were middle school sponsors. Central Lee students competed against 19 schools and 156 projects, earning various awards and prizes that included top-five overall project awards.

The senior champions include Jacob Hohl (senior),

Everlee Harvey (senior), and Sidney Gruntmeir (junior), who were awarded a trip to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Dallas, Texas, May 14-19.

In addition, Hohl, Harvey, and Gruntmeir earned the \$100 Class I Senior prize. Hohl also earned the 7 Year Award of \$50, the NASA Earth System Science Award, and the Stockholm Junior Water Prize Outstanding Achievement. Gruntmeir received the \$50 6 Year Award.

The junior champions from Central Lee Middle School were Addison Hohl and Caedon Newton, both seventh

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FORT MADISON NEWS

Library adds "Hoopla" to on-demand services

FORT MADISON - The popular on-demand streaming service Hoopla digital is now available for free at the Fort Madison Public Library. Library card holders can access over 1,000,000 titles in a variety of formats, audio-books, e-books, comics, music, movies,

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Deacon script brings production to FM bluff

One of my former Creative Writing students, Aimee Gauley (by golly) from Ft. Madison, told me that I needed to come to Ft. Madison and watch this movie, "Intent Unknown" being filmed. I've never seen a movie being made, so I jumped at the chance. It was being shot at the home of Beth and Jeff Deacon up on the bluff that overlooks Ft. Madison on Bluff Road. (Bluffs are so named because they pretend to be mountains, but they're bluffing.) Aimee, who runs a beauty salon in Ft. Madison, was retained as the make-up artist for the movie.

Beth Deacon, who is a high school math teacher in Keokuk, wrote the script for "Intent Unknown." She has also written an excellent book, available on Amazon, "Seven Doors In" (her author name is Beth Rondeau) about being a teacher at the Maximum Security Prison in Ft. Madison. I highly recommend her book.

Beth's husband, Jeff, is an engineer at the fertilizer plant in Wever, and is in charge of taking care of the myriad things that need taken care of for "Intent Unknown." He could be called a gaffer (not gopher).

"Intent Unknown" uses a lot of local talent, including Beth and Jeff's daughter, Lucy, and Cameron Muston from Keokuk, and many others. The biggest known star is Eric Roberts, Julia Roberts' brother.

I met the Director, Terence Gordon, of "Intent Unknown." Check out his documentary on Amazon Prime,

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OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA R. RUBLE

Virginia R. Ruble, 102, of Macomb and formerly of Nauvoo, went home to Jesus on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 8:00 PM at Wesley Village in Macomb.

She was born on June 20, 1920 in McCredie Audrain County Missouri to Joseph Wren and Grace Truman Neyman Iman. On September 22, 1940 she married Charles Harold Ruble and he passed away on July 14, 2003.

Virginia was a homemaker. She enjoyed drawing and cooking. Virginia crocheted hundreds of doilies and gave them away to anyone she could.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie Hodson of Donnellson, IA and Mary (Aaron) Sutton of Colchester, IL; one son, Raymond (Sue) Ruble of Springfield, MO; twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren; seventeen great great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one sister, Polly Crawford of Hatton, MO and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Charles "Bud" Ruble and Jack Ruble; five brothers and two sisters.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Chaplain Zack Hunter officiating. The family will meet with friends from 10 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for St. Jude's or Beacon of Hope Hospice and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



RUBLE

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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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OBITUARIES

EUGENE A. HUNOLD

Eugene Arthur Hunold, lovingly known as Possum, died Saturday, March 11, 2023. He was born January 7, 1940 in West Point, IA to Edward and Anna Menke Hunold. The youngest of seven children, he had many fond memories of living in rural West Point and growing up on a farm.



HUNOLD

He attended St. James School in St. Paul and volunteered for the Army reserves, where he met great friends and gathered more stories to tell his kids and grandkids. He met Shirley Manshiem and married on April 24, 1965. After farming in rural West Point, they moved to Houghton in 1973 and raised their three daughters.

Gene's life was full of work, and he pursued many occupations throughout his lifetime. He was a farmer, a mechanic, a grocer, a woodworker, cabinet maker and craftsman extraordinaire. He loved figuring out impossible designs and building the best pieces to his exacting standards. He enjoyed learning anything new and taught himself carving and making stained glass.



If there was a problem that needed solving, his friends knew to ask Possum. He loved telling great stories and showing how to be a great son, brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather.

He led his family by example and taught his grandkids all the great tricks and tools of life. Every family member remembers his words of wisdom, and they all lived by "man must be smarter than the machine or the machine wins every time".

Gene loved his Catholic faith and his parish, St John's, and was a long-time member of the Houghton Knights of Columbus. He sang in the church choir with his wife, fixed what needed fixed and served where he was needed.

Gene was dedicated to the community he raised his family in, and served as Mayor of Houghton. He volunteered many years for the local firefighters and quick response service, and went on many ambulance calls. He was always willing to help his neighbors and friends, and everyone knew him for his great laugh and willingness to get the job done.

Gene is survived by his wife, Shirley; a brother, Ronald Hunold of Warsaw, IL and a sister, Irma Burch of Windsor Heights; his daughters, Pamela (Doug) Nimtz of Oskaloosa, Shari (Dave) Naughton of Des Moines, Amy (Jim) Hunold-Van Gundy of Carlisle; grandchildren Taylor (Katie) Nimtz, Cassie Nimtz, Riley Naughton, Rebecca Naughton, Allison Naughton, Tucker Van Gundy and Sophie Van Gundy; one great-granddaughter, Lillian James; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Susan Lynn, his brothers, Harold, Adrian and Bernard, his sister, Doris Duncan, brother-in-laws, Howard Burch and Raymond Duncan, and his grandson, Anthony Nimtz.

Visitation was Friday, March 17, 2023, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, where the family will meet with friends from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A Knights of Columbus rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake service at 6:00 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton with Father John Spiegel as celebrant.

Burial was in Saint John's Cemetery in Houghton.

The family requests no flowers and memorials can be made to St John's Parish or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

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

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ALBERTA J. PIERSEE

Alberta Jean Piersee, 84, of Keokuk, IA passed peacefully at her home on Sunday, March 5, 2023 surrounded by her family.

She was born September 18, 1938 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of John and Georgia Minyard Atterberg.



PIERSEE

On August 6, 1955 Alberta was united in marriage to Lester Piersee. They were married fifty-one years. He preceded her in death on May 21, 2007.

Alberta worked side-by-side Lester as they ran their Kirby Vacuum business for thirty-five years.

Her love and devotion for her family was above all else. The grandkids all have such fond memories of having Nerf gun battles with Grandma, having garage sales and getting to keep the money, telling ghost stories and teaching them to cheat at Poker. All of the holidays were extra special, being thought out and planned so well. One of her favorite things was gardening and took special pride in her yard. She truly loved dogs and had many wonderful ones through the years. She was always taking in strays and finding them a good home.

Alberta is survived by her children, Debbie (Mike) Haney, Howard (Mary) Piersee, Blain (Jori) Piersee and Angie (Scott) Vaughn, ten grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and longtime friend, Kenny Miller.

In addition to her husband, Lester, she was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Carolyn (John) Kite.

Memorials may be made to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice, 1306 S. Washington Rd., West Burlington, IA, 52655.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

EMMA P. MARQUEZ

Emma P. Marquez, 74, of Montrose, passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 8:03 PM at her home.

She was born on May 7, 1948 in Amarillo, TX to Albert and Georgia Ramirez Rodriguez. On June 24, 1971 she married Thomas Marquez in Hereford, TX. Emma worked as a teachers aide in TX for six years before moving to Iowa. She then worked Head Start in Ft. Madison and also Mobile Nursing. She was a member of Holy Family Parish. Emma enjoyed singing, dancing, cooking, doing crafts and attending her kids activities. Her family was most important to her, especially her grandchildren.



MARQUEZ

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Marquez Sr. of Montrose; one daughter, Jackie Marquez of Iowa City; two sons, Tom (Heather) Marquez of Waterloo and Joshua (Samantha Holmes) Marquez of Solon; four granddaughters, Emerson Marquez, Mila Marquez, Ivy Marquez and Addie Holmes; one grandson, Joaquin Marquez; one sister, Stella (Angel) Villa of Fredricksburg, TX; four brothers, Fred (Emma) Rodriguez of Amarillo, TX, Danny Rodriguez of Pampa, TX; John (Rosemary) Ramirez of Hobbs, NM and Victor (Rayneen) Ramirez of Howard-wick, TX; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Albert, Andrew and Ray.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 11 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at 11 AM. The graveside service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Solon, IA.

A memorial has been established for Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center Hospice and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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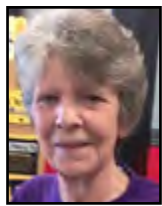
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JUDY A. KOLVIS

Judy Ann Kolvis, 79, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, March 10, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



KOLVIS

She was born on May 1, 1943 in Waukegan, IL, the daughter of Albert Joseph "Bud" and Leasurean "Wene" (Varner) McGillivray. She graduated from Zion-Benton Township High School with the Class of 1961.

On June 1, 1984, Judy was united in marriage to Lawrence "Larry" Kolvis, Jr. in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on March 23, 2009.

She had been employed at Mitchell's Knotty Pine Restaurant and also at the Eagles Club, both in Keokuk.

Judy enjoyed shopping at thrift stores, looking for a bargain and unique mugs to add to her mug collection. She loved going on road trips with her husband, Larry and sitting on her porch drinking coffee or a beer. Judy had a sassy and stubborn personality and everyone that knew her loved her. She never knew a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Most of all, Judy loved spending time with her family and her dogs and cats.

She is survived by two sons, Kenny Irvin and James Wigginton (Libby) all of Keokuk, one daughter, Laysha Kolvis (Richard Winter) of Keokuk, two grandchildren, Samantha Rose (Alan Rose, Jr.) and Joey Irvin (Kimberlee Jo Milton), great-grandchildren, Mason, Ethan and Andrew Rose, Adalynn Schaeffer and one more on the way, Evelyn Irvin and Jameson Irvin. She is also survived by one sister, Shirley Kiester of Keokuk, a niece, a nephew, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother-in-law, Jerry Kiester.

A gathering of remembrance will be held from 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Laysha Kolvis for her children's education fund.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

SHARON K. SCOTT

Sharon Kay Scott, age 84, of Fort Madison, Iowa passed away March 14, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospital.



SCOTT

She was born in Mystic, Iowa on October 2, 1938 to Dallas F. and Geraldine Avanelle "Avie" (Kirk) Walker. Sharon attended Moravia High School and graduated 1956. Sharon was united in marriage to Duane H. Scott on January 22, 1975 in Carthage, IL. She spent her career working in several different office positions. She retired from the Iowa State Penitentiary in 2001 with 25 years of service.

Sharon loved her family and friends. She was a great listener and was adamant that the young people in her life were taught life skills so they would become productive adults. She didn't give up on those who relied on her and needed assistance. She will be greatly missed by them.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Duane H. Scott, daughter Kay (Mike) Spieler, Blakesburg, IA, son Keith (Betty) McCord, Ft. Madison, IA; step children, Mike (Mary Beth) Scott, Montrose, IA, Marvin Scott, Whitedeer, PA, Misty Scott, Beatrice, NE, twelve grandchildren, Nathan (Heather) Burch of Spring Hill, KS, Nicholas Burch, Burlington, IA, Krista (Matt) Fainter, Spring Hill, KS, Shawn (Kristin) McCord, Palmyra, MO, Kimber (David Cunningham) McCord, Fort Madison, IA, Kaitlyn (Joshua) Fullenkamp, West Point, IA, Karter (Emily Beary) Spieler, Ames, IA, Darlene Scott, Farmington, IA, Sharlene Scott, Fort Madison, IA, Jessica (David) Cannon, Fort Madison, IA, Noah Scott, Bellevue, IL, Josh Huckstep, Lincoln NE and 10 great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, son James Paul McCord, brother Dallas L. "Mickey" Walker and sister Sandra Jean Wright

Friends may call after 2 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family will meet with friends from 5-6 PM. The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM with Rev. Dean Graber officiating. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for Hope Haven or Wounded Warriors and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

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Hawk junior and senior high students win awards

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graders. Hohl and Newton took home the Class I JB prize of \$50 and a trip to Dallas to observe the ISEF.

Addison Hohl also earned the 1st Place Occupational and Environmental Health Student Association T-shirt Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Challenge. Newton won the Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club/Collins Amateur Radio Club, Lemelson Early Inventor Prize, Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Challenge, and the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Naval Science Award.

"Science fair is one of the greatest things I have ever been involved in," said Harvey. "Being selected for this is such a great honor, and I could not have done it without my amazing teacher, Mrs. Schiller. Science fair has brought me many connections and has also grown my intrapersonal skills!"

"Science fair the past two years has given me many opportunities and experiences that I will forever use in my lifetime," said Addison Hohl. "I was thrilled to have earned grand champion in my category and be invited to ISEF. I am so excited to attend and continue my science fair years."

"The amount of time,

work, and effort that students put into each and every one of their projects is incredible," said Menke. "All the science fair sponsors are so proud of every single student from Central Lee for getting out of their comfort zone. Because of these fairs, students earn so many other opportunities, and many students go on past high school to work in a scientific field of study."

In total, 21 CLMS students took home over 30 awards, while 10 CLHS students earned 17 awards.

Full List of Central Lee Awards from Eastern Iowa Science Fair:

- HS Awards
- Jacob Hohl
- Class I Senior \$100 (Trip to Dallas to compete at ISEF)
- 7 Year Award \$50
- NASA Earth System Science Award
- Stockholm Junior Water Prize Outstanding Achievement

US Agency for International Development: Science Champion

- Everlee Harvey
- Class I Senior \$100 (Trip to Dallas to compete at ISEF)
- Sidney Gruntmeir
- Class I Senior \$100 (Trip to Dallas to compete at ISEF)
- 6 Year Award \$50
- Lara Canida

- 5 Year Award \$25
- Inspiring Excellence Award \$50
- Emily Barnhardt
- 6 Year Award \$50
- Inspiring Excellence Award \$50
- Mercedes Kirchner
- 6 Year Award \$50
- Paisley Grafton
- 7 Year Award \$50
- Audrey Sturdivant
- Cedar Rapids Audubon Society \$50
- Honorable Mention Occupational and Environmental Health Student Association, T-shirt
- Emma Bell
- Excellence in Science Research Award
- Beau Boyd
- Excellence in Science Research Award
- Middle School Awards
- Addison Hohl
- Class I JB \$50 (Trip to Dallas to observe at ISEF)
- 1st Place Occupational and Environmental Health Student Association T-shirt Thermo Fisher Junior Innovators Challenge

Library card, pin number get Hoopla access

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will have access to it right away. Library Director, Sarah Clendineng, say, "Ever since Covid, we have seen an increase in our usage of digital materials. Unfortunately, many patrons are frustrated with the wait times in Bridges, especially for more popular titles. While we have begun taking steps to shorten some of these wait periods, Hoopla will provide another resource for digital materials for patrons, one that does not have wait times."

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If you need more information or have questions, contact Sarah Clendineng, (319) 372-5721, SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us.

Lee County Health Dept. to hold Fort Madison clinic

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, March 23, 2023 from 1:00 pm until 4:30pm at Lee County Health Department, #3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison, IA.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING MINUTES
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 30, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, January 30, 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 Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input- Stan Thomas, Franklin, reported to the Board that there is a property next to Wilson Lake that has a lot of trash and that trash is blowing into Wilson Lake.

Kurt Lowenberg, with Access Energy, introduced himself to the Board and said he is available if they have questions about the new transmission line coming up from Missouri.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to

approve a contract with Service Master for Fire Mitigation at Lincoln Ridge. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2023-34.

Roll call: Pflug-aye, Holmes-aye, Seyb-aye, Schulz-aye and Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2023-34

FARM TO MARKET REVIEW BOARD APPLICATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a county may apply for modifications to its farm to market system to add or subtract

mileage from its system, to accept or delete highways gained or lost through jurisdictional transfers, or to change the classification of roads within its system, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has consulted with its County Engineer and desires to modify its farm to market road system to provide continuity of intra-county and inter-county routes, to meet the needs of existing or potential traffic, to better meet land use needs, or to provide a more suitable location for a farm to market route, and

WHEREAS, application for modifications to any county's farm to market system must be made to the Farm to Market Review Board per the requirements of Code of Iowa Section 306.6,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY that this county is formally requesting that the Farm to Market Review Board approve the following modifications to its farm to market system:

Road segments proposed for addition to the farm to market system:
180th Ave – From Don-

nellson city limits north to Primrose Road.... 1.00 mi.

180th Ave – From Donnellson city limits south to Hwy 218..... 1.47 mi.

180th Ave – From Hwy 27 SE to 340th St. 0.18 mi.

Business 61 and J50 St – From Fort Madison city limits NE to current FM route J50..... 3.76 mi.

Total Mileage added to the Farm to Market System:..... 6.41 miles

Road segments within city corporate limits as farm to market extensions:

180th Ave – Through Donnellson..... 1.26 mi.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

2nd Ave) – In Fort Madison, from 20st St East and North to city limits.

..... 2.25 mi.

Great River Road – In Fort Madison, from Business 61 South to Illinois.

..... 0.22 mi.

Total Mileage added to Farm to Market Extension System:..... 3.73 miles

Road segments proposed for deletion from the farm to market system:

295th Ave – From Hwy 16 North to Old Quarry Road. 2.64 mi.

Old Denmark Road – From 303rd Ave (X32) South to Fort Madison city limits. 0.33 mi.

Argyle Road (W62) – All portions West of Hwy 27. 0.10 mi.

300th St (J72) – All portions West of Hwy 27. 0.18 mi.

Total Mileage deleted from the Farm to Market System:..... 3.25 miles

Road segments proposed for deletion from the farm to market extension system:

Old Denmark Road/ 9th St – In Fort Madison from Ave H North to city limits. 0.70 mi

Total Mileage deleted from the farm to market extension system:

.....0.70 miles

The board of supervisors of Lee County, in lawful session this 30th day of January, 2023 hereby adopts this farm to market modification resolution.

Recommended: /s/ Benjamin J. Hull, County Engineer

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 Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services for the Income Offset Program for EMS. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2023-35. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye, Schulz-aye and Seyb-aye.

Resolution #2023-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOWING OPPOSITION TO HOUSE FILE 1

WHEREAS, Iowa's Property Tax System is built on the foundation of

assessing real property at fair market value;

WHEREAS, assessed value is determined by using a combination of sales method and cost method;

WHEREAS, the individual characteristics and circumstances of a given property should dictate the assessed value;

WHEREAS, growth limitations are already in place for classifications as a whole and assessed values are rolled back to a much lower taxable valuation on residential property in particular;

WHEREAS, checks and balances are in place to ensure assessments are within 5 percent of the sales data on classifications of property within each jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, rollbacks and targeted tax credits and exemptions are currently used to provide property tax relief while maintaining assessed value at the market value;

WHEREAS, assessed values reflecting market value provide benefit to property owners, real estate professionals, lenders, prospective buyers and others;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors protest in the strongest terms the proposed changes to the property tax valuation system that are found in House File 1.

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 Fedler, to approve a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Tri-State Gun Club, Montrose, for the period February 16, 2023 through February 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Family Farm Credits for 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Monday, January 23, 2023 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a township official, Darren Sturdivant, Van Buren Township Clerk, \$10.00/hr., effective 1/2/23; step increase for Trisha Lowman, General

Assistance Payee, from \$21.13/hr. to \$21.30/hr., effective 1/11/23; a new hire for EMS, Allison Herr, part time EMT, \$17.40/hr., effective 1/30/23; merit increase for Daniel Douglas, from EMT in training \$15.00/hr. to EMT \$17.40/hr., effective 1/19/23; merit increase for Justina Mortimer, from EMT in training \$15.00/hr. to EMT \$17.40/hr., effective 1/20/23 and a new hire for the Treasurer's Office, Jamie Fullenkamp, Records Clerk, \$17.02/hr., effective 2/6/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Semi Annual Settlement of the Board of Supervisors, the Commission of Veteran Affairs minutes of the December 28, 2022 meeting and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of December 2022.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Department Head meeting and a meeting with Iowa Fertilizer Company regarding 180th Street. All Supervisors attended the 911 Board meeting, the Emergency Management Commission meeting and the Conference Board meeting.

At 10:50 a.m. Pflug made a motion to adjourn. Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid January 30, 2023

Ability Ntwrk, svcs	1676.95
Access Enrgy, svcs	185.99
Access Svstms, equp	756.78
Agriland FS, fuel...	358.47
Alliant Enrgy, svcs	1998.26
Amazon, splys	64.24
AMI Pipe/Sply, svcs	139.40
Armstrong Trctr, svcs	1057.57
Barco Products, splys	1393.01
Bound Tree Med, splys	3829.48
BTX Iowa, svcs	234.00
CB Equip Co, equp	4995.00
CCDA, dues	40.00
Central IA Juv, svcs	2225.38
Comm Action, svcs	891.00
CJ Cpr/Assc, svcs	135.00
Cordray Htg/Clg, parts	77.89
Denning Bros, rent	185.00

DM Co Sheriff, svcs	18.00
Dnnlsln Tire, svcs	441.00
EMSLRC, edu	17.00
Farm/Home, splys	967.80
Fillenwarth Bch, exps	700.00
FM Hsing Auth, svcs	1639.07
FM Water, svcs	307.40
T Gage, exps	190.98
GRRWA, svcs	11.75
Dr Holmes, svcs	622.08
J Hoskins, reimb	192.59
Hffmn Wldng, equp	145.00
HyVee, splys	19.96
ICS Jail Splys, splys	118.69
ISAC, reg	210.00
Jireh Inc, fuel	60.00
C Johnson, exps	105.00
R Johnson, svcs	276.00
Karl Chvrllt, veh	51181.54
Keo Med Equp, splys	14222.32
Keokuk Wtr, svcs	315.64
King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs	1200.00

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LeeCo Adtr, CtrlPur	1717.76
LeeCo Hlth, svcs	10894.67
LeeCo Library, cntrb	26612.50
LeeCo Shrff, svcs	6907.44
Liberty Util, gas	16.32
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	5148.97
Mohrfeld Elect, svcs	1394.92
Monk Wdwrks, splys	190.00
MtHamill Elvtr, splys	330.66
Newman Signs, ctrb	18.03
OMG Midwest, svcs	14188.07
PCC Amblnc, svcs	10150.21
Pitney Bowes, pstg	5710.21
Prairie Farms, splys	221.20

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S Thompson, exps	45.00
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SWARM - Continued from Page 1

“What’s in a Name - A Versace Story.” Terence pointed me in the direction of the cinematographers. “Interview them,” he said. “They’re the ones who make this happen.”

I found out real quick cinematographers are not called “cameramen.” They are artists. I also found out real quick that making a movie is a lot of hard, grueling work, with little glamour.

The actors and film crew might start shooting at 6:00 am, and not call it quits until 10:00 or 11:00 at night. Seriously. And it can take a couple of hours of shooting for a couple of minutes of film. Egads!

Cinematographer, Devon “Troublesum” Smith is from Jamaica and Atlanta (Hollywood East). He has a college degree in business and economics and worked for JP Morgan-Chase.

He performed dance-hall style music in local clubs in New York City, as well as Africa and Costa Rica. Everyone said he ought to be an artist. He wanted to do a music video but didn’t have much money.

He met Terence Gordon who offered to shoot the video if Devon would edit it. Devon didn’t

know how to edit, but he learned from YouTube, and in the process fell in love with film. “Film takes every art form and puts it together,” he says.

Cinematographer, Cruz “Supa Dope” Arrington is from Puerto Rico, is an ex-Marine, and has a law degree. He was walking down the street one day, and a whole block was roped off for a movie set. He was smitten. He began poking around and was just about thrown out by security.

He said, “I’ll do anything, man. I’ll get coffee, I’ll pound nails, just let me be a part of this.” The guard told him, “Okay, if you can keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.” Cruz has never looked back. He was mesmerized. He was called. One of the first movies he shot won Best Film Maker’s Award. He was off and running.

Okay, now for the fun. They had a part in the film for a grandpa (actually they wrote it in). I look the part of Grandpa, right? You guessed it. I have a 30-second cameo in “Intent Unknown.” Look for it to be streamed, or at your local theater. I’ll be signing autographs.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com, or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.



Courtesy photo

Hollywood’s Eric Roberts, center back, stands with staff at Cobblestone Inn and Suites last week.

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- Income Guidelines
- 2022-2023 LIHEAP Full page handout
- LIHEAP half page handout
- En Español
- 2022 Iowa LIHEAP Fact Sheet
- 2021 LIHEAP Fact Sheet for 2nd Congressional District (Southeast Iowa)

Contact your local neighborhood center for an appointment or apply online: <https://app.liheapia.net/>.

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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.

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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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