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ASSESSMENT: Opioid fund panel wants countywide assessment on substance abuse Drug abuse Survey Coming

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County has assembled a committee to look into how to spend more than \$1 million it is projected to receive in the next 15 years.

The county has received about \$245,000 in settlements from manufacturers and distributors of opioid pain killers that have become a focus of the nation in regards to substance abuse. The settlements have come from potential lawsuits that lay the blame of the nation's fight with opioid overdose at the feet of the manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies that have downplayed the addictive nature of the drugs.



The county joined the national class action lawsuit against the companies in 2022. In addition to the \$245,000 as part of the National Opioid Abatement Trust, the county is scheduled to receive an additional \$900,000 over the next 15 years in current settlements.

The panel consists of nine members with Brian DePriest representing Keokuk Police, Darren Ranck

representing the non-incorporated communities in the county, Michele Ross, Lee County Health Department Administrator, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, and District 8B Judge John Wright.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Nolan Riddle has the upper hand in his 157 lb. match with Quincy's Gunnar Derkahe. Riddle would record a pin in one of just two mat wins for the Hounds. They also got two wins by forfeit.

### **CORRECTION**

### HOUNDS HOOPS PREVIEW Seniors to play big role for Hounds this season

Cresswell, Rashid, and Boeding lead athletic group of Bloodhounds

#### BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison boys basketball coach Ryan Wilson has seen how quickly things can turn around with experience.

Wilson's 2020-21 team went 8-12, then, with almost everyone back the following season, went 18-5.

Last season the Bloodhounds went 6-16, then brought almost everyone back for this season.

It's a long way from now until February

Fort Madison opens the season Friday with a home game against Southeast
Conference rival Fairfield
but Wilson has confidence his team can have another big turnaround this season.



"They're all back," Wilson said. "They know our system, they know our defense, they know the out-of-bounds plays. We're putting in a new offense, but there are some similarities to what we did last year. So to have that experience back, it's pretty important."

Fort Madison brings back four starters — seniors Hunter Cresswell, Carson

### **Old Fort Players holiday production moved to 2024**

#### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - And the irony gets even thicker. The story that ran in our Thursday morning edition Christmas Chaos at OFP, and on our website as Christmas Chaos abounds at Old Fort Players, had incorrect dates. The show was orginally slated for this coming weekend, but had to be postponed due to casting hurdles. When OFP sent information about the cancellation of the show, they followed up with another email indicating the show was rescheduled in 2024. We missed the year on the dates and operated under the impression the show had been moved back a week, which was an error on our part and not on the part of Old Fort Players.

We apologize for the error and any confustion it may have created or caused.

Rashid and Leif Boeding, and junior Julian Dear. Combined, the four started 83 games last season.

"Those four, together, bring back a lot of experience, because they basically started every game last year," Wilson said. "They worked out together in the summer, played AAU ball. They've had some time to play and come together." Cresswell led the Bloodhounds in scor-

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### For the Record

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#### Fort Madison Police Report

11/22/23 - 12:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1400 block of 34th Street.

11/22/23 - 4:27 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4700 block of Avenue L.

11/22/23 - 6:33 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1100 block of Avenue E.

11/22/23 - 10:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 200 block of 48th Street.

11/22/23 - 11:37 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block Avenue F.

11/22/23 - 2:18 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of 48th Street.

11/22/23 - 8:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jestin Alexander Craft. 26. of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of 39th Street on charges of criminal mischief-4th degree and public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/22/23 - 9:00 p.m. - Fort

report of a burglary in the 1400 block of Avenue F.

11/27/23 - 5:54 a.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G. 11/27/23 - 10:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1700 block of Avenue D.

11/27/23 - 3:23 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the Fort Madison area.

11/28/23 - 2:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Scott David Sportsman, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 11/29/23 - 11:51 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue E.

11/29/23 - 2:01 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Adam Robert Cloyed, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue D, on 2 warrants for assault, 1 warrant for failure to appear - driving while barred, and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Madison Police responded to a a controlled substance – 1,2,3rd.

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He was taken to Lee County Jail. 11/29/23 - 3:10 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Jason Michael Moody, 41, of Waterloo, in the 2700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of disorderly conduct - threat. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/29/23 - 8:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2400 block of Henry Ladyn Drive.

#### Keokuk Police Report

11/22/23 - 12:12 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Jonas Mark Long, 18, of Keokuk in the 2000 block of Meadow Lane, on a charge of making a false report. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/22/23 - 10:50 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested a 17-yearold female, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Park Drive, on a warrant for violation of probation, and charges interference with official acts, 5th-degree theft, and escape from custody. She was taken to the juvenile detention center in Montrose.

11/23/23 - 6:11 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Thomas Christopher Dodge, 56, of Keokuk in the 1400 block of Orleans Avenue, on a charge of driving while barred and an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/25/23 - 3:10 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Rudy D. Eicher, 21, of Montrose, in the 3000 block of Main Street on a charge of OWI-1st offense.

11/25/23 - 9:52 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Tiffany Lee McGlasson, 33. of Keokuk in the 700 Dorcas Drive, on a charge of 2nd degree criminal mischief. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/27/23 - 3:16 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Ernest Lloyd Justice, 57, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Hwy. 61 bypass, on a charge of driving under suspension.

11/27/23 - 4:03 a.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Dalton Micheal James White, 23 of Keokuk in the 1500 block of Timea Street on two warrants for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/27/23 - 4:12 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Brandon Lee Burgess, 28, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of Timea Street on a charge of driving under suspension

11/27/23 - 7:20 a.m. - Keokuk Police cited Kyle James Burgess, 40, of Keokuk in the 1400 block of Main Street on a charge of driving under suspension. 11/01/23 - 6:50 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 400 block of South 7th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Rachel Ann Kemp, 32, of Alexandria, was stopped at a traffic light at the intersection of Timea and South 7th Streets when a vehicle driven by Michael Cole Tripp, 25, of Keokuk, rear-ended Kemp's vehicle. Kemp reported minor injuries, but was not treated. No other injuries were reported. Kemp's vehicle sustained moderate damage and was driven from the scene; Tripp's vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene. Tripp was cited for failure to stop in assured clear distance and failure to provide proof of financial liability - accident.

11/23/23 - 5:08 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of South 14th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Brittany Nicole Loring, 26, of Keokuk, was traveling northbound in the 100

texting and rear-ended a parked vehicle. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles sustained moderate damage. Loring was cited for no driver's license and texting while driving.

11/27/23 - 9:22 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Vincent J. McGinnis, 62, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of South 13th Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

11/27/23 - 11:49 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Orion Hunter Glasgow, 19, of Keokuk, in the 200 block of Washington Street, on a charge of domestic assault impede air/blood flow. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/28/23 - Keokuk police had no activity to report. 11/29/23 - 9:14 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Coy Daniel Stark, 35, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of South 10th Street, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 3rd and interference with official acts. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/29/23 - 9:30 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 17-yearold male juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on charges of minor use tobacco/vapor products and 5th degree theft less than \$300. He was released to a parent.

11/29/23 - 11:07 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 15-yearold male juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on charges of 5th degree theft less than \$300 and interference with official acts. He was released to a guardian.

11/29/23 - 11:28 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested a 15-yearold juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 300 block of North Park Drive, on charges of 5th degree theft less than \$300, PCS alcohol under legal age, interference with official acts, possession of a controlled substance - marijuana 1st, and minor use tobacco/vapor products. He was released to a parent.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/23/23 - 11:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Eugene Rogers, 38, Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/24/23 - 3:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dustin James Biddenstadt, 29, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on an active warrant. He

and released on 11/26/23 for time served.

11/25/23 - 10:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stacey Margaret Rasmussen, 56, of Keokuk, at the North Lee County Courthouse in Fort Madison on an active warrant. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on 11/26/23 for time served.

11/25/23 - 8:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Equilius Marquis Lee, 20, of Keokuk, in the 3400 block of Avenue N., on an active warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

11/26/23 - 1:59 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adonnia Levi Lee, 29, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Johnson Street on a charge of domestic assault with bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 11/27/23 - 4:04 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Paul William Londrie, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of parole. He was taken to Lee Countv Jail.

11/28/23 - Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report. 11/29/23 - 7:52 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Hwy. 218/27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Charles Edward Smith, 46, of Clinton, was traveling southbound in the 2800 block of Hwy. 218 when it left the roadway into the westbound ditch and overturned causing damage to a property fence line. No injuries or citations were reported. The vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene.

11/29/23 - 2:01 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Adam Robert Cloyed, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of Avenue D, Fort Madison, on warrants for 5th degree criminal mischief and failure to appear, and charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

11/29/23 - 9:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Jack Lee Dangel, 33, of Hamilton, on Hwy. 61, Montrose, on charges of being a felon in control of a firearm, going armed with intent, assault - displaying a dangerous weapon, eluding -2nd or subsequent, 1st degree harassment, and driving under suspension. He was taken to



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### **Obituaries**

#### GARY D. **EILERS**

Gary Dean Eilers, 81, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Gary was born on August 7th, 1942, in Quincy, Illinois, the son of Arnold "Capp" and Darleen (Ehman) Eilers. He was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church on August 30, 1942, in Golden, Illinois, and was confirmed there on March 25, 1956. He attended grade school in La Prairie, Illinois, and graduated from Central High School in Camp Point, Illinois, on May 27, 1960. He was active in school sports and received the student of the year award. After graduation, Gary worked with his father at the family's farming

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operation. In November of 1961, he joined the United States Army, serving for six years in active duty and the Army reserves, receiving his honorable discharge on October 31, 1967. On December 27, 1975, he was united

in marriage to Donna Jean (Fecht) Marshall of Keokuk, Iowa, welcoming her children Greg and Sherri.

In April of 1977, Gary started working for Great River Gas Company, which later merged with United Cities Gas Company, which later merged with Atmos Energy Gas Company. He was a leakage and corrosion specialist and also a qualified pipeline welder. He retired from Atmos Energy with thirty-three years of service. On January 2, 1980, he started a part-time job at his home church of First Lutheran in Keokuk, Iowa, as custodian. He held this position for forty years, retiring on December 31, 2021. He remained an active member of First Lutheran Church.

Gary took so much pride in his grandchildren. When they were younger, he spent every weekend playing their pretend games and teaching them how to play cards. He was notorious for his yearly Easter egg hunts for the grandkids that typically ended with some missing eggs found later that year. As they got older, he enjoyed sharing his love for baseball with them while playing pitch and catch in the backyard and could always be found supporting them at their sporting events; Kaelie with her softball pitching

and in high school, her pom-pom routines; Megan playing volleyball and softball and Siearra playing softball and running cross-country. He was their biggest fan. Gary also loved visiting his family in Florida and spending time with his grandchildren, Logan and Crystal, while he was there. He never missed a chance to brag about all of his grandchildren to anyone who would listen. Most recently, a great grandbaby filled his heart and brightened his days and conversations even more.

Gary loved being outdoors. He took pride in the appearance of his yard, being particular about how it was mowed. He enjoyed planting flowers and tomatoes in his garden as well. His daily walk outdoors was very important to him, but when the weather got bad, he could also be found walking, but more so people watching, at the local mall. He looked forward to the fellowship of his group of friends on Friday nights, as they shared a meal and played cards together weekly.

Gary is survived by his wife Donna Eilers of Keokuk; his daughters Amy Eilers of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Sherri (Tim) Whiston of Palmyra, Missouri; his son Greg (Teresa) Marshall of Winter Garden, Florida; five grandchildren: Logan Marshall, Kaelie (Max) Venvertloh, Megan Harvey, Siearra Harvey and Crystal Marshall; his great-grandson Ford Venvertloh; his sister Betty (Gary) Kaneshiro of Atlanta, Georgia; and two nephews: Brent and Todd Kaneshiro.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kenny Eilers and his nephew Shawn Kaneshiro.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at First Lutheran Church of Keokuk, with burial to Follow at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Basco, Illinois. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, December 1, 2023, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to First Lutheran Church in Keokuk.

Tributes and condolences may be left at <u>www.dejongsfuneralhome.com</u>.

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

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### **Obituaries**

#### **OBITUARIES**

### KENNETH P. MARTINEZ

Kenneth "Kenny" P. Martinez, 78, of Keokuk, IA passed away after complications with Leukemia on Monday, November 27, 2023 at Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.



MARTINEZ

He was born October 16, 1945 in Keokuk, IA the son of Pedro and Alice Olvis Martinez. Kenny graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1964.

On February 27, 1965, Kenny was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Judy Lemon at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Keokuk. They celebrated fifty-eight years of marriage. She survives.

Other survivors include, one daughter, Tina Martinez, one son, Ken Martinez (Betsy) and five grandchildren, Cora, Maximo, Nakai, Sophia and Ilsa. He is also survived by two sisters, Juana Johnson of Eugene, OR and Diana Martinez of Keokuk, one brother, Robert Martinez of Centerville, IA, two sisters-in-law, Mary Lantz of Jacksonville, FL and Sharon Lemon of Keokuk, many nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Toni Martinez, four brothers-in-law, Jim Lemon, Chuck Lantz, James Camper and Richard Johnson and one sister-in-law, Theresa Martinez.

He was a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 91 for fifty-three years. He served for ten years as business agent for Local 91. He was a master craftsman specializing in pattern making and design.

Kenny was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, sports and spending time with his family. He never knew a stranger and made everyone feel welcome. Later in life, his greatest joy was being with his grandchildren. He was lovingly known as "Poppy" to his grandchildren. He was an enthusiastic fan of all his grandchildren's sporting and academic events. He also enjoyed making crafts for Hawthorne School and for his daughter's first grade classes in Vinton, IA.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at All Saints Catholic Church with Reverend David Brownfield, Ph.D. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice, to All Saints Catholic Church or to the donor's choice.

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

### Pen City Current obituary policy

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### LONNIE E. LEWIS

Lonnie Eugene Lewis of Dallas City, Illinois passed away Saturday, November 25, 2023 at his home.

He was born February 14, 1949 in Monmouth, Illinois, the son of Everette Eugene and Jane Cordelia Lewis. He only has one surviving child, Bobbie, but



had lots of grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

He was known to be an extremely hard worker who never left something half done. He was an adamant animal lover who was particularly fond of pugs and went on to start The Good Shepard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Glenda and Rose, his brother Ron, his niece, Tiffany and daughter Crystal.

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He is survived by his son Robert Lee Lewis of Oakville, Iowa, his

grandchildren, Jeremy, Dakota, Leigha and Ricky, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A service will be held at the Oakville Community Center, 104 East Ash Street, Oakville, Iowa on December 2, 2023 at 10:00a.m.

The family requests that flowers be sent to the Oakville Community Center and that donations be made to PAWS animal shelter in Fort Madison, Iowa. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Lonnie's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

### JOHN M. FERGUSON

John Merril Ferguson, 80, of Niota, Illinois, passed away at 6:55 a.m. Thursday, November 30, 2023, at River Hills Village in Keokuk, Iowa.

He was born on October 30, 1943, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Merrill A.



and Hazel R. (Schneider) Ferguson. On July 10, 1965, he married Nancy Eichhorn in Carthage, Illinois. John was a graduate of Nauvoo High School. He served in the Unit-

ed States Army. He was a lifelong farmer and retired from Wal-Mart transportation, where he drove a total of 1.5 million safety miles. John was a member of Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church where he had served as an elder and committee members. John lived his faith in ev-

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ery aspect of his life. He was also a member of the Nauvoo American Legion. First and foremost he loved his family. He enjoyed farming,

hunting, fishing, nascar races, attending rodeos, and he was very proud of being a veteran. John was a very kind and humble man and always has a smile on his face.

He is survived by his wife: Nancy; one son: Jeff (Vicky) Ferguson of Niota, Illinois; two daughters: Jenni Ferguson of Carthage, Illinois, Jessica (David) Griffiths of Colusa, Illinois; grandchildren: Ryan (Bria) Boddeker, Megan (Dan Hardy) Boddeker, Jeremy (Aerial) Ferguson, Jonathan Ferguson, Joshua Ferguson, Zachary (Syd-

ney) Six, Jenna Ferguson, Tatum Griffiths, Mia Griffiths; seven great grandchildren: Jaxson, Colson, Jonah, Jade, Charlie Kay, Payton, Beck; sisters: Martha Murphy and Harriett Ferguson and multiple nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters: Jane Engelbrecht, Mary Schneider, Kathryn Greenslaugh - Schmitz, Julia Randall and one brother: Howard Ferguson.

> The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 4, 2023, at Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church, rural Niota, Illinois.

> A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 4, 2023, at Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church in rural Niota with Pastor David Poland officiating.

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On-line condolences may be made to the family at sbbfuneralhome@gmail.com. Schmitz - Banks and Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements.



### **Obituaries/From the Front**

### Committee will start work on countywide assessment

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Michele Ross said it's good there are representatives from all parts of the county, but she said to make a dent in the misuse, the county needs to have a strategy.

"You can't say, 'Oh I'm gonna try this, or we're gonna try this', we really need to have a comprehensive county plan of how we can all work together as partners, not just those of us at the table."

She said the focus has to be on prevention, treatment, and recovery and not just one or the other.

"You also need people with lived experiences telling their story and helping guide what works and what doesn't," she said. "If you have someone incarcerated there and then they are released and what happens. They go back to using."

She said building strategies around helping the person from incarceration into treatment and then recovery, and then staying recovered.

Lee County Supervisor Tom Schulz said a rough outline of a comprehensive strategy would allow the panel to evaluate how applications for funding would fit into the strategy.

Ross asked if the county should do a needs assessment and define areas of concern. She said one of those is the waiting period for treatment, which is as long as three months currently.

"By the time you get someone into treatment, they've either used again or have no interest in going," she said.

Ross said she would take the lead on putting together a coalition to start looking at how to get a community needs assessment around substance abuse started.

Chuck Vandenberg, Lee County's Grant Writer and American Rescue Plan Act funding administrator, is secretary of the committee and said the county could be in line to see more funding come in as other settlements work their way through the court system.

He said the county has already signed on to settlements with Teva/Allergan, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, and CVS, which should generate a similar stream of funding to help the county deal with opioid abuse.



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### **OBITUARIES**

### SHARON K. SUTTON

Sharon Kay Sutton, 83, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at the Oakview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Burlington, Iowa.



Sharon was born July 26, 1940 in Dallas City, the daughter of Don and Joan (Curtis) Hancock. On August 15, 1959 she married Ron Sutton.

Besides Ron survivors include one daughter: Kelly (Craig) Petersen of Burlington, Iowa; two grandchildren: Curt Petersen and Kayla (Brian) Danielson; three great-grandchildren: Peter, Edward and Da-

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vid Danielson; two half-sisters: Terry Poston and Jerri Hancock and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister and brother-in-law: Darla and Jerry Newberry and one nephew: Michael Newberry.

Sharon was a 1958 graduate of Dallas City High School. She stayed at home while her daughter was young. She later worked for the United States Postal Service, where she retired from. She was an amazing seamstress, an avid reader and a lover of cats. Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with interment to follow at Harris Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for PAWs Animal Shelter. Memorials may be left later at the service or sent to the Sharon Sutton Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, P.O. Box 70, Dallas City, Illinois 62330

To leave an online condolence for family, please visit Sharon's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



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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:

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle

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

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MYTH #4: "It's Only a Muscle!"

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- straight if your life depended on it Trigger Point...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Uice-like...constantly locked down tight!
- □ Shooting...vicious but short-lived

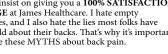
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#### [H #3: Your Back is "Out"!

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 torgue and tension imbalance of hips

ogether the ing 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!

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# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASS

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

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa. Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

Absent: Matt Pflug. All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

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

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

Public Input: Ryan Drenner with Xiphos, gave the Board an update on the NuStar pipeline project.

**Conservation Director** Heather Huebner gave the Board an update on the Pollmiller Park Project. They will be postponing the septic and shower house by the beach and installing a shower house in the campground instead.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approved a letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers encouraging them to reis-

### PUBLIC NOTICES

sue an easement for the Dakota Access Pipeline. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the October 16, 2023 Board minutes, the claims for payment for the week and a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Tena's Tap, Fort Madison, for the period October 17, 2023 through October 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve a change for Maintenance Department employee Sharon Bullard, from temporary to fulltime \$15.43/hr., effective 10/23/23 and a merit increase for IT Network Administrator Daniel Kern, from \$62,100.00/annually to \$68,000.00/annually, effective 10/30/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for the month of September 2023.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Community Action Board meeting, a Landfill Commission meeting, and reported that the Opioid Advisory Committee was filled. Holmes reported on a Workforce Development **Disability Committee** meeting. Fedler reported on a special RUSS Board meeting.

At 10:25 a.m. it was

moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 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** October 23, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting October 19, 2023 Board Met Virtually Via Teams

Called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll call: Alton\_X\_ Pollpeter\_X\_ Moore\_X\_ Patrick\_X\_ Benjamin\_X\_ Staff Present: Huebner, Veihl

Supervisor: Absent 1. Approval of Agenda Motion by Benjamin to approve the meeting agenda 2nd: Alton has been a stall in the Pollmiller Concessions/ Shower House building due to the septic. She is working with the project engineer and Lee County sanitarian on this portion of the project but does not believe they will come to a resolution in time to have the project complete in the current fiscal vear. She would like to shift gears and complete the shower house in the campground this year, instead. This project is already engineered and has septic completed. This will also ensure the park never has time without a shower house. Huebner will still be work-

Huebner explained

to the Board that there

ing on the original project and hopes to complete it in the future. The Board agreed that this would be a good change in order to still complete a necessary project this year.

Motion by Benjamin to move forward with the Pollmiller Campground Shower House Project 2nd: Alton Motion Carried 3. Adjournment Motion by Benjamin to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m. 2nd: Patrick Motion Carried James Patrick, LCCB Vice-President Caroline Veihl, LCCB

Secretary



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### **Sports/From the Front**

## Wilson says defense key to Hounds' success this winter

#### BLOODHOUNDS - Continued from Page 1

ing at 12 points per game and in rebounding with seven per game last season.

"He's very athletic, plays some more on the perimeter now, can go inside or outside," Wilson said. "There's a dynamic to his game — his skill set is pretty strong."

Rashid led the Bloodhounds with 33 3-pointers last season. Boeding led them with 57 assists, and Dear was second with 55.

Junior Dayton Lamar returns after playing in 21 games last season with one start. Lamar had 103 rebounds, second on the team. Nolan Guzman played in 17 games as a freshman.

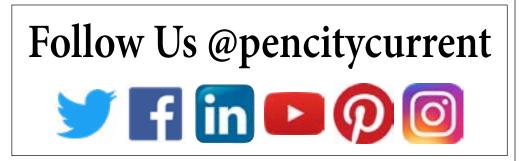
"We've got a lot of guys who can do different things for us," Wilson said. "I like our balance."

Wilson also has two foreign exchange students on his team, with one, Jan De Gracia Hernandez from Spain, getting a start in one of the Bloodhounds' scrimmages.

"He's a nice little guard," Wilson said. "You can definitely see the European ball skills, the European basketball, in him, from how he passes the ball, how he reads things. He can knock down open shots, and he's a really tough defender."

Defense, though, will be the key for the Bloodhounds.

"If we can play defense, not get beat off the dribble, make our opponents really work the shot clock, and then finish the possession by rebounding the ball, it will be big for us," Wilson said. "There were times last season when we didn't do it, and it hurt us. But if we can do that, we'll be a much better team this season."



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### WRESTLING

### Hounds suffer rare dual loss

FORT MADISON – It was rare air at the Hound Dome Thursday night. Fort Madison's boys' wrestling team was overwhelmed by the Quincy Blue Devils

in the season-opening dual 48-24.

Twelve of the Hounds points came on forfeits at 106 and 175, the other twelve came on pins by Logan Pennock and Nolan Riddle.

Fort Madison Head Coach Ryan Smith, who rarely minces words or makes excuses for losses, said the Bloodhounds have some work to do, but it's still early in the season.

"I expected us to fight back better. We let them come in here and represent. That's all there is to it," he said. "We can either pout about it or get better. Those are the two choices."

Pennock was the most aggressive Hound wrestler on the night, jumping all over Quincy's Austin Ragar. Pennock snapped Ragar to the mat quickly. Ragar worked his way around Pennock's wrestling style, but Pennock snapped him back down to the mat 50 seconds into the first period and then got the pin eight seconds later.

Riddle had to do a little more work to get his pin, but had control of the match and Quincy's Gunnar Derhake most of the way, getting the pin just a second before the first period expired.

The night got off to a rocky start when 5th-ranked Teague Smith couldn't shake off Bryor Newbold. Newbold basically rode Smith for two-and-a-half periods, but Smith couldn't get to his knees to get to the offensive part of his game.

Head Coach Ryan Smith said that could have had an impact on momentum in the opener.

"It shouldn't. It could have, but it shouldn't," Smith said.

"There's a lot of wrestling left. We just got to get better," Smith said. "I applaud those efforts (of Pennock and Riddle) but I'm not in it for just two guys, I'm in it for 36 guys.

"We've all got to get better, varsity and junior varsity. Everybody's got to get better. This is not what I want to see out here as a product, obviously. Quincy is a good team, but we didn't put forth the effort to make it a better battle."

One of Fort Madison's other ranked wrestlers, Ike Thacher, was in street clothes and a left arm sling.

Caleb Bolander was the closest to getting any additional points for Fort Madison, but fell in the final seconds 8-7 to Cale Mixer at 138 lbs.

Complete results of the match are below.

Quincy (Sr.) (QUINCY) 48.0 Fort Madison (FOMA) 24.0

190: Bryor Newbold (QUINCY) over Teague Smith (FOMA) (Dec 1-0) 215: Payton Eddy (QUINCY) over Aaron Warner (FOMA) (Fall 1:49) 285: Todd Smith (QUINCY) over Cory Arnett (FOMA) (Fall 5:42) 106: Cole Quittem (FOMA) over (QUINCY) (For.) 113: Hugh Sharrow (QUINCY) over Brody Bolander (FOMA) (Fall 3:59) 120: Wyatt Boeing (QUINCY) over Luke Vanderpool (FOMA) (MD 14-2) 126: Evan Wakefield (QUINCY) over Noah Swigart (FOMA) (Fall 2:00) 132: Logan Pennock (FOMA) over Austin Ragar (QUINCY) (Fall 0:58) 138: Cale Mixer (QUIN-CY) over Caleb Bolander (FOMA) (Dec 8-7) 144: Brody Baker (QUINCY) over Tateum Schelich (FOMA) (Fall 1:16) 150: Eli Roberts (QUINCY) over Rainer Johnson (FOMA) (MD 10-2) 157: Nolan Riddle (FOMA) over Gunnar Derhake (QUINCY) (Fall 1:59) 165: Owen Uppinghouse (QUINCY) over Joe Hartman (FOMA) (TF 17-1 2:11) 175: Gavin Callahan (FOMA) over (QUINCY) (For.) (QUINCY unsportsmanlike conduct -1.0)



CJ Arnett takes a run at the Blue Devils' Todd Smith in the 285 Ib. match Thursday night at the Hound Dome. The Hounds lost 48-24 to open the season.



We wish you all a blessed holiday season, Sincerely, Brian Schmitz, Mitch Beals & all their staff.



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