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Supervisors tell county heads to give budgets a look

CHAIRMAN: County can pay the bills through the end of fiscal year, but not a ringing endorsement

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb gave a grim outlook to the upcoming county budget sessions.

With Iowa legislators trying to figure out the law they approved earlier this year to cap property tax growth, Seyb said county department heads need to look for places to cut, but stopped short of issuing a mandate on allowable growth within the departments.

Supervisor Matt Pflug asked during a pre-budget workshop if the county should consider an across-the-board cut. Seyb had called the meeting just to give a preemptive notice to department heads about budget concerns.



SEYB

"We've always been - shouldn't we put a figure on the table saying each department has to cut a certain percentage. The health department would like to know a figure," Pflug said.

Seyb said he wouldn't support an across-the-board cut in all departments.

"I want each department to look into their department and see where they may be able to find savings," he said.

Supervisor Tom Schulz said across-the-board cuts reflect poor management.

"It's easy for them to cut their budgets if they've been managing them poorly, but it penalizes good managers who have already kept their budget tight," Schulz said. "It's the worst, most irresponsible type of budgeting that we could possibly do."

Schulz said cuts need to be targeted and specific to departments. Seyb said he agreed.

"I'd like you to take a look at all your expenditures and if there is anything in those you see a cost savings on - jump on those. We always look at expenditures controlling budgets, but I also want to have a focus on revenues if we can," Seyb said.

He said there were two departments last year that had concepts on providing additional revenues. One was investing some of the county's money, which has generated some substantial additional revenues, Seyb said.

"This is something we should have been doing for many, many, many years," Seyb said.

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VOTE TODAY



Polls for today's City/School general election are open around the county from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pen City Current will have results posted as soon as they are available on our website, social media channels, and e-Edition Wednesday morning.

COUNTY NEWS

Speed cameras could be up as early as Friday on Hwy. 218/27

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - Speed cameras are coming soon to a highway near you.

Lee County Supervisors heard an update from Andrew Noble with Sitestream LLC, the company contracted by the county to install and monitor the speed cameras, at Monday's regular meeting of the board.

Noble said six cameras will be installed along Hwy. 218/27 in three different locations by the end of the week. He said the cameras won't be issuing speeding notices until December 11, but they will be functional starting Monday.

"Construction starts this week. We'll be installing six cameras

on Highway 218/27 with three locations northbound and three southbound with construction to be completed this week starting Wednesday," Noble said.

"The anticipation is that at the end of this week all six will be operational."

After the cameras are installed and operational, there will be a two-week data gathering period for Iowa Department of Transportation. Noble said for those two weeks the cameras will be providing data only, with no photographs or tickets being sent. Following that 14-day period, the cameras



WEBER

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OPINION

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Dean King: The Veterans' Veteran

It's debatable whether it was the fins of 1959 American automobiles that influenced young Dean King of Mt. Pleasant to join the Air Force, or if it was the Air Force that influenced Dean King to collect all 17 makes of 1959 American cars. After all, 1959 was the year of fins for American cars, especially the 1959 Chevrolet. Those fins are like airplane wings. It was a popular joke amongst car aficionados back in the day, that if the '59 Chevy got going fast enough, the rear end would lift clear off the ground.

Dean King is well known for his collection of all 17 makes of 1959 American automobiles. At Old Threshers Reunion time, he parks all 17 of them out on the lawn of his house on Washington Street in Mt. Pleasant, their fins sticking proudly in the air as if in flight. Stories abound: "I went to prom in a car exactly like that."

Born in Mt. Pleasant in 1947, young Dean King attended the very first Old Threshers get together in 1949. It wasn't a "Reunion" until the following year, 1950, according to Dean. In high school, Dean was very involved in band and music. He played all of the brass instruments. Upon graduation he was off to AIB (American Institute of Business) in Des Moines. With his degree in business he was immediately employed by KRNT Radio and T.V. in Des Moines and was eligible for The Draft. Since one of his brothers was in the Army, and the other in the Navy, Dean decided the Air Force was for him. It was a little tricky getting in, since the Air Force had its quota filled for the next year-and-a-half, but because of his high entrance-test scores, a lot of standing in line, and a little finagling, Dean made it in. Of course, he was encouraged to

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TUE 07 Nov.....Sunny and cool, 64° F/53° F
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Obituaries/Illinois News

OBITUARIES

DONNA J. HOLMAN

Donna Jean Holman, 88, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, November 3, 2023, at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Donna was the daughter of Chris and Edna (Flanders) Meierotto. She was born on May 25, 1935, in Hillsboro, Iowa. She attended Hickory Grove, a one-room schoolhouse, and graduated from Keokuk High School in 1954. Donna attended Keokuk Community College and took some night classes. She worked for Keokuk Electro Metals Co. as a plant receptionist and for Rovane Dental Supply Co.



HOLMAN

Donna married Bill Benson on September 15, 1956. She had two daughters: Mary Anne (Lynn) Bretz of Nipomo, California, and Annette (Ed) Peevler of Keokuk, and three sons: Joseph Benson, Peter (Amy) Benson and Andrew (Heidi) Benson, all of Keokuk. Donna miscarried one pre-born child.

Bill Benson died on July 16, 2000. Donna married Daniel Edward Holman in Wisconsin on October 6, 2002. They founded Missionaries to the Preborn Iowa and are known for their displays with graphic pictures of babies killed by aborticide.

Together they have seventeen grandchildren: Jordyn (Austin) Boyer, Logan Benson, Rachel (Jacob) Byrne, Philip Bretz, Will and Jasmine Benson, Haley (Tyler) Bryant, Madison and Annabel Benson, and Conrad Steven Kirchner. Her stepchildren are Lori and Daryl Kinton, Jesse (Dana) Holman and Lisa (John) Krall. Step-grandchildren are Lily and Sequoia Holman, Jaelyn and Kyli Kinton, and Ave Jaxson and Beckett Krall.

Also surviving are her siblings: her brother Dennis (Carol) Meierotto of Kansas City, Missouri; and five sisters: Pat (Ray) Miller of Jefferson City, Missouri, Rosemary Fritzjunker (Fred Ahr) of West Des Moines, Iowa, Karen Druker of Los Altos Hills, California, Judi (Chris) Honore' of Ashland, Oregon, and Peg (Bill) Sweeney of The Villages, Florida. Her brother Paul James was stillborn.

Donna was a stay-at-home mom, had a large garden, and canned the vegetables from the garden and fruits from fruit trees in her backyard. She enjoyed cooking and was a gourmet cook. She enjoyed writing letters to the editor, and many of her letters were printed in Iowa newspapers. Later in life, she worked for Highlyn Apartments cleaning, painting and washing windows when someone moved out.

Funeral services will be held at 12 pm (Noon) on Monday, November 13, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Sandusky Cemetery in Sandusky, Iowa. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10 am to 12 pm (Noon) on Monday, November 13, directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the Keokuk Public Library, Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House, and Bel Air Baptist Church.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

Pen City Current obituary policy

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

OBITUARIES

GARY A. HORSTMAN

Gary Harlan Horstman, 70, of Denmark, IA, passed away at 9:16 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2023 at The Kensington. He was born on February 19, 1953 in Fort Madison, IA to Harlan & Alice Hasenclever Horstman. He graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1971 and worked at J.I. Case for 30 years. After retirement, he worked at Kempker's True Value and at the Sheaffer Golf Course. He married Janet Lee Thompson Fedler on February 23, 2017 in Orange Beach, AL. He was a member of Denmark United Congregational Church and enjoyed playing golf at Sheaffer's, playing softball, cooking, grilling, fishing and vacationing at Orange Beach, AL.



HORSTMAN

Gary is survived by: his wife: Janet Horstman of Denmark, IA; his mother: Alice Horstman of Fort Madison, IA; 1-step daughter: Jennifer (Shadd) Parker of Delaware, OH; 1-step grandson: Isaac Robinson of Delaware, OH; 1-sister: Susie (Bruce) Campbell of Surprise, AZ and numerous aunts, uncles & cousins. He was preceded in death by his father.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A procession will go to Denmark Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. for a graveside service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for the Denmark Ball Association or Denmark Fire & Rescue. Online condolences to the Horstman family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Clinton man arrested on cocaine charges in Carthage

CARTHAGE - Sheriff Duffy reports that a reckless driver report on October 24, 2023, led to the arrest of a Clinton, IA man for possession of cocaine.



WALKER

At approximately 3:57 PM the Sheriff's Office received a call from a citizen reporting a gray two door car with no license plates speeding north bound on

Illinois 336.

Deputies travelled to that area and were able to locate the suspect vehicle and get its speed on radar. The vehicle was travelling at 121 MPH in a 65 MPH speed zone.

A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. The deputy located drug paraphernalia in plain view inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle. A Carthage Police Department officer arrived to

assist, and the vehicle was searched.

Deputies located baggies containing white powdery substance, baggies containing crystallized substance, spoons coated with white powdery substance, a baggie containing suspected psychedelic mushrooms, and the originally found glass smoking pipe.

The substances were field tested and tested positive for cocaine.

The driver, Thomas S. Walker, 39, Clinton, IA was placed under arrest and transported to the Hancock County Jail.

The total weight of all substances that tested positive for cocaine was 71.8 grams.

Walker was released after an initial court appearance with a notice to appear per the Illinois Safe-T Act.

All arrested persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Local News/From the Front

Ticketing will begin on Dec. 11 from county's speed cameras

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will be operational for an additional two weeks issuing notices with warnings attached.

"These will be notices sent to people speeding past cameras. No monies will be owed for those notices. But we do invite them to go to the website where it will show their vehicle recorded by the camera," Noble said.

Following that grace period for motorists, the notices will then be sent carrying fines.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber didn't address how much the fines would be, at what speed fines would start, or what ranges of fines would be in place.

"And if they want to speed while the cameras are being tested, we'll have some deputies around that can talk to them about that," the sheriff quipped.

Supervisor chairman Garry Seyb said it was important for the public to know that the county would prefer not to generate funds off the program, but there have been too many accidents and fatalities along that stretch of road.

"This is self-funded by violators with 80% of the funds generated from speeders going to the county, and 20% going to the contractor," Seyb said.

"The locations chosen

were approved by the county toward the goal of slowing people down, not issuing tickets. The financial benefit is the byproduct of people speeding. The core of moving forward with this program is that we've experienced some pretty dire consequences to speeding. We want (motorists) to follow the speed limit through the entire stretch of the road. That's our goal - to get to that point. So, no. 1, don't speed and we won't issue tickets, but we'd also like to see a drop in accidents and fatalities."

Noble said Sitestream will issue checks to the county once every two weeks.

Iowa DOT is in charge of installing and maintaining camera warning signs, however the first two weeks when data is being gathered but no tickets issued, there will be no signs warning motorists of the newly installed cameras.

"The DOT wanted no signs during the data test so they could collect the number of vehicles speeding."

Typically, you'll see the people (passing) through your communities are the ones speeding.

Noble has been in the speed camera business for 18 years and helped install the Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Mus-

catine systems over that time period.

Supervisor Matt Pflug said other counties will likely be watching to see how the program works in Lee County.

Noble said Lee County is currently the only county in the state with a program.

"This is a great guiding light, if you will, for county programs," Noble said.

No points are assessed to driver's licenses and the violations are not reported to insurance companies.

The cameras can also be used to look for Amber Alerts and for law enforcement to use in the event of accidents within the focal view of the cameras. Ron Fedler asked if the cameras could be used to monitor crossing traffic with so many at-grade crossings on 218.

Noble said the cameras aren't programmed to cite for failure to stop, but he said the cameras will be about 300 yards from intersections because speeders tend to slow down for intersections.

Noble also said there will be a mobile camera that the sheriff's department will be able to move around to trouble spots.



The 2023 ornament, "Peace Lily," is designed by Mystic Images. Ornaments can be purchased for \$16. The name of the person to be honored or remembered will be printed on a decorative tag and attached to the ornament. Those who want their ornament(s) mailed to them are asked to add \$2 per ornament to their order for mailing.

LCHD-Hospice Trees of Love unveiling set for Dec. 5

FORT MADISON - Lee County Health Department - Hospice is continuing with the 31st annual Hospice Tree of Love Project. The 2023 ornament, "Peace Lily," is designed by Mystic Images. Ornaments can be purchased for \$16.00. The name of the person to be honored or remembered will be printed on a decorative tag and attached to the ornament. Those who want their ornament(s) mailed to them are asked to add \$2.00 per ornament to their order for mailing.

The Tree of Love Unveiling Ceremony will be Tuesday, December 5th at 2 p.m. in the LCHD lobby (#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison). For those who are unable to attend the ceremony will be posted to the LCHD Facebook page and website (www.leecountyhd.org).

If you would like to have your loved one's name read during the ceremony, please be sure your order is placed by November 20th.

"Each year we review several ideas for new ornaments, and when we saw the peace lily we felt a sense of comfort by it. We hope that people will feel the same way," states Jeri Giebelhausen, LCHD Support Services Supervisor.

Order forms can be found in the "Tree of Love" section of the LCHD website (www.leecountyhd.org) or picked up at LCHD offices. Orders can be requested online, however payment will need to be mailed to LCHD before the order is processed.

With questions, please call 319-372-5225 or 800-458-6672.

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Fort Madison Police Report

11/02/23 - 2:40 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Adam Ray Sutton, 45, of Montrose, at 14th Street and Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/02/23 - 4:21 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue F.

11/02/23 - 6:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue I.

11/02/23 - 7:31 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2300 block of Avenue L.

11/02/23 - 8:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2100 block of Avenue L.

11/03/23 - 9:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Catherine Lynn Talton, 49, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue I, on an active warrant and a charge of interference with official acts. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/04/23 - 8:59 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Cory James Van Ginkel, 31, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue J, on charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/06/23 - 12:29 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Aneika Shatterrah Forrest, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue L, on an active warrant and a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Keokuk Police Report

10/23/23 - 11:15 a.m. - Keokuk police responded to two-vehicle accident in the 1200 block of Main Street.

According to the report a bicycle fitted with an aftermarket engine driven by Kyle James Burgess, 40, of Keokuk, had struck a vehicle in the McDonald's parking lot driven by Brandon Glenn Lawson, 40, of Keokuk. Burgess was transported privately to Fort Madison hospital with a shoulder injury. Burgess was cited for failure to provide insurance and driving while suspended.

11/02/23 - 8:18 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Benjamin Gurney Skiles, 46, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of 9th Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

11/02/23 - 2:49 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Curtis Wayne McCune, 42, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of South 7th Street, on a charge of domestic assault - bodily injury - 1st. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/03/23 - 10:06 p.m. - Keokuk police cited Eric James Mason, 39, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Exchange St. on a charge of prohibited open burning.

11/03/23 - 10:17 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Thomas Christopher Dodge, 56, of Keokuk in the 3500 block of Main Street on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/04/23 - 2:36 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Briana Lynn White, 42, of Keokuk in the 1200 block of Palean St., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

11/04/23 - 8:21 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at Plank Rd. and Washington St. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Reid C. Pfeiferling, 23, of Macomb, Ill, made a right turn northbound and a struck a vehicle driven by Ryne Scott Lefler, 19, of Ke-

okuk, who was at a stop waiting to move through the intersection. Pfeiferling was cited for making an unsafe turn. No injuries were reported.

11/05/23 - 12:24 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Montana Gracey Lamma, 25, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of S. 6th St., on an active warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/05/23 - 12:26 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Jonas Mark Adam, 18, of Keokuk, in the 2000 block of Meadow Ln. on a charge of reckless use of a firearm. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/05/23 - 1:27 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Montana Verne Strader, 33, of Maquon, Ill., on N. Water St., on an active hold for other agency. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/05/23 - 2:30 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Katie Ashlei Shankle, 20, of Kahoka, on a charge of 5th-degree theft.

11/05/23 - 8:03 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Jeannetta Lynn Nobles, 37, of Keokuk in the 1400 block of Timea St. on a charge of driving while barred.

Lee County Sheriff Report

11/02/23 - 8:30 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Eric Eugene Fortune, Sr., 56, of Fort Madison, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on his own recognizance.

11/03/23 - 1:23 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jerry Lee Blackwell, 31, of Burlington at the south Lee County Courthouse on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County jail and held.

11/03/23 - 4:01 p.m. - Lee

County sheriff's deputies arrested Dustin James Bidentstadt, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released serving weekends.

11/03/23 - 8:24 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Melissa Marie Readshaw, 55, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue I, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

11/04/23 - 5:03 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Dean Jairi, 27, of Argyle, at the south Lee County Courthouse on an active warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

11/05/23 - 12:29 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Jordan Christopher Klesner, 29, of Mechanicsburg, Penn., on charges of OWI and speeding. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.

Hancock County Citation Report

10/01/2023 063324 Watkins, Lynn R. 56 Bowen IL Speeding Citation

10/02/2023 070230 Ocegüera, Cristóbal 19 Baytown TX Speeding PTC

10/03/2023 063325 Protsman, Ryan D. 38 Carthage IL Operate Uninsured Vehicle Citation

10/05/2023 063096 Leffler, Gary D. 56 Sutter IL Operate Uninsured Vehicle NTA

10/05/2023 063097 Leffler, Gary D. 56 Sutter IL Suspended Registration NTA

10/03/2023 063776 Bruns, Maya S 16 West Point IL Speeding Citation

10/15/2023 070307 Harris, Madison S 24 Plainfield IL

Speeding PTC

10/21/2023 070308 Brown, Tyrone J 29 Fort Madison IA Driving While License Suspended NTA

10/23/2023 070309 Vollmer, Joshua JA 41 Keokuk IA Driving While License Suspended, Obstructing Justice, Iowa Warrant HELD

10/14/2023 063806 Lum, Alyssa S. 26 Keokuk IA Speeding Citation

10/04/2023 063804 Bruns, Nicholas L. 16 Carthage IL Speeding Citation

10/14/2023 063805 Close, Matthew C. 29 Kirkwood PA Speeding Speeding

10/18/2023 063807 Emmett, Matthew T. 42 Fort Madison IA Speeding NTA

10/18/2023 063808 Emmett, Matthew T. 42 Fort Madison IA Fleeing & Eluding NTA

10/19/2023 063809 Slusher, James E. 66 Keokuk IA Speeding Citation

10/19/2023 063810 Evans, Toby D. 35 Fort Madison IA Speeding NTA

10/19/2023 063811 Evans, Toby D. 35 Fort Madison IA Operate Uninsured Vehicle NTA

10/24/2023 063812 Pilkington, Anthony S. 31 Hamilton IL Operate Uninsured Vehicle NTA

10/26/2023 061400 Scott, Braxton M 16 Burnside IL Speeding Citation

10/26/2023 063813 Geltz, Cole M. 26 Keokuk IA Operate Uninsured Vehicle NTA

10/28/2023 070310 Heisler, Shelly J 51 Warsaw IL Speeding PTC

10/25/2023 063777 Tanner, Jessica R 27 Gladstone IL Speeding Citation

10/30/2023 063778 Brown, Michael R 63 Carthage IL Disobey Stop Sign Citation

10/29/2023 063901 Osorio, Emanuel 21 Edinburg TX Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid Accident Citation

10/29/2023 063902 Osorio, Emanuel 21 Edinburg TX DUI (a)(2) Citation

Hancock County Jail Report

10/03/23 Fink, Jason E 40 Carthage IL Domestic Battery Released to DOC

10/06/23 Leffler, Gary D 56 Sutter IL Adams County Warrant Bonded 10/06/23 Rice, Adam T 58 Beardstown IL Hancock County Warrant NTA

10/12/23 Turner, Nicholas P 29 Ursa IL Hancock County Warrant NTA

10/12/23 Jones, Derrick W 32 Knoxville IL Hancock County Warrant NTA

10/14/23 Lansford, Terry R 49 Carthage IL Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm Held

10/20/23 Hardy, Jason S 41 Basco IL Hancock County Warrant NTA

10/23/23 Hunolt, Brittany N 36 Quincy IL Adams County Warrant Bonded

10/23/23 Vollmer, Joshua J 41 Keokuk IA Lee County IA Warrant, Driving While License Suspended, Obstructing Justice Released to IA

10/24/23 Harper, Jermaine Q 43 Quincy IL Hancock County Warrant NTA

10/24/23 Walker, Thomas S 39 Clinton IA Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession NTA Paraphernalia

10/29/23 Osoria, Emanuel 21 Fort Madison IA DUI NTA

10/30/23 Clay, Wesley W 48 Columbia MO Hancock County Warrant NTA

10/30/23 Cobb, Cory C 46 Quincy IL Adams County Warrant Bonded

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SEIRMC's Thurman named an A.T. Still trustee

FORT MADISON - A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (ATSU) Board of Trustees appointed officers and elected new members at its quarterly meeting July 21, 2023.

The following trustees were elected as officers: Chair Herb B. Kuhn, of Lohman, Missouri; Vice Chair Isaac R. Navarro, DMD, MPH, '08, of Visalia, California; and Secretary Michelle L. Mayo, PhD, of Marina, California.

Newly elected trustees are John R. Thurman Jr., DO, '12, of Burlington, Iowa, and Michael Torgan, MBA, NHA, of Los Angeles, California.

An accomplished seven-year, active-duty U.S. Army officer with combat experience and double board-certified family medicine physician, Dr. Thurman earned his bachelor of science degree in systems engineering from the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point and his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from ATSU's Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Missouri. He completed a family medicine residency at MacNeal Hospital, Berwyn, Illinois, and was nominated chief resident in 2014. Currently, Dr. Thurman is a physician for Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison campus, in Fort Madison, Iowa. Prior to this role, he worked at Great River Health in Burlington, Iowa, and at the University of Chicago Medicine in Chicago. He has experience in healthcare performance improvement, information technology, operational planning, osteopathic manipulative medicine, and sports medicine. In addition, he has served as medical director for hospice, rehabilitative services, and nursing homes. He recently joined the USMA class of 2027 for the 14-mile Graduate March Back to West Point. Among his many honors, Dr. Thurman was nominated for physician excellence at Great River Health for going above and beyond in patient care. He is currently a nominee for Iowa Family Medicine Physician of the Year.

Mr. Torgan is a healthcare executive

with more than 30 years' experience, spending much of his career in post-acute care. He currently serves as chief operating officer for Bespoke Healthcare Management, an integrated healthcare organization, and chief transformation officer for Mission Community Hospital in California's San Fernando Valley. Mr. Torgan earned his bachelor of arts degree in molecular biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and his master of business administration degree from Boston University Graduate School of Management. He is also certified in healthcare management. Additionally, Mr. Torgan's healthcare experience covers a broad spectrum, including behavioral healthcare, senior care, medical group management, value-based purchasing, hospital operations, healthcare business start-ups, and healthcare manufacturing. He is a recognized speaker on the topics of leadership, operations, quality, compliance, healthcare trends, and care delivery models. He has been an active participant in government relations at state and federal levels, including serving on the California Health Information Technology Advisory Commission and California AB 1629 Payment Advisory Task Force. In 2010, he was the recipient of the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living Joe Warner Patient Advocacy Award.

"We are honored Dr. Thurman and Mr. Torgan have agreed to join our outstanding Board of Trustees and welcome their insights, knowledge, and experiences," said ATSU President Craig M. Phelps, DO, '84. "Their willingness to serve and guide ATSU will strengthen the University's contributions to health professions education."

"The ATSU board continues to grow with exceptional individuals who will aid in furthering the University's mission of educating future healthcare clinicians and leaders," said Kuhn. "Our new trustees bring a range of new, diverse insights and experiences. We are excited to work with them."

Property tax law leaves doubt

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"So, if there is something there outside the box and things out there that you thought, 'Why aren't we doing that,' or 'Could we be doing that,' now's the time."

He also told department heads to consider a 3% raise as a generic starting point on the budgets.

The county still doesn't know what insurance rate increases they are looking at, or inflationary pressures, or what the impact of the new property tax law will be.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said the roll back is going from 54% of assessed valuation to 41%.

House file 718 was signed into law in May 2023 by Gov. Kim Reynolds. The bill takes aim at property tax reductions for veterans and seniors, and then caps what local governments are able to set for a general levy. There was only one vote opposed to the bill in both Iowa chambers. Skyrocketing home assessments triggered the move by the legislature to keep property tax bills under control.

However, local governments are upset with how the bill is being rolled out and are citing a lack of real knowledge of the bill by those that voted on it. Something eerily similar to the Back the Blue law passed several years ago.

"We'll see where the state legislature ends up and what those discussions are," Seyb said. "We will get a feel for that shortly after the session begins, but I don't want to wait til then to start making some of those difficult assessments."

Schulz said he believes any change to that new law will be an 11th hour thing.

Seyb said several members of the board of supervisors will be going "line by line" through submitted budgets.

"Hopefully where you find cuts and we find cuts - those are the same cuts," he said. "If we have to, it's a last resort to call for across-the-board cuts. It's a last resort. The department heads are there to make those difficult decisions. We make the final call, but ultimately it's your job to go to your department and look at it and see areas of savings."

"We are a shrinking county by population Our budget is not increasing by virtue of population shrinking we're going to have to take serious looks."

He said the county's current general levy of \$5.85 will not be sufficient for next year, and current language of the new law may move that down to \$5.25.

Seyb said the county right now is set up to be able to pay their bills and not much else for the rest of this fiscal year.

"We can pay our bills. That's not a ringing endorsement that we're in a great place and go out and spend money. I want to impress on the department heads that we are not out of the woods by what we did last year," he said.

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Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting
September 12, 2023
Lee County Conservation Center
2652 Hwy61
Montrose, IA 52639

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call: Alton_x_ (attended virtually) Pollpeter_x_ Moore_ Patrick_x_ Benjamin_x_

Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl, Oldfield, Pawling, Risser, Jacobs, Davis

Supervisor: Holmes

1. Approval of Agenda Motion by Alton to approve the meeting agenda

2nd: Patrick Motion Carried

2. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2023

Motion by Pollpeter to approve the minutes

2nd: Benjamin Motion Carried

3. Public input No public input

4. Approval of Bills Motion by Pollpeter to approve of the bills

2nd: Benjamin Motion Carried

5. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Benjamin

to approve the financial report

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

6. Consider Approval on Outdoor Classroom Concrete Quote

Huebner presented quotes from Baker Concrete Contracting for \$45,520 and from Straight Line Construction for \$48,995

Motion by Benjamin to accept the concrete quote from Baker for the Outdoor Classroom

2nd: Alton Motion Carried

7. Consider Approval on Outdoor Classroom Masonry Quote

Huebner presented quotes from Lee Cashman for \$7,500 and Gary Sanders Masonry for \$16,925. The Board questioned the large price gap between the quotes, but Huebner assured them that the quotes were for the same product and that she had seen Cashman's work before.

Motion by Poll peter to accept the masonry quote from Lee Cashman for the Outdoor Classroom

2nd: Benjamin Motion Carried

8. Consider Approval on

the Outdoor Classroom Shelter Quote

Huebner presented quotes from Commercial Recreation Products for \$69,640 and Romtec for \$92,000 for similarly sized shelter kits.

Motion by Benjamin to accept the quote from Commercial Recreation Products for the Outdoor Classroom

2nd: Pollpeter Motion Carried

9. Discuss and Take Action on the November Board Meeting Date

Huebner requested that the Board change the November meeting date as she will be out of town on November 14.

Motion by Alton to change the November meeting date to Monday, November 6

2nd: Benjamin Motion Carried

10. Staff and Director Reports

Oldfield gave the parks report, highlighting 569 camping night, 32 cabin nights, and 875 beach admissions.

Risser gave the EE report, highlighting the start of field trip season and completing scheduling for the school year.

Huebner have the director report, highlighting upcoming events - Monarch Tagging, Youth Duck Hunt, Halloween

HOOT, Field to Freezer Workshop, and a Zombie Apocalypse Fun Run.

11. Board Member Comments

Benjamin stated that she had heard several positive comments about the parks and Pollmiller trail.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

2nd: Pollpeter

Motion Carried

The Board met in a workshop following the meeting.

Richard Moore, LCCB President

Caroline Veihl, LCCB Secretary

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Submissions are due by the end of the day Thursday, November 9th.

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Service is just the beginning for Dean

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try out for the Air Force Band, and was accepted. However, Dean, wanting to expand his horizons, declined the offer. He did accept a three-month stint in the Drum and Bugle Corps at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He was immediately made head bugler. One thing he is particularly proud of is that he wrote the musical arrangement for "Born Free" for the Drum and Bugle Corps, and they did perform "Born Free" at parades and special occasions.

He went to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, and then Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Florida, next to Cape Canaveral where he had direct access to the Cape. Note: Patrick Air Force Base was direct support for NASA and would become the first Space Force Base. Dean served on Apollo Missions 9, 10 and 11 and has certificates to prove it. He held his baby girl, Monica, when Apollo 11 made the first manned landing on the moon in 1969.

It was overseas after that and then discharged. Back home in Mt. Pleasant, Dean noticed that the VFW and American Legion were closed. He offered to run it and was told he would never last six months. It's been 35 years. He's Quartermaster of

the VFW and OIC (Officer in Charge) of the Veterans Hall. He's Commander of the Henry County Honor Guard, and Chairman of the Avenue of Flags, which runs the Veterans Day and Memorial Day Services. In years past he was on the Veterans Commission for Henry County and served as Chairman. He worked tirelessly and helped lobby the State Legislature to get a Veterans Affairs Officer in every county in Iowa. In addition, as a musician, Dean plays the organ and piano, and is head of the Praise Team at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. Dean King doesn't care if a person has served 30 years or 30 days. A veteran is a veteran. "We need to forgive the country for the dishonor it paid its Vietnam Veterans, and move on." Friday night the Veterans Hall at 300 W. Monroe St. in Mt. Pleasant is open to the public for fish, chicken and shrimp dinner. Come and chow down and meet a veteran. And, if you are a veteran, join. It's easy. 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.

Three inducted in CL Fine Arts Hall

DONNELSON, IOWA — The Central Lee Community School District has inducted three new members to its Fine Arts Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2023.

This year, the Hall of Fame honors two Central Lee graduates who have showcased their fine arts talents to build successful careers, alongside a dedicated former Central Lee art teacher.

"Today, we celebrate the outstanding achievements of these individuals, recognizing their significant contributions to the world of fine arts," stated Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. "Their artistic prowess and commitment have left an indelible mark on our community, and we are honored to induct each of them into our Fine Arts Hall of Fame."

Inductee Mindy Torrey (Hoskin) is a 2000 graduate of Central Lee

High School. She not only founded Mayday Design, a boutique agency, but also skillfully managed high-profile accounts. Her entrepreneurial spirit led her to head the creative department of Lands' End, where she later achieved the position of award-winning vice president at Lane Bryant.

Torrey's talent also led her to rebrand and launch a new brand position at Soma and subsequently lead the Sally Beauty creative marketing team, creating several viral campaigns recognized by prestigious awards.

Also inducted this year is Linda Heitz, a former art teacher at Central Lee who dedicated 32 years to serving students. Her legacy includes creating Central Lee's Art Club, which continues to offer students valuable artistic opportunities today. Heitz organized memorable cultural trips to cities such as Kansas City, Chicago, Minneapolis, and St. Louis, enriching students' exposure to the arts and imparting valuable busi-

ness insights.

Heitz championed student expression by establishing the annual Central Lee Art Show and encouraging participation in conference art shows. Even in retirement, her impact endures, with her role as a judge for the Lee County Fair Art Hall projects and her efforts in organizing art exhibitions in support of the Rebuild Nepal Foundation. Her active involvement in organizations such as Iowa P.E.O., FM Art Center, and Saint Mary & Joseph Catholic Church underscores her unwavering dedication to both community and culture.

A graduate of the class of 1970, Christal Lewiston's journey in fine arts began as a musician, lending her talents to various bands and choirs. In 1981, she became a part of the Great River Players (GRP) Community Theatre, serving as a set builder and later becoming deeply involved in over 100 theatrical productions in various roles, including director, designer, actor, and technician.



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