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Lucy goes to Washington D.C

TYPE 1 DIABETES: FMHS student to travel with JDRF Childrens' Congress

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A 16-year-old Fort Madison girl has set her sights on Washington D.C.

Lucy Arevalo, a FMHS student and daughter of Allison and Alfonso Arevalo, has Type 1 Diabetes and is taking her story to the nation's capitol.

Arevalo is part of the 2023 JDRF Children's Congress that will take on some of the top politicians in the country advocating for funding for Special Diabetes Program.

The program is a part of the National Institute of Health's effort to combat the disease that strikes mostly children when the T-cells in the body attack the pancreas and inhibit the natural production of insulin.

Artificial insulin has to be introduced based on carbohydrate intake at every meal. Insulin is also introduced throughout the day when needed to combat high blood sugar concentrations.

Arevalo is one of two youth from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Nebraska Iowa Chapter who were chosen by JDRF, the leading global organization funding Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) research, to join a delegation of their peers and celebrity advocates in Washington, D.C., this summer at JDRF 2023 Children's Congress from July 9-11. Arevalo and a 10-year-old named Reece, will join more than 160 other youth from across the country to meet with their members of Congress and other key decision makers to inform them of the critical role they can play in supporting the T1D community.

Throughout the event, these youth—ages 4 to 17—will participate in leadership and character-building programming, interact with T1D role models, and engage in a number of activities on the Hill, including attending a Senate hearing to share personal

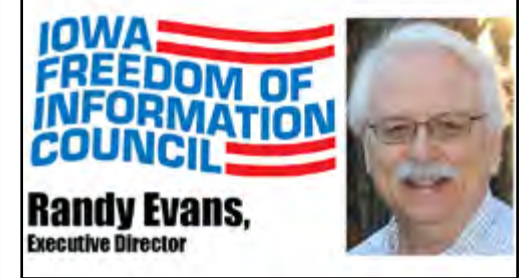
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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lucy Arevalo enjoys a conversation with her mother Allison and her father Alfonso on Friday. Arevalo will be traveling to Washington D.C. in July to advocate for funding for Type 1 Diabetes. She's lived with the disease for more than 10 years.

OPINION



IPIB again shows its true colors

These are challenging times for Iowa's 327 public school districts.

They are being watched closely by state officials and lawmakers, by parents and by others in the community. These eyes are looking for signs schools are treading lightly on topics like racial history and sexual orientation or that schools are being distracted from dealing with unruly kids who disrupt other students' learning.

With this heightened scrutiny, some districts are doing themselves a disservice when they try to keep the public in the dark.

Here's a real-life example. It illustrates my belief government will never build trust and confidence with its constituents when government leaders engage in secrecy and deception. This also is an example that a state government board dealing exclusively with transparency issues may be too timid.

In 2022, one day after the mass shootings at a school in Uvalde, Texas, the Bettendorf school board met with about 300 parents who were angry about frequent incidents of student misconduct at the middle school.

That board gathering was not open to everyone, and people who were there were prevented from recording the session for others to view later. Amazingly, the school district's communications director was at the doors blocking journalists from entering and reporting on parents' criticism.

Iowa's government meetings law plainly states state and local government boards, with only a few limited exceptions, must conduct their business in public meetings open to all, including journalists.

A majority of school board members were present on May 25, 2022. The topic was a fundamental responsibility of the school board — protecting the safety and wellbeing of Bettendorf's 4,000 students. And board members were there

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CITY NEWS

Area woman dies after being struck by vehicle Monday

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – An area woman was struck and killed by a vehicle late Monday night in the 3400 block of Avenue L.

Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff released a statement on Tuesday saying the officers were dispatched to the area around 11

p.m. following a 911 call indicating a 64-year-old woman was in the roadway after being struck by a pick-up truck while crossing the highway.

Fort Madison Fire Department and Lee County EMS provided emergency care at the scene and transported the victim to the Fort Madison Hospital. Hours later she died from her injuries.

The driver of the truck was uninjured and is cooperating with authori-

ties in the investigation.

Currently the Fort Madison Police Department is examining evidence and conducting interviews.

The names are being withheld pending notification to the next-of-kin and a substantially complete investigation.

Rohloff said additional information regarding the incident should be released later today.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MARTIN J. DALY

Martin Joseph Daly, 85, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 10:35 p.m. Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Born on December 10, 1937, in Buffalo, New York, the son of Martin J. and Eleanor (Brady) Daly Sr. On February 14, 1987, he married Christine Chesley.

Survivors include his wife: Christine; four children: James, Theresa, Kenneth and Cheryl; one step-daughter: Sandi all of Florida. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great grandchildren and one sister: Mary Ann Gannon of Buffalo, New York.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter: Janet Lee Blanchard.

Martin was a veteran of the United States Air Force. While in the air force he served as a nuclear power instructor. He obtained his Pilot License and flew privately and piloted rescue missions during hurricanes and other natural disasters. Martin work as an electrical technician through out his life. He enjoyed researching genealogy. Martin was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Nauvoo.



His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

As per Martin's wishes no services are planned.

A memorial has been established in his memory to help with funeral expenses. Memorials can be mailed to Martin Daly Memorial c/o Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. 201, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354.

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.sbbfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

DONALD W. DECK

Donald Wayne Deck, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, June 26, 2023 at The Kensington in Fort Madison. He was born on August 17, 1936, in Keokuk, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 1955. In 1960 he graduated from Carthage College with a B.S. degree. He received his master's degree from Truman State University in 1970. He married Shirley A. Sullivan on June 5, 1970 in Keokuk, IA. During his 33 years of teaching, he taught sixth grade at Richardson Elementary and eighth grade American History and civics at Fort Madison Junior High. He retired in 1995.



DECK

He enjoyed contributing political editorials to the local newspapers and was a movie expert. He liked most Iowa sports, basketball, football and wrestling. He was a fan of the Chicago Cubs and Washington Commanders, and he admired Caitlin Clark of the University of Iowa.

He served in the U.S. Army. In retirement he enjoyed socializing with many special friends, especially at Hy-Vee. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Shirley, and two children, Devin and Shannon. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Daniel, Chloe, Catalina, Catriona, Adelaine, and Dainen.



Don would like to leave you with these final words: When I get to the end of the road and the sun sets on me, remember the love and good times we shared through the years. For family, friends, and former students, that will help you remember me.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023 at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA with Pastor James Kannenberg officiating. A memorial has been established for the Fort Madison Food Pantry and may be sent to: Shirley Deck, 1664 330th Avenue, Fort Madison, IA 52627. Online condolences to Don's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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Opinion

Summer vacation brings first look at Atlantic Ocean

It was 2:00 am. Even on vacation I get up early. I just wake up. I was trying to read my morning meditation. The words were blurry. I wiped the tears from my eyes. The words were still blurry. I wiped my eyes again. It didn't help. Maybe I was going blind

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



or having a stroke? Oh, no! I struggled with trying to read the small print from 24-Hours a Day. I could barely comprehend what was being said, the words were so blurry. I felt my face. Yes, I had my glasses on. I pulled them off and looked at them. They were my wife's glasses. Grrr. In the dark of the motel room, I had grabbed Ginnie's glasses off the night stand. Well, duh!

It sort of reminded me of my drinking days. I was passed out on a bathroom floor. I came to and couldn't see anything except a little slit of light. I thought I was going blind. Then I realized I was looking through the crack under the bathroom door. I sure am glad I don't drink anymore.

After reading and writing for a couple of hours, I went to the exercise room of the motel and was pleased to see a Peloton Bike. This was the first motel I had been in that had a Peloton. I had been wanting to try one, they are so popular now for exercise. Anywho, I climbed on, got it figured out and had a fairly good 30-minute workout. Maybe I should buy a Peloton, I was thinking. They are expensive, but for a low impact workout, they do a pretty good job.

Later in the day I noticed my ankles were swollen. What in tarnation? Did the Peloton Bike cause this, or all the car sitting while vacation driving, or my age (almost 75)? I text a doctor friend who also works out on a Peloton and asked if ankle swelling could be caused by a Peloton Bike. His answer was no. So I will have to keep an eye on the situation.

The swelling went down, but came back up after another long drive. Sitting in a car seat for long periods is hard on the bod.

At Cade's Cove in the Smoky Mountain National Park, outside of Gatlinburg, TN, beside the foundation of a grist mill, Ginnie and I saw a copperhead snake—two of them actually. It's the first time I have ever seen a copperhead in the wild. They were both lethargic and of no danger to tourists, unless stepped on, of course. I posted a picture of the copperheads on Facebook. It freaked some people out, others thought the snakes were pretty. It's all in the eyes of the beholder, like most things.

I saw the Atlantic Ocean for the first time while on vacation. Wonder upon wonders, a rainbow greeted us on the beach. What a good omen!

The next morning I went for a jog on the beach while Ginnie slept. The waves rolling in at that time of day were magnificent. In a moment of glee

and excitement I took off my shoes and ran in the sand. Oh, what a great feeling, the sand and ocean water on my feet. A wave nearly knocked me over. Sand crabs skittered to their holes. I'll be darned if a young man didn't run up to me and asked if I had a cigarette he could bum. Can you believe it? While I was jogging! (Only in the land of tobacco.) The next morning, Ginnie joined me, walking on the beach while I slow jogged, and I mean slow.

Ginnie, the navigator, had our whole vacation planned: what route we were going to take, where we were going to stay, what we were going to do, and who we were going to see. All I had to do was drive, and turn where I was told. Even I can do that (if I work at it).

People are so friendly in the South. And everything is lush and green, unlike SE Iowa right now. I had no idea the South was so heavily forested. I bought a package of deep-fried peanuts to see what they were like. (You eat the shell and all.) It reminded me of a dry stick. Will I try boiled peanuts? Nope.

We visited the Wright Brothers National Park at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, on the Outer Banks. Just think, from their first flight of 12 seconds on December 17th, 1903, we are now contemplating trips to Mars and beyond. Wilbur and Orville Wright were bicycle mechanics with little education, but developed the formula for lift. Most importantly, they didn't give up.

At Corolla, NC we visited the Wild Horse Museum. The Outer Banks actually has a small herd of wild horses (mustangs), left behind by the Spanish. I thought only the Southwest was privy to wild horses. Nope, again.

Our vacation took us through eight states: Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee (the parallelogram state), North Carolina, and back through Indiana, Virginia, and West Virginia. Ginnie is actually, "Virginia," she pointed out. It was so nice to share this vacation-adventure with someone I love.

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

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Sports

Hounds overcome nine errors to down Davis County

RALLY: Fort Madison boys score four in the bottom of the sixth to edge Mustangs for second win in a row

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Sometimes you just keep pushing through.

Despite committing nine errors on the night, the Fort Madison Bloodhounds held on for a 10-8 win over Davis County on a smoggy night at FMHS.

The Hounds battled back two times from deficits before scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth and held the Mustangs scoreless in the 7th to get their second win in a row after losing five straight.

Fort Madison has committed 17 errors in three games over the past two days but has won two of the three games.

A subdued head coach Albert Schinstock paused when asked about how the Hounds are finding ways to win despite the miscues.

“Yeah, I don’t know what my thoughts are on that,” he said, “We gave up four in one inning but we only gave up a couple runs. It’s from people that you don’t expect to make those, so you just keep playing, I guess.”

Kane Williams, who had started the game in left field and made a terrific catch on the run into the corner of the park, moved into the infield and played with his outfield glove. The move paid off as Williams had two spicy plays moving left from third to throw a runner out in front of shortstop Hunter Cresswell.

Cresswell committed a couple blunders back-to-back in the fourth inning and Schinstock flipped the two. In the next inning, Williams jumped up and snagged a big hopping grounder that caught the fringe of the infield, and threw out another runner with a nice assist from Caden Barnes at first digging the throw up.

A one-out fielder’s choice on an infield hit by Aidan Pennock scored Hunter Cresswell tying the game at 8 with two

outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Pennock would come around to score on a wild pitch for what would be the game winner. But Brennan Ulik, who was injured in Monday’s doubleheader with Mt. Pleasant, beat out an infield single that scored Aidan Mitchell to set the final score.

Head Coach Albert Schinstock said Ulik probably injured himself worse beating out the infielder, but the run was a big one.

Tateum Schelich got the win for Fort Madison, pitching the final 3 2/3, striking out one and giving up three runs, none earned, on two hits.

“We don’t like to leave him out there that long, but tonight we didn’t have much of a choice because we have to save pitching for Thursday night,” Schinstock said.

Barnes, Cresswell, and Luke Hellige all had two hits in the game for Fort Madison. Hellige had two RBIs, one in the sixth inning on a check-swing single that found its way to some grass behind second base.

Cresswell, Pennock, Ulik, and Cashman also had RBIs for the Hounds, who improve to 7-8 in the Southeast Conference and 10-16 overall. Fort Madison split two with Mt. Pleasant on Senior Night, Monday in Fort Madison. The Hounds lost the opener 19-11, but came back and won the nightcap 8-5.

The Hounds scored seven runs in the bottom of the fifth to erase a 2-1 deficit. Kane Williams got the win going 6 2/3, striking out eight and walking seven. He gave up five runs, three earned, on five hits. Schelich came in and got the final out in the win. He also had two hits and two RBIs in the win.

Aiden Mitchell also had two hits and two RBIs in the win.

Cresswell suffered the loss in game one going 4 2/3 surrendering 10 runs, six earned, on 10 hits and fanning seven. Barnes went 2-3 with 3 RBIs to lead Fort Madison at the plate.

The Hounds tangle with Mt. Pleasant again Thursday in a JV/V set, and then wrap up the week with Davenport Assumption on the road Friday.



Kane Williams races down a deep ball in left field in the second inning of Tuesday’s win over Davis County in Fort Madison. The Hounds won 10-8.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING NOTICE
The Mount Pleasant City Council will meet in Regular Session Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at City Hall, 307 E. Monroe Street, second-floor meeting room at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call.
2. Consent Agenda: To the Public - All items with an asterisk (*) are routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion and a roll call of the Councilmembers.

There will be no sepa-

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rate discussion of items unless the Mayor, a Councilmember or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

3. Receive & file communications - Victory Lane Zone Change Application.

Rachel Lindeen - update Economic Development Commission

4. Approve agenda.

*5. Approve minutes of previous meetings.

*6. Approve payment of bills.

*7. Receive report of Officers.

8. Old Business

*a) Renewal application of a Class C Retail Alcohol License for El Burrito Loco Jaap LLC at 901 W Washington Street Pleasant, Iowa 52641.

*b) Renewal application of a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Tap this Concessions at 405 East Thresher Road Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, 52641.

*c) Approve Outdoor Sound Permit for Thuy Nguyen (TTT Shelter) 2 p.m.-9 p.m. July 2.

9. New Business

a) Approve Wastewater Treatment Plant mixer for sludge storage basin.

b) Resolution setting Public Hearing on zone change for 200 and 202 N Jefferson Street.

c) Resolution setting Public Hearing on zone change for 200/300 block of South Scott Lane.

10. Public Forum.

11. Adjourn to meet in regular session on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 22, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on May 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the designation of an urban renewal area and on a proposed urban renewal plan and project. The Chairperson presided and the roll being called the following Supervisors were present and absent: Present: Garry Seyb, Chuck Holmes, Matt Pflug and Tom Schulz Absent: Ron Fedler All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise. The Board opened the meeting by reciting the

Pledge of Allegiance. Seyb amended the agenda to include a request from County Attorney Ross Braden. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a public hearing to establish an Urban Renewal Area in Fort Madison in which to build a new Health/EMS Building. The Board of Supervisors investigated and found that notice of intention to conduct a public hearing on the designation of the Lee County Urban Renewal Area and on an urban renewal plan and project for the Area had been published according to law and as directed by the Board and that this is the time and place at which the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County. All written objections, statements, and evidence heretofore filed were reported to the Board, and all oral objections, statements, and all other exhibits presented were considered. The following named persons presented oral objections, statements, or evidence as summarized below; filed written objections or statements, copies of which are attached hereto; or presented other exhibits, copies of which are attached hereto: Brent Koller, Donnellson, asked that the Board look at all options for funding the building in place of bonding. At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug to close the public hearing. Schulz seconded the motion. Motion carried. There being no further objections, comments, or evidence offered, the Chairperson announced the hearing closed. Supervisor Holmes moved the adoption of a resolution entitled "A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan and Project for the Lee County Urban Renewal Area," seconded by Supervisor Pflug. Motion carried. After due consideration, the Chairperson put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted: Ayes: Holmes, Pflug, Schulz, Seyb Nays: None Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted and signed approval thereto.

At 10:01 a.m. Seyb opened a public hearing to establish an Urban Renewal Area in Fort Madison in which to build a new Health/EMS Building. The Board of Supervisors investigated and found that notice of intention to conduct a public hearing on the designation of the Lee County Urban Renewal Area and on an urban renewal plan and project for the Area had been published according to law and as directed by the Board and that this is the time and place at which the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the County. All written objections, statements, and evidence heretofore filed were reported to the Board, and all oral objections, statements, and all other exhibits presented were considered. The following named persons presented oral objections, statements, or evidence as summarized below; filed written objections or statements, copies of which are attached hereto; or presented other exhibits, copies of which are attached hereto: Brent Koller, Donnellson, asked that the Board look at all options for funding the building in place of bonding. At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Pflug to close the public hearing. Schulz seconded the motion. Motion carried. There being no further objections, comments, or evidence offered, the Chairperson announced the hearing closed. Supervisor Holmes moved the adoption of a resolution entitled "A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan and Project for the Lee County Urban Renewal Area," seconded by Supervisor Pflug. Motion carried. After due consideration, the Chairperson put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Supervisors voted: Ayes: Holmes, Pflug, Schulz, Seyb Nays: None Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted and signed approval thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-63

A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan and Project for the Lee County Urban Renewal Area WHEREAS, as a preliminary step to exercising the authority conferred upon Iowa counties by Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, the "Urban Renewal Law," a county must adopt a resolution finding that one or more slums, blighted or economic development areas exist in the county and that the development of such area or areas is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the county; and WHEREAS, it has been proposed to the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa (the "County") that the Lee County Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area") be established on the real property (the "Property") described in Exhibit A to this Resolution; and WHEREAS, the proposal demonstrates that sufficient need exists to warrant finding the Property to be an economic development area; and WHEREAS, an urban renewal plan (the "Plan") has been prepared for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken within the Urban Renewal Area and which authorizes a certain initial urban renewal project (the "Project") to be undertaken therein consisting of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new facility for use as the headquarters of the Lee County Health Department; and WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors on the question of establishing the Urban Renewal Area and on the proposed Plan and the Project was heretofore given in strict compliance with the provisions of Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, and the Board has conducted said hearing on May 22, 2023; and WHEREAS, the Property lies within the incorporated limits of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa (the "City"), and a certain agreement (the "Joint Agreement") has been executed by the City to satisfy the consent requirements of Section 403.17 of the Code of Iowa; and WHEREAS, copies of

the Plan, notice of public hearing and notice of a consultation meeting with respect to the Plan were mailed to the City and the Fort Madison Community School District; the consultation meeting was held on May 5, 2023; and responses to any comments or recommendations received following the consultation meeting were made as required by law; NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows: An economic development area as defined in Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa is found to exist on the Property. The Property is hereby declared to be an urban renewal area, in conformance with the requirements of Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, and is hereby designated the Lee County Urban Renewal Area. The development of the Property is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the County. It is hereby determined by this Board of Supervisors as follows: The Plan conforms to the general plan for the development of the County; Proposed development in the Urban Renewal Area is necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development of the County in accordance with sound planning standards and local community objectives; and C. It is not anticipated that any families will be displaced in connection with the County's undertakings under the Plan. Should such issues arise, then the County will develop a feasible method of relocating any displaced persons into decent, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations within their means and without undue hardship. The Plan is made a part hereof and is hereby in all respects approved in the form presented to this Board, and the County is hereby authorized to undertake the projects and initiatives described therein. The Joint Agreement is hereby approved, and the Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Joint Agreement on behalf of the County. Section 6. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict. Passed and approved

May 22, 2023. /s/ Garry W. Seyb, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor.

EXHIBIT A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION Lee County Urban Renewal Area

A parcel of land lying in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section One (1), Township Sixty-Seven (67) North, Range Five (5) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Iowa, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section One (1), Township 67 North, Range 5 West and running thence North 90°00' West 815.00 feet to the true place of beginning; thence continuing North 90°00' West 483.09 feet on the Section line; thence North 1°18' West 782.49 feet along the existing fence line; thence North 89°55' East 500.00 feet; thence South 0°05' East 782.90 feet to the place of beginning, containing 8.83 acres, more or less, inclusive of the present established highway (deduct 0.55 acres for the highway on the South side thereof) leaving a net amount of land of 8.28 acres, more or less, subject to easements of record, being a part of City of Fort Madison, Iowa. (5001 Avenue O) EXCEPTING therefrom: The North 40 feet of the above described tract. ALSO EXCEPTING therefrom: the West Four (4) feet of the above tract. Public Input: Al Nelson, Keokuk, asked the Board if they are considering closing a courthouse. Seyb explained that the Board of Supervisors does not have the authority to combine the two court systems in Lee County. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2023-64. Holmes withdrew his motion. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to table approval of Resolution #2023-64 until the County Attorney has time to review. Motion carried. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Federal-Aid Agreement for a Surface

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Transportation Block Grant for the J40 Resurfacing Project, Project #STP-S-CO56(114)-5E-56. Motion carried. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve Employee and Employer Health Insurance Premiums for Fiscal Year 2024. Motion carried. The Board held a discussion on obtaining a copy of the agreement between Denmark Fire Association and Denmark and Washington Townships. Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve raising the amount by \$10,000 that County Attorney Ross Braden can offer to fill an open position in his office. Motion carried. Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the May 15, 2023 Board minutes and the payment of claims for the week. Motion carried. Moved by Pflug, second-

ed by Schulz, to approve a seasonal new hire for Conservation, Christian Vincent, Conservation Aide, \$14.00/hr., effective 6/1/23. Motion carried. Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of April 2023 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Schwartz Farms in Marion Township. Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting, a Community Action Board meeting, a Bridges Out of Poverty meeting and a Landfill Board meeting. Holmes reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Health/EMS Building Committee meeting. At 11:45 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at

the Administration Building in Fort Madison. Garry Seyb, Chairman Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid May 22, 2023

Access Energy, svcs	1053.88
Access Systems, svcs	242.96
Agriland, fuel	1362.33
Alliant Energy, svcs	303.49
Altorfer, parts	247.02
Amazon, splys	86.92
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E Andries, exps	54.00
Ape & Sons, rock	1136.65
Aspen Grove, svcs	1153.75
Comm Action, svcs	8000.00
Crtv Prdct Sourcing, edu	357.65
CSW Svcs, svcs	150.00
Cullen Pest, svcs	68.00
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Dvnprt Printing, splys	183.98
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DM Register, publ	416.65
RK Dixon Co, equip	1921.69
Drake Hdwr, svcs	709.00
EMSLRC, mtrls	46.00
Farm/Home, splys	1.99
Floyds EZ Way, svcs	60.00
FM Water, svcs	3857.03
D Fraise, exps	40.00
Home Thrpy Sol, svcs	4113.30
H Huebner, exps	40.00
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IA Dept Pblc Sfty, splys	2760.00
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Jet Gas, fuel	2508.67
Johnson Co ME, svcs	317.46
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T Keefe, exps	224.50
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Kohlmorgan Hlg, svcs	500.00
Kraus Auto, svcs	111.80
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LeeCo Hlth, svcs	4461.24
LeeCo Treas, fndg	464569.77
LeeCo Treas, costs	9558.88
LJ Insurance, ins	97821.00
MLong, svcs	150.00
Lynch Dallas, svcs	122.50
M-B Co, svcs	1323.34
Menards, splys	23.47
MidAm Enrgy, gas	419.96
MW Grp Bnfts, svcs	510.00
Dly Gate City, publ	3212.50
Nartec, splys	188.80
Newman Signs, signs	6157.50
OMG Midwest, svcs	4914.57
M Park, exps	12.00

M Pflug, exps	64.00
Phoenix Supply, splys	186.80
Pilot Grove Bnk, bonds	932231.00
Powerphone, svcs	787.00
Prairie Farms, splys	221.20
Quadiant Finance, Pstg	4750.89
Rainbo Oil, oil	1609.45
Red Lion Rnwbl, svcs	2615.44
RSM US, svcs	330.00
Sidwell, svcs	790.00
SIEDA, svcs	3099.35
S Sproul, svcs	160.00
Stanard/Assc, edu	50.00
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From the Front

Ambiguity requires openness

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to hear from parents to inform the board's policy-making decisions.

The second sentence of Iowa's open meetings law contains guidance too often ignored by government officials like those in Bettendorf — and those on the Iowa Public Information Board, unfortunately. That sentence says this about the law's intent: "Ambiguity in the construction or application of this chapter should be resolved in favor of openness."

When school leaders never responded to concerns I expressed about the media being barred from the meeting, three Quad Cities television stations, Quad City Times and the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization I lead, joined in a lawsuit against the Bettendorf board. We asked a judge to find the board violated Iowa law.

A Bettendorf parent — who also was concerned journalists and some citizens were prevented from attending the meeting — filed a complaint with the Iowa Public Information Board. Instead of admitting they used poor judgment in restricting who could attend, Bettendorf officials dug in their heels and fought the complaint.

Inexplicably, the IPIB dismissed the parent's complaint last March, ignoring the second sentence in the open meetings law — the sentence about resolving any ambiguity in favor of openness.

The IPIB swallowed hook, line and sinker a laughable claim by school attorneys that school board members were at the gathering only as interested citizens. The IPIB also concluded the gathering was not an official meeting because board members did not discuss among themselves the concerns parents voiced — even though a formal Iowa Attorney General's Office opinion in 1981 said information-gathering is part of a government board's deliberation process.

While the Bettendorf parent's complaint was

still being considered by the IPIB, school lawyers reached out to the attorneys for the Iowa FOI Council and media. They asked us to settle our still-pending lawsuit. After several months of negotiations, the settlement was accepted by both sides last month.

But hold onto your hat.

After insisting to the IPIB for nine months the gathering was not an official meeting, the agreement the Bettendorf board approved states unequivocally, "The Board will acknowledge that the May 25, 2022, gathering did not meet the notice and other requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 21.2. ... The Board will ensure that future gatherings concerning district policies and procedures attended by a majority of the Board members will be noticed and conducting following the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 21."

The school board also agreed to pay the plaintiffs \$6,500 for our attorney fees.

Bettendorf officials should be embarrassed by this case. But the Iowa Public Information Board should be embarrassed, too. The IPIB was created to be a non-court referee for disputes over access to government meetings and records. But its flawed analysis in the Bettendorf case does not bolster public confidence in the board.

The IPIB decision was rendered without its members reconciling the staff's recommendation with the Legislature's statement of intent I mentioned earlier, the law's directive for resolving ambiguity about government meetings in favor of openness.

If you want more evidence Bettendorf school officials may not grasp the importance of transparency, consider this: When the school board approved settling the lawsuit last month, minutes from the meeting do not inform the public what the legal dispute was about, who the parties were or what the board agreed to do.

And we wonder why there is distrust of government.

Tech has made disease easier to live with

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testimonies that highlight the challenges of living with T1D and the need for continued Federal funding through the Special Diabetes Program (SDP).

Arevalo said it was hard to commit to the advocacy but she said it's important.

"It's hard because I don't have any friends that are diabetic here. There aren't that many people here that have diabetes. In the bigger cities, everyone has diabetic friends and they all go to the galas for JDRF and do stuff together, but there's just not that many people around here."

She said the disease doesn't get in the way of everyday life, but she said there are times that it gets hard to focus.

"When I walk around a lot it goes low and I feel bad, and sometimes it goes high like in show choir. It always goes low right before I go on to perform and then I have to drink, like, five juice boxes and then I feel sick when I'm on stage."

She said the new technology, including her Tandem Insulin pump and her Dexcom Glucose Monitor, have made things much easier for people with Type 1 diabetes. The two serve as an artificial pancreas of sorts based on algorithms and digital communication.

Arevalo rarely must prick her finger anymore unless the readings on her monitor are extremely high or low.

Finger sticks were the norm before funding out of the NIH and JDRF and other Type 1 diabetes advocacy groups produced the pumps and monitors. Newer technology includes nanotechnology including injectable chips, inhaled insulin, and smart gadgets that read blood sugar through the skin, rather than invasive finger sticks.

That's what Arevalo is going to Washington to advocate for. She said a cure would be wonderful, but it seems unrealistic considering the price of insulin, so she is advocating for continued funding to improve therapies for those suffering with the disease.

Arevalo was diagnosed with the disease when she was six years old after excessive thirst and other noticeable signs, including weight loss or stagnancy, bed-wetting, and headaches.

She was suffering with ketones, but wasn't in ketoacidosis with a blood sugar of close to 600 and her local doctor sent her to the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics immediately.

Arevalo plays golf and show choir and regularly attends a diabetes camp in Boone, called Hertko Hollow, which is a camp for kids and teens.

"This is definitely hard to live with, but it's getting easier and it would definitely get better if we can renew the Special Diabetes Program so we can keep getting technology that makes it easier while we don't have a cure," she said.

"I don't even really know what a cure looks like because it seems so far away. It's like it's not even possible to me."

Allison said diabetes is now a way of life for her.

"Dexcom is a game changer, and I don't want to say she's pessimistic, but she's realistic. I don't think she's like, 'Oh I wish there was a cure for this,' she's more like, 'I wish I didn't have to count carbs all the time,'" Allison said.

Lucy's family had planned to move a 5K JDRF run that was taking place in Burlington into Fort Madison, but COVID sucked all the energy out of that effort.

There may be events planned in the future to help put a spotlight on area children suffering from the disease, but those are yet to be determined.

Arevalo said she doesn't plan to do anything with political science or advocacy as a career. She'd rather go into fashion, but she said she plans on continuing to advocate for herself and others like her.



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