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## GI Joe Fan Film at Fox

**FREE SHOWING:** Movie is producer's "love letter" to GI Joe franchise

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Saturday, a Real American Hero comes to Fort Madison.

For those that posed action figures and those that sat with their face in their hands with elbows on the floor propped up watching the animated show on television, the Fox Theater brings the 80s back to life.

Producer Pierre Doanetto brings a live action fan film to the screen in Fort Madison for a 6 p.m. one-time showing of Crimson Archer, an Iowa produced offshoot of the 80s version GI Joe brand.

"It's a full length feature film – 90 minutes" Doanetto said Thursday afternoon.

"This is a fan film based on the 80s GI Joe cartoon and the synopsis is about what happened in the aftermath of the 80s with the Joes disbanded and retired," Doanetto said.

"One Joe – Scarlet, was kidnapped by Cobra to try and convert her to Cobra ways, and the rescue is at hand."

Doanetto said he's met with GI Joe storyteller Larry Hama about the movie, so he has the blessing of Hasbro and Hama in creating the movie.

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### HAWK NEWS

## Central Lee quiz bowl kids roll

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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CENTRAL LEE – The Central Lee Quiz bowl team wrapped up a banner year with a Southeast Iowa Superconference championship.

The team, under first year sponsor Ryan Van Ausdall, went 15-2 in match play and won the WACO and Van Buren County Invationals, returning just one starter from the 2022-23 team.

Seniors Emma Bell and Maren Robbins led the squad with junior Blake Lindsay and sophomore Andrew Martin rounding out the starting four.

"I knew we had a chance at making a run this season, but there are some incredibly tough teams in this conference," Van Ausdall said.

The team went undefeated until the SEISC tournament where they lost their first two matches in pool play, but a win over Van Buren in the third match forced a tie and Central Lee advanced on points.

They then had a rematch with West Burlington and won before defeating WACO in the championship for the title.

During the season, the Hawks won the WACO Invitational, the Hawk Invitational, Van Buren County, and then the conference tournament. Central Lee defeated WACO for three different championships.

The team consisted of Bell, Robbins, Lindsay, junior Daniel Vallepu, Underwood, sophomores Owen Krogmeier, Leo Thomas, Jacob Vollmer, and Drake Weber, and freshmen Beau Boyd and Aurora Edens.

"It's a very balanced team, each having strengths in different areas," Van Ausdall said.

"Blake is one of the strongest math students this conference has ever seen. Andrew is a geography and history specialist. Emma and Maren have a wide range of knowledge and just seem to have answers to random questions that spark a big run for our team.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Construction crews drive in holes for foundation pilings at the Fort Madison High School Thursday morning where employee parking used to be.

### CONSERVATION NEWS

## LCC sets Earth Day workday, Easter Egg Hunt

PCC Staff

MONTROSE - Lee County Conservation is excited to partner with Pheasants Forever for a Hands-On Habitat Workday on Saturday, April 22, from 9am-Noon at Heron Bend Conservation Area 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639 and Wilson Lake Park 2195 220th Street, Donnellson, IA 52625.

This event is great way for volunteers to give back and get involved in honor of Earth Day.

Volunteers are invited to come out to either location between 9am-Noon, and stay for as long as they are able to help out. Groups will be working on habitat improvements, picking up litter, and more. After the volunteer work is

complete, Pheasants Forever will be providing everyone with a free lunch in the Lee County Conservation Center.

If volunteers have their own loppers and/or gloves, they can bring them. Otherwise, LCC will provide everyone with the necessary supplies. Please

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### WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap

FRI 24 Mar .....Mostly cloudy with chance of rain, 46° F/ 34° F  
SAT 25 Mar .....Wintery mix possible, 44° F/ 30° F  
SUN 26 Mar .....Partly sunny, 49° F/ 35° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 03/22.....14 18 21 50 51, Star Ball: 3 All Star Bonus: 2  
LUCKY FOR LIFE 03/22.....7 19 30 33 44, Lucky Ball: 18  
PICK 3 03/22 MIDDAY.....15 6  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### YVETTE D. HALLAM

Yvette Delores "Betty" Hallam, 79, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Betty was born December 29, 1943 in Streator, Illinois, the daughter of John Franklin and Dorothy Fern (Haner) Owens. She married Ronald Ervin "Bud" Hallam November 18, 1961 in Streator, Illinois. They had been next door neighbors from the time she was 3 years old. They continued to raise their family of six children in Streator, Illinois until moving to Dallas City in 1977.

Betty worked for a few years at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in West Burlington Iowa before beginning a 20 year career as a Switchboard operator at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa. Her hobbies included cooking, canning, gardening, playing Words With Friends, flower arranging, shopping at the Dutchman's Store and Highway 2 Grocery, and collecting shoes and bling. She sparkled wherever she went.

Her life revolved around her faith, her family and music. At the age of 3, she began playing piano with both hands. Her parents recognized her gift and signed her up for a few lessons. However, the training she received was no match for her natural talents on the keyboard. She would often say that she wished she could play it the way she "heard it in (her) head." Humming a few bars of a song she had never heard before was all that was needed for her to anticipate where the music was going and to follow along. She could effortlessly transpose any song into a key that comfortably accommodated the singer's range. During warmer weather, with the windows open, neighbors were blessed to hear her playing.

She was well known for her laughter, her sense of humor, her wise counsel and her love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She faithfully attended and supported the Church of the Nazarene in Montrose, Iowa. So many called her "Mom" and she faithfully prayed for every one of them. There was always room at the table for "one more." If you ever left her home hungry, it was almost certainly your own fault. She drew a very large circle of love around her and invited others to join her.

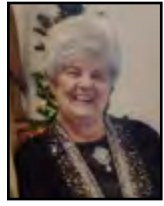
Survivors include her husband; Bud; six children: Tammy Perkins of Carnegie, Oklahoma, Ronda (Bob) Norris of Warsaw, Illinois, Eric Hallam of Ft. Madison, Colleen (Duane) Taylor of Mexico, Missouri, Candi (Thomas) Kendall of Warsaw and Sarah (John) Whitaker of Dallas City; twenty-one grandchildren: Charlotte (Brian) McCalip, Randy (Niki) Perkins, Nathan (Brooke) Perkins, Jeremiah (Tanessa) Perkins, Samuel (Taylor) Perkins, Justin (Jackie) Norris, Chad (Shelly) Norris, Katlyn (Levi) Wilson, Daniel (Bethany) Taylor, Heidi (Kevin) Brewer, Martha Taylor, Suzannah (Nathaniel) Murray, Madeline Taylor, Dustin Taylor, Clareece Kendall, Cory (Isabella) Kendall, Clayton (Samantha) Kendall, Christopher Kendall, Curtis Kendall, Asa Whitaker, Ezra Whitaker and Rhema Whitaker; twenty three great-grandchildren and a special cousin that she considered a sister: Mary Bagby

She was preceded in death by her parents; two siblings in infancy: Dorwin and Charlotte; one sister: Bonnie Fasking; two sons-in-law: Chip Perkin and Steven Huffman and one grandson: Devin Taylor.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service for Mrs. Hallam will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Montrose Church of the Nazarene, Montrose, Iowa, with Pastor Preston Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Carman Cemetery, Carman, Illinois.

A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Teresa Adams House at Blessing Hospital or Montrose Church of the Nazarene. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Betty's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).



HALLAM

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### MARY E. LARSON

Mary E. Larson, 88 of Fort Madison, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:42 PM at The Madison.

She was born on December 19, 1934 in Burlington to Lawrence and Helen Steinbrecker Neff. Mary married Keith Lite and they later divorced. Mary worked at the Macon County Crawford Senior Center as a receptionist and retired after many years of service. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and had a very outgoing personality. She loved the outdoors, camping, bike riding and being in the mountains of North Carolina. Mary's favorite color was purple and those who will be attending the service are encourage to wear a purple item.



LARSON

Survivors include one daughter, Linda (Gary) Weigel of Aurora, IL; two grandchildren, Jeremy (Sue) Lite and Jennifer (Nick) Jeck; four great grandchildren, Chase, Keith, Charlee and Hunter; one brother, Don Neff of Burlington and several nieces and nephews including Judy Dressler of Ft. Madison.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her former husband, Keith Lite; one son, Donnie Lite; one daughter, LuAnn Weigel; one brother, Richard Neff and one sister, Dorothy Wilson.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will meet with friends on Monday, March 27, 2023 from 1:30 PM until 2 PM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with a celebration of life to be held at 2 PM. Burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Alzheimer's Association or the Susan B. Komen Foundation. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### HELEN L. DAINS

Helen Louise Dains, 74, of Park Place Elder Living, in Mount Pleasant, formerly of Buena Vista, Arkansas, passed away at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at Park Place Elder Living in Mount Pleasant.

Born on March 4, 1949, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the daughter of Karl and Gwendolyn (Walters) Sietam. On February 28, 1970, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa she married James Whitney Dains.

She is survived by her nephew: Bill (Linda) Dains of Donnellson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband: James.

Helen was a member of the Lighthouse Association Club. She enjoyed traveling the states to tour lighthouses.

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

Per her wishes no services will be held at this time.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

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## From the Front

# Sponsor hopes to build on Hawks success

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“The alternate team comprised of Drake, Jacob, Aurora, Owen, Leo, Beau, and Daniel held their own all season. They had one of the toughest schedules all season, having to play every tough team in the conference, as well. They won matches at every invitational.”

Van Ausdall said Quiz Bowl is one of the most thrilling competitions that most of the public doesn't know about.

“I'm hoping our success this season encourages future students to join and community members to come out and watch. We're hoping the success carries over to next season.”



# Easter Egg hunt April 1

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pre-register for this event by emailing [conservation@leecounty.org](mailto:conservation@leecounty.org) or by calling the office at 319-463-7673. LCC will have tasks for all ages, so bring the whole family and leave a lasting effect this Earth Day.

LCC is also inviting families to the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Prairie

at Heron Bend Conservation Area on Saturday, April 1. The Lee County Conservation Center doors will open at 1 p.m. for visitors to explore and learn and a Story Walk activity will be set-up on the prairie trail. Then, the Egg Hunt will kick-off with the

youngest age group at 2 p.m.. Kids will be set up in age groups from toddler to 6th Grade. Each age group will get a chance to tromp through the prairie in search of treat filled eggs. This event is free and is generously sponsored by TLC & Associates of Keokuk.



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Tuesday, March 21  
Tenderloin, Tater Tots, Baked Beans

Wednesday, March 22  
Goulash, Oreo Fluff, Breadstick

THURSDAY, MARCH 23  
FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, March 24  
Fish & Shrimp Dinners

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

03/17/23 – 5:40 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Jeffrey George Sniogowski, Jr., 39, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 18th Street and Avenue A, on charges of driving while barred and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/17/23 – 7:13 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3300 block of Avenue L.

03/17/23 – 7:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue E.

03/17/23 – 8:30 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Denise Ann McGinnis, 57, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Bluff Road, on charges of 2nd offense OWI and driving under suspension. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/17/23 – 8:44 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to

a report of vandalism in the 4600 block of Avenue L.

03/17/23 – 10:14 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Samuel Louis Gray, 71, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance – 2nd.

03/18/23 – 12:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Scott Allen Gilman, 55, of Burlington, in the 700 block of 9th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/18/23 – 10:18 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

03/18/23 – 10:50 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Geno Darnel Witherspoon, 36, of Mississippi, in the 2400 block of Henry Ladyn Drive, on a charge of simple assault.

03/18/23 – 1:20 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in

the 5400 block of Avenue O.

03/18/23 – 9:46 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Isaac Daniels, 39, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 40th Street and Avenue O, on a warrant for probation violation - theft and a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/19/23 – 4:58 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Benjamin Isaiah Mitchell, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for probation violation - possession of a controlled substance; and charges of being a felon in control of a firearm, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of weapon in a correctional facility, 2 charges of having contraband/weapon in a correctional facility, drug tax stamp violations, 2 charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, and a charge of drug trafficking

- 5GM-100KG methamphetamine. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/20/23 – 1:46 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Rocky Hellweg, 38, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 24th Street and Avenue D, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/20/23 – 3:35 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jennifer Marie Holmes, 41, of Burlington, at the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred.

03/20/23 – 10:45 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 900 block of Avenue G.

03/20/23 – 11:31 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

03/20/23 – 12:24 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

03/20/23 – 1:15 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of hits & run at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue E and in the 300 block of Avenue G.

03/20/23 – 3:09 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to reports of larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue M and the 1100 block of Avenue F.

03/20/23 – 9:39 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of 28th Street.

03/20/23 – 10:24 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jeremy Scott Terrell, 46, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 37th Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/21/23 – 10:44 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Whitney Tranae Redd, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana - 1st and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/21/23 – 10:44 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Ginel Pittman, 60, of Fort Madison, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd.

03/21/23 – 10:44 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jenna Kaylee Lozano, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia.

03/22/23 – 4:21 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Shellie Pauline White-James, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

03/22/23 – 10:42 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Brandon Lee Hayes, 32, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 38th Street and Avenue L, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked - OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

03/23/23 – 2:30 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Christine Marie Coons, 43, of Kahoka, at the intersection of 23rd Street and Avenue I, on a warrant for contempt of court - interference.

taken to Lee County Jail.

03/19/23 – 7:08 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident in the 3300 block of Hwy. 27.

According to the report, a vehicle driven by Devin Lee Gibbons, 29, of Missouri, was traveling south on Hwy. 27 when the driver lost control of the vehicle, left the roadway, re-entered the roadway and left again, rolling the vehicle into the median. Gibbons' minor daughter was taken by ambulance to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center. No other injuries were reported. Gibbons' vehicle sustained serious, disabling damages and had to be towed from the scene. Gibbons was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid accident, failure to use child restraint device, and failure to provide proof of financial responsibility.

03/20/23 – Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.

03/21/23 – 6:44 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27 S. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Eleanor Elizabeth Corbin, 20, of California, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 27 when the right side of the vehicle dropped onto the shoulder, causing the vehicle to swerve in its lane and strike a metal post. No injuries or citations were reported. Corbin's vehicle sustained minor damages, but was able to be driven from the scene.

03/22/23 – 10:44 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested James Brett Stinson, 34, of Keokuk, at the intersection of Messenger Road and Plank Road, on charges of eluding - speed 25 over limit and driver's license suspended/revoked – OWI; and 2 warrants for 3rd degree burglary, a warrant for violation of parole, and 2 warrants for 2nd degree theft greater than \$1,500 less than \$10,000. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

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### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

03/18/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical calls.

03/19/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

03/20/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

03/21/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one motor vehicle accident, one lift assist, and two burn complaints.

03/22/23 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to eight medical calls.

Those listed above are arrested on suspicion of a charge and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# 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?

### How 5 Lies About Low BACK PAIN May Keep You Hurting, Frustrated & Exhausted...Forever!

NEW Scientific Breakthroughs Often Make Short Work of Low Back Pain...Just What Big Medical Centers and High Priced Clinics Are PRAYING You Never Figure Out On Your Own!

Hi, I'm Dr. Jason James, and if you've got any kind of back, hip or leg pain, your worries may be over in just a few minutes. Why? Because I'm the owner of James Healthcare & Assoc. clinic, and I've discovered what may be the best healing secrets for "bad backs" — EVER!



Dr. Jason James, D.C.

I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a 100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have been told about their backs. That's why it's important I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

#### 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!"

That's why it's important to examine the spine AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control it. It's also why we've had such outrageous success with even the worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and together they deliver an outstanding way to help "bad backs". This ties in to Myth #5 and the diagram:



#### 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!

#### WOULDN'T YOU RATHER:

Turn over in bed without pain waking you up?

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### Lee County Sheriff Report

03/17/23 – 4:18 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Benjamin Gurney Skiles, 45, of Argyle, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on a promise to appear.

03/18/23 – 8:09 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Kanyavong Sensouk, 33, of Mt. Pleasant, at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 2 and 255th Street, Donnellson, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD  
OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 9:00 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 Pflug, seconded by Seyb, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Pflug, to approve a 28E Agreement and Resolution for joint responsibilities regarding an application for and use of federal funds for a RAISE Grant. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Pflug-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**Resolution No. 2023-38**

In Support of the Joint RAISE Grant Agreement & Letter of Support for the

2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project  
Whereas, Lee County, Iowa bridge FHWA number: 033330, has been identified as being part of a joint Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project, and

Whereas, it is desired by and in the interest of Lee County to participate fully in the RAISE project activities as a Sub-recipient and provide all requisite information necessary to bring to completion all project phases through final completion, and

Whereas, we are in support of Clay County providing Lead-recipient roles and duties, and

Whereas, we understand and accept the Sub-recipient roles and responsibilities as defined in the "28E Cooperative Agreement for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project", and

Whereas, each County Bridge Sponsor as shown in Section 4, paragraph A-1 shall be responsible for all local matching funds and accepts any costs exceeding the funds requested in the RAISE

Grant application for their respective structure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to: Attn: William Rabenberg, P.E. Clay County Engineer 300 W 4th Street #5, Spencer, IA 51301-3806 (712)262-2825

Adopted this 6th day of February, 2023.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Harvestville Farms, for the period February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler,

seconded by Schulz, to approve a Class E Retail Alcohol License for Denmark Jet Stop, for the period April 5, 2023 through April 4, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-40. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye and Seyb-aye.

**Resolution #2023-40**

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL FOR NONCURRENT DEBT

WHEREAS, Section 331.479, Code of Iowa provides:

Before the board may institute proceedings for the incurrence of debt for the purposes listed in section 331.478(2), a notice of the proposed action, including a statement of the amount, a purpose and form of the debt, the proposed time of liquidation and the time and place of the meeting in which the board proposes to take action to authorize the debt shall be published as provided in section 331.305. At the meeting, the board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the county. After all objections have been received, the board, at that meeting or at the date which it adjourned, may take additional action to authorize the debt or abandon the proposal; and

WHEREAS, Section 331.477 defines current debt as a debt payable from a resource which will have accrued in a fund by the end of the fiscal year in which the debt is incurred. A noncurrent debt is any other debt; and

WHEREAS, Lee County is entering into a purchase agreement with Axon Enterprises for the purpose of purchasing body cameras and accompanying software; and

WHEREAS, the price proposed is \$271,869.08 made in yearly installments; and

WHEREAS, the body cameras will be liquidated in September 2027; and

WHEREAS the acquisition of these body cameras and software is an expenditure for which general obligation bonds may be issued without an election and concurrent debt is authorized by section 331.478(2)(i).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lee County Board of Supervisors shall receive written and oral comments on the proposed expenditure at a Board meeting.

Said meeting shall be held on the 21st day of February, 2023, at 10:01 o'clock a.m. Following the pleading of the hearing, they shall accept or reject the proposed noncurrent debt.

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 6th day of February, 2023.

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

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

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2023-36**

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: Top Notch Customs 1765 Lost Creek Road Wever IA 52658

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 6th day of February 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION  
NO. 2023-37**

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 and Stephanie Mohrfeld dba JM Electric 2231 Hwy 16 West Point IA 52656

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 6th day of February 2023.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Monday, January 30 and the Thursday, February 2, 2023 Board Minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a merit increase for Kylie Grogan, from EMT in training \$15.00/hr. to EMT \$17.40/hr., effective 2/1/23; a transfer from part-time to full-time for Allison Herr, \$17.40/hr., effective 2/6/23 and a new hire for EMS, Christopher Gerling, part-time Paramedic, \$22.18/hr., effective 2/6/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of January 2023.

Enter Holmes.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Statewide Supervisors meeting. Holmes and Pflug reported on the Employee Insurance Committee meeting. Seyb reported on a training held by Lee County

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Medical Examiner Dr. Wooster. He also reported on a Childcare Committee meeting and a Health/EMS Building Committee meeting.

At 9:35 a.m. Fedler made a motion to adjourn. Pflug seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman  
Attest: Fraise, Lee  
County Auditor

### Claims paid February 6, 2023

Access Energy, svcs	3517.20
Access Systms, equp	167.26
AgriLand FS, ed	185.99
Airgas USA, svcs	422.57
Alliant, svcs	200.37
Amazon, splys	4782.38
Armstrong Trctr, equp	56.92
B&B Propane, fuel	2518.14
B Bonar, svcs	1330.06
Bnd Tree Med, equp	200.00
Brozene Hydrlic, svcs	273.31
CenturyLink, svcs	7.52
City/Donnellson, svcs	8.28
Coast/Coast, mtrls	120.21
Donnellson Tire, svcs	219.98
D Enger, svcs	617.90
Family Res, svcs	200.00
Farm/Home, splys	1446.15
R Fedler, exps	17.98
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	65.00
FM Water, svcs	75.00
N Granaman, svcs	57.83
S Hansen, svcs	1401.66
Hartricks Lmbr, parts	184.00
Henry Co Adtr, svcs	3.98
Huffman Wldng, equp	171.70
IDALS, insp	128.91
Ideal Rdy Mix, mat'l	70.20
IL Dept/Pub Hlth, svcs	3582.65
Indstl Mtrs, splys	500.00
IA Co Rcrdrs Assc, dues	397.00
IA Off St ME, svcs	200.00
IA Prison Ind, splys	4123.00
IA St Univ, svcs	403.04
IA Wrkfrc Dvlp, chgs	270.00
ISAC, reg	90.00
Jet Gas, fuel	6491.25
Jireh, fuel	4756.58
B Johnson, rfnd	40.80
P Kaltefleiter, exps	70.40
Kempkers, splys	134.54
Keo Co Sheriff, svcs	30.50
King-Lynk Fnrl, svcs	1015.00
Klingner Assoc, svcs	78863.07
B Kuntz, svcs	200.00
R Kuntz, svcs	290.00
Lawson Prdcts, parts	204.39
Learning Tree, splys	650.00
Lee Co Atty, exps	516.69
Lee Co Hlth, svcs	752.26
Lee Co Treas, fees	246237.14
Lee Co Treas, fndg	200291.58
Liberty Util, gas	718.89
Little Angels, equp	152.90
MLong, svcs	150.00
Lynch Dallas, svcs	115.50
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## From the Front/Lee County News

# GI Joe fans get free screening of fan film

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However, because it's a fan film, there cannot be any profits made off the movie. That's good news for GI Joe fans because the film will be shown at the Fox for free. Concessions can and will be sold at the theater.

Doanetto said funds can be raised to produce the film, but no profits can be taken from showing the film, because the rights are still owned by Hasbro.

The film is made with contemporary technology because Doanetto said he wanted to "write a love letter to GI Joe fans."

"You can make it look crappy by shooting it in your backyard, but we wanted to make it look good and we used several shooting locations in Iowa, including the old Iowa State Penitentiary," Doanetto said.

"We used that as the Cobra base, and were there for about two days. It was really cool. Very nostalgic and very old. It would creep you out a little bit."

Other shooting sites included the Iowa State Fairgrounds, one mile bridge in Saylorsville, and other places. Local crews and actors were used from Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. The film also featured the Iowa National Guard and equipment such as helicopters.

A reception will follow at the YMCA Test Kitchen with beverages and appetizers served. Donations are requested at the Test Kitchen for operations.

Doanetto said the Hollywood productions that began in 2009, strayed from the original storylines of the late 70s and early 80s.

"I grew up playing with GI Joes in the 80s - watching cartoons and collecting toys and action figures. I had some of the comic books, but growing up with GI Joe, I thought that the Hollywood productions ruined it a lot in how we grew up with it. So, I did a solid to the original intent," he said.

"It's a love letter to GI Joe. Every fan that has come out has said they appreciated it and said I helped them recapture a bit of their youth," Doanetto said. "I want to thank Iowa and Fort Madison for use of the prison. For an average Iowa guy like myself to make a movie about my childhood is a dream come true."

Doanetto said past screenings of the film have been sold out. Additional screenings are being planned in Muscatine, Marshalltown, and the Des Moines area.

"It's for everybody, especially for guys that grew up with GI Joe. If you are new to it, the movie is easy to understand, but if you have a history for a child to adults, it's very easy to understand."

GI Joe was first pitched as a toy idea in 1963 by Stanley Weston to Hasbro. The toy company jumped at the idea and bought the brand and started making action figures.

One year later, the company had the first 12" moveable action figure setting the stage for all possible toy figures to follow.

In 1967, GI Nurse became the first female action figure to be released. In the 70s, GI Joe turned to a special mission story line and the toy line became a world phenomenon.

# Treasurer reminds taxpayers of March 31 deadline

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Treasurer, Becky Gaylord reminds taxpayers that property taxes, mobile home taxes, drainage taxes and special assessments are due by March 31st, 2023. The Fort Madison office is open Monday - Friday (8:30 - 4:30)—payments can be put in the drop box located behind our location at 933 Ave H in Fort Madison. Tax payments can be made at the Keokuk Courthouse Monday - Friday (8:30 - 4:30) starting March 20th- March 31st. Tax Payments can be put in the drop boxes located on the Blondeau Street side or 7th Street side of the building, if the Treasurer's office is not open. Please put your phone number on your paperwork and your canceled check will be your receipt of payment.

All payments received in person or by mail and postmarked by March 31, 2023, will be accepted as timely payments.

# State unemployment rate falls to 2.9%

DES MOINES, IOWA - Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 2.9 percent in February from 3.0 percent in January. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate increased from 3.4 percent to 3.6 percent in February. The number of unemployed Iowans decreased to 50,100 in February from 51,200 in January.

The total number of working Iowans increased to 1,671,200 in February. This figure is 1,300 higher than January and 3,900 higher than one year ago. Iowa's economy is now 8,400 jobs above the level seen prior to the pandemic.

The state's labor force inched up by 100 people. Iowa's labor force participation rate remained at 68.1 percent in February, up 0.1 percent from one year ago.

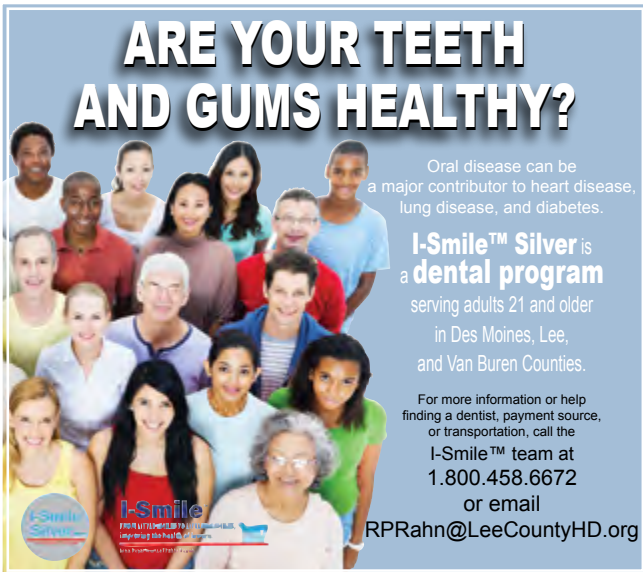
"Despite ongoing pressures tied to higher interest rates and nationwide inflation, new data show that Iowans continue to move from unemployed to employed," said Beth Townsend, Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "In February, we saw more Iowans who had been looking for work find a job, and we maintained our increased labor force participation rate. Our economy has increased the number of jobs by more than 8,000 since the beginning of the pandemic. All of this demonstrates the resiliency of the Iowa economy despite major national headwinds."

Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment

In February, Iowa's total nonfarm employment showed little movement compared to last month, adding just 300 jobs.

This month's gain also follows in the wake of an historically large increase in January which saw 7,000 jobs added to begin the year. Private industries shed 900 jobs with losses stemming from goods-producing sectors this month. Service industries added 1,300 jobs with most of the increase being within government (+1,200). This month's gain leaves government up 4,900 jobs over the year thanks to hiring at the local government level, and Iowa establishments combined have gained 22,800 jobs.

Construction shed 1,600 jobs in February to lead all sectors. This loss follows an increase of 3,600 jobs in January and may have been the result of forbidding weather halting work in February. Even considering the loss, construction remains substantially up versus last year's mark (+3,100). Health care and social assistance also declined in February (-900). Prior to this month, this industry had been showing signs of recovery with 2,600 jobs added over the prior two months. Alternatively, job gains were led by professional and business services in February (+800) as both technical services and administrative support and waste management firms added jobs this month. Manufacturing advanced by 700 jobs thanks to hiring in durable goods factories. This gain was partially the result of hiring in agriculture, construction, and mining equipment manufacturing along with fabricated metal product production. Nondurable goods factories alternatively shed 300 jobs in February.



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