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## Good read and a movie

**HUNTER and PREY: Book** brings intrigue and murder to Ft. Madison and possibly a movie

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - When it's helping on movie sets, styling hair, or even pruning plants, Fort Madison's Aimee Gauley is going to find an outlet for her creative energy.

The owner of Aimee's Salon on 9th Street in downtown Fort Madison has just self-published a book based in Fort Madison, but fictional in nature. And not only has she published the book, but said there is also a movie deal in the works.

Gauley, who's served as an associate producer on several movie sets and has also been employed as a make-up and hair and special effects artist on sets said there are plans to shoot her murder mystery novel Hunter and Prey.

Gauley self-published the book at her own cost, but then has been marketing it regionally and grabbed the attention of festival producers who have shown interest in filming the book, which has prompted Gauley to develop a screenplay before actually finishing the thriller.

She had sent a portion of the novel to a production company who jumped at the chance to produce a

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Fort Madison's Aimee Gauley has self-published a non-fiction novel that has been given a movie production deal. The book goes on sale May 8 and the movie is set for production in the near future.

#### **COUNTY NEWS**

### DMV to donate plaque to Keokuk for organ donor

KEOKUK— Nathan Bowden, of Keokuk, tragically lost his life in a single-car accident in 2009 at the young age of 20. However, his legacy lives on through the selfless act of organ and tissue donation, which saved the lives of more than 17 individuals. In honor of Bowden's

altruism, Iowa Donor Network, the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), and the Lee County Treasurer's Office have united to commemorate his story with a permanent tribute plaque at the Lee County Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The unveiling

ceremony will take place on Friday, May 3rd, at 3 P.M., with Bowden's family in attendance. Members of the media are cordially invited to witness this heartfelt occasion at the Lee County DMV located inside the

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#### **GPAEA**

## Occupational therapists and COTAs support area educators

Submitted article

WEST BURLINGTON - As the educational landscape continues to evolve, Great Prairie Area Education Agency (GPAEA) acknowledges the indispensable contributions of its Occupational Therapists (OTs) and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants (COTAs) in supporting students' holistic development. Occupational Therapy (OT), a specialized support service catering to students from birth to 21 years of age in educational and/or home settings, is pivotal in enhancing students' abilities to engage meaningfully in their academic pursuits and daily activities.

OTs and COTAs within GPAEA collaborate closely with school personnel, parents, and interdisciplinary teams to assess, evaluate, and provide targeted interventions to address students' unique needs. These professionals develop tailored goals and accommodations through an integrated service model to foster students' growth and maximize their potential.

One of the distinguishing features of OT in educational settings is its emphasis on adapting materials, methods, and environments to create inclusive learning environments conducive to students' success. By working alongside teachers and parents, OTs and COTAs offer invaluable insights and strategies to optimize students' participation and achievement.

"GPAEA is immensely proud of the dedication and expertise demonstrated by our Occupational Therapists and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants," said Dr. Angelisa Fynaardt, Assistant Administrator/Director of Special Education at GPAEA. "Their unwavering commitment to supporting the diverse needs of students ensures that every learner has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally."

The impact of OT extends beyond the classroom, encompassing various as-

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#### For the Record/From the Front

#### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

04/30/24 – 9:15 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue E. 05/01/24 – 3:47 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

05/01/24 - 3:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue

05/01/24 - 3:50 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at 27th Street and Avenue

05/01/24 - 5:48 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue L.

05/02/24 - 8:09 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3400 block of Avenue N.

05/02/24 - 8:37 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue D.

#### **Keokuk Police Report**

04/30/24 - 1:58 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 3300 block of Middle Road.

04/30/24 - 3:43 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested

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Candace Yvonne Weddle, 30, of Keokuk, in the 300 block of Main Street, on a charge of 1st offense trespassing. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/30/24 – 4:11 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Thomas Christopher Dodge, 57, of Keokuk, in the 1300 block of Franklin Street, on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/30/24 - 8:02 p.m. -Keokuk police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 700 block of Boulevard Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Toni Jacqueline Sargent, 51, of Keokuk, was backing out of a driveway in the 700 block of Boulevard Road and struck a parked vehicle. No injuries were reported. The parked vehicle sustained moderate damages, but remained parked on scene; Sargent's vehicle sustained minor damages and was driven from the scene. Sargent was cited for unsafe backing.

04/30/24 - 8:02 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Boulevard Road.

04/30/24 - 8:04 p.m. - Keokuk police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1600 block of Timea Street

04/30/24 - 9:02 p.m. – Keokuk police cited and

released Sierra Marie Barta, 22, of Keokuk, at Main Street and Royal Road, on a charge of 2nd offense possession of marijuana. 05/01/24 – 10:03 a.m. – Keokuk police arrested a 17-year-old male juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 2200 block of Middle Road, on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight/violence. He was released to a parent.

05/01/24 – 10:34 a.m. – Keokuk police arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile, hometown not reported, in the 2200 block of Middle Road, on a charge of disorderly conduct – fight/violence. He was released to a parent.

05/01/24 – 3:25 p.m. – Keokuk police arrested Micheal Christian Carlton, 27, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Main Street, on a charge of 1st offense domestic assault – bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

#### Lee County Sheriff Report

04/30/24 - 9:09 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 16-year-old female juvenile, of Keokuk, in the 1900 block of West Point Road, on a charge of 1st offense permit minor use on property. She was referred to juvenile court.

04/30/24 – 9:11 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Johnathanne Taylor Palm, 27, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

04/30/24 - 2:11 p.m. -Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at 7th Street and Avenue D, West Point. According to the report, a vehicle driven by William Joseph Penisten, 74, of Des Moines, exceeded past the stop sign at 7th Street and Avenue D and struck a vehicle driven by Elaine Grace Printy, 25, of Keokuk. No injuries were reported. Penisten's vehicle sustained very minor damages; Printy's vehicle sustained functional damages; both vehicles were driven from the scene. No citations were reported.

04/30/24 – 4:18 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Christina Sue Ferrell, 40, of Muscatine, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for violation of probation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/02/24 – 12:36 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Lynsey Rae Ann Brobston, 32, of St. Paul, at Locust and Main Streets, St. Paul, on a charge of 1st offense OWI. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

# Keokuk marks 20th donor plaque handed out

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treasurer's office at 25 N 7th St. in Keokuk.

This marks the 20th DMV tribute plaque the Iowa DOT has installed in the state of Iowa since 2020. Each plaque honors a deceased donor, living donor, or recipient from the community in which the plaque is installed. The Iowa DOT collaborates with Iowa Donor Network to identify plaque honorees in each community and collect their stories to inspire more Iowans to say "YES" to becoming an organ, eye, and tissue donor when obtaining their driver's license. More than 1.6 million Iowans are registered to be organ, eye, and tissue donors, 97% have registered when getting a driver's license.

There are more than 103,000 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant in the United States, including 663 in Iowa. Iowans can register to save lives at their local driver's license service station or online anytime at <a href="IowaDonorNetwork.org">IowaDonorNetwork.org</a>.

#### **GPAEA** honors therapists

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pects of students' lives, including fine and gross motor skills development, sensory processing, self-care routines, and social-emotional well-being. Through individualized intervention plans, OTs and COTAs empower students to overcome barriers, build confidence, and achieve their full potential.

As GPAEA celebrates the invaluable contributions of its OTs and COTAs during Occupational Therapy Month, it underscores the agency's ongoing commitment to fostering inclusive and supportive educational environments where all students can flourish.





## Do you have time - to help stop crime?

Visit any of these Facebook pages to learn more about what the Neighborhood Watch Program is & how to start your own group or join an existing group!

Join us today to help keep our communities safer!



#### Health News/Lee County News

## GRHS offers senior health seminars at area locations

WEST BURLINGTON - The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will present the following Welcome to Medicare seminars at Great River Health locations. The seminars will cover:

- Medicare Parts A and B benefits.
- Prescription drug benefits (Part
  - Medicare Advantage plans.
  - Medicare supplement insurance.
- Identifying Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse.

The seminars will be offered at these times and locations:

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, West Burlington

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - Registration deadline: Monday, May 6,

5 to 7 p.m. Black Hawk Room 1221 S Gear Ave., West Burlington

To make a reservation, call 319-768-3342.

Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison

Thursday, June 6, 2024 - Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Willard and Canella Conference Room(s)

5445 Avenue O, Fort Madison (lower level-east side of building)

To make a reservation, call 319-768-3342.

Henry County Health Center, Mount Pleasant

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 - Registration deadline: Tuesday, June 14, 2024 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Health Education Center 407 White Street, Mount Pleasant To make a reservation, call 319-385-6774.

## Fareway to honor nurses with 10% discount Monday

NEWS RELEASE (BOONE, IA) -Fareway Stores, Inc. will showcase its appreciation of medical professionals with a special offer. In honor of National Nurses Day on Monday, May 6, all medical professionals are eligible to receive a 10 percent discount at the register.

"We are proud to celebrate our essential healthcare workers," said Fareway Chief Retail Officer Mike McCormick. "They continue to rise above the challenges, and we hope

this discount shows our appreciation for their continuous efforts."

Healthcare workers are asked to show a work badge or medical ID at the time of purchase. The offer is available in-store only on Monday, May 6, 2024, at all 139 Fareway locations. Tobacco, lottery tickets, and gift cards are not eligible for discount.

## Iowa AG leads coalition against Biden gun rule

DES MOINES—Today, Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird co-led a 21-state coalition in a lawsuit challenging the Biden Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms' extreme new rule that effectively bans gun sales.

The rule significantly expands the definition of a "firearms dealer," forcing Iowans to register as federal firearms dealers to sell even a single gun between family members. Americans who fail to do so may face significant penalties—including possible prison time. Transactions do not have to involve the exchange of money but could also include personal property or payment through service. The lawsuit follows a December 2023 letter Attorney General Bird co-led, demanding that Biden follow the law and eliminate the ban.

"It is clear that Biden will stop at nothing to criminalize law-abiding citizens for exercising their Second Amendment rights," said Attorney General Bird. "As a prosecutor, I

see his administration looking the other way when it comes to prioritizing going after gang members and violent felons with guns. Instead, he targets law-abiding firearms owners. It is wrong for Biden to force Iowans to become licensed firearms dealers just to sell a gun to a friend or family member. I am taking Biden to court to stand up for Iowans' Second Amendment rights."

The Biden Administration's rule violates the Second Amendment and the Administrative Procedure Act, which requires that federal agencies fully consider the costs of a proposed rule—and that rule's legality—before imposing it on the country.

Iowa co-led the lawsuit with Kansas and Montana. They were joined by Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

#### Keokuk library hosts student poetry work

Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996, National Poetry Month is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librari-

ans, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and—of course—poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives. (https:// poets.org/national-poetry-month)

Keokuk Art Center Director, Barb Edler, arranged for student work to be displayed. "The students learned that poetry

sometimes has patterns and rules and sometimes no rules at all, other than to express their ideas and emotions," said teacher Diane Berner.

"April poetry brings May flowers! Please be sure to view the student work in the Round Room of the Keokuk Public Library May 1-3," said Barb Edler.





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#### **Business News/Iowa News**

## Barr Memorial's Knowles honored at funeral directors' convention

**20 YEARS:** Kendra Knowles honored for two decades of service to families of Fort Madison

FORT MADISON - Kendra Knowles, funeral director with Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison, was honored at the Presidential Banquet of the Iowa Funeral Directors Association (IFDA) on April 16, 2024 with a Milestone Achievement Award for her 20 years as a licensed funeral director in Iowa. In 1998, she received her Associate in Applied Science Degree in Mortuary Science at Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Illinois. She went on to obtain her Illinois license and then in 2004, with the help of Thomas Barr as her preceptor, she obtained her Iowa license.

Also honored during the banquet were the surviving funeral director volunteers of the United Flight 232, that crashed 35 years ago at Sioux City, Iowa. Local

deceased funeral director, James Barr, was one of the 125 funeral directors that volunteered his time for the care of the 111 deceased souls.

Deanna Barr attended the IFDA convention April 16 - 18, 2024 in Altoona, Iowa. The theme of the 144th Annual IFDA convention was "Passport to Progress."

Deanna shared, "As funeral professionals, what we do matters, and attending the convention is a way to refuel and learn more from others in funeral service."

She attended several of the offered sessions, including: Embalming in Today's World; Iowa Laws and Rules; Mass Casualties and Affects on Funeral Professionals; Family Life and the Prep Room; and the annual IFDA meeting.

The Premier Midwest Funeral Service Expo was held during the convention. Deanna also attended a Service of Remembrance event honoring members and their families who died in the past year, which included her husband, Thomas Barr. The mission of IFDA is to promote and support funeral service excellence, and its vision is to provide trusted expertise to families in their times of need.

SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH:

Now check off what describes you:

straight if your life depended on it

out of bed in the morning

☐ Tension...always tight across the beltline

☐ Bent—crooked off to one side and can't stand up

☐ Stiff as a board...creak and groan when you first get

☐ Traitor...can't trust your back and what it's going to

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### State officials want major disaster declaration for Iowa

WASHINGTON - Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), along with Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Ashley Hinson (R-Iowa), Zach Nunn (R-Iowa) and Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa), today called on President Joe Biden to approve Governor Kim Reynolds' Major Disaster Declaration request following the severe storms that occurred in Iowa

Governor Reynolds is seeking federal resources from the Individual Assistance Program and the Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program, as well as hazard mitigation funding. The Individual Assistance request covers the following nine counties: Clarke, Crawford, Harrison, Mills, Polk, Pottawattamie, Ringgold, Shelby and Union.

The severe storm event consisted of 24 tornadoes, resulting in significant debris, power outages and extensive damage to property. It decimated several small and rural communities in Pottawattamie County, left one Iowan deceased and injured seven others. The Federal Emergency Management Agency Individual Assistance Program provides disaster-affected homeowners, renters and businesses access to recovery services, including help with housing, personal property replacement, medical expenses and legal services.

allows homeowners, renters, businesses and most nonprofit organizations impacted by disasters to apply for low-interest disaster loans.

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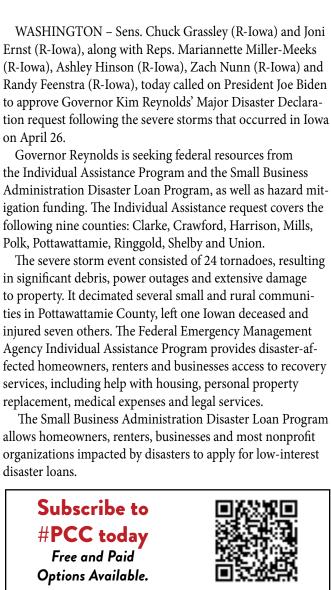
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Do You Have Hip Pain? Are You As Stiff As a Board When You Try to Get Up From a Chair? Have You Run Out of Hope?

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

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

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



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#### MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:

#### getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an "arthritis fairy"?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

#### MYTH #3: Your Back is "Out"!

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- $\bullet \ pelvis \ torque \ and \ tension$ • imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a "2nd stringer" will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

#### It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

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

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, "Charley Horse"!

That's why it's important to examine the spine

AT THE SAME TIME as the muscles that control

it. It's also why we've had such outrageous success with even the worst backs at James Healthcare. Because we deal with BOTH the spine and muscles at the same time. We have spine doctors (chiropractors), pain doctors (nurse practitioners) and muscle professionals (therapists) and together they deliver an outstand-

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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#### Sports

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Bo Herdrich tees off on Hole No. 7 at the SEI Superconference golf meet Wednesday at Sheaffer Memorial Golf course in Fort Madison.

## Hawks's Larson runner-up at SEISC golf tourney

FORT MADISON – Caleb Larson shot a 9-over par 81 to lead Central Lee to second place at the SEI Superconference golf tournament Wednesday at Sheaffer Memorial Golf course.

Mylan Lowenberg shot an 85 and Carter Jones carded an 87 as the Hawks scored 344 to finish 20 points behind Mediapolis who captured the tournament title. Carson Morrison came around with a 91 to finish off the scoring players for Central Lee.

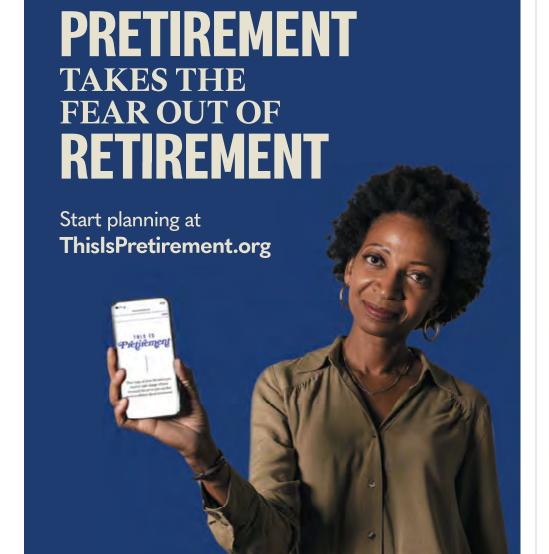
Holy Trinity Catholic's Luke Hellige shot a strong 86 to lead the Crusaders to a 9th-place finish. Nathan Box finished with a 102 and Brock Scheetz had 105 for HTC. Andy Mehmert wrapped up HTC's scoring players with a 108 for a team total of 401.

Mediapolis' Jacob Grier was medalist with an 80. Van Buren's TJ Jirak was runner-up with an 91. Central Lee's Larson tied for 2nd in the 15-team event. Hellige finished tied for 15th.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic's Brock Scheetz hits his second shot on Hole No. 15 Wednesday in the Southeast Iowa Superconference tournament in Fort Madison.





Lunch Specials April 29 - May 3 11am - 1pm

Monday, April 29 Spaghetti, Cottage Cheese, Breadstick

Tuesday, April 30 Meatloaf, Loaded Potatoes, Beans

Wednesday, May 1 Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn

THURSDAY, MAY 2
FRIED CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday, May 3 **Grilling on the Sidewalk** 

#### Classifieds/Public Notices

## PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSII

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2024** 

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.

Present: Garry Seyb, Tom Schulz, Chuck Holmes, Ron Fedler and 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 Pflug, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input: Keith Menke, West Point, spoke to the Board regarding an additional amount added to the invoice he received from a vendor that applied chloride to Otte Road, the gravel road on which

he lives. The County had previously passed a Resolution charging \$50 per 500 feet to cover the cost the County has to maintain those sections of road. Tony Menke, Maple Lane, presented a report showing that treating a road with chloride is actually beneficial. Sean Wright, Jim Wages and Dave Schevers, also residents of Otte Road, felt they were being unnecessarily penalized for making the road better.

**County Auditor Denise** Fraise read the following statement "I have been asked by the Lee County Board of Supervisors to validate the signatures on petitions submitted to me by the Lee County Farm Bureau. A count by my office staff was 1,252 on the petitions. There were two people from out of County that submitted signatures that were disqualified, bringing the official count to 1,250."

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #202467. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

#### **RESOLUTION #2024-67**

Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal EMS Improvement Loan Agreement following a petition

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Lee County, Iowa (the "County"), has established the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2 (the "Urban Renewal Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Board heretofore proposed to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal **EMS Improvement Loan** Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 331.441(2) (b)(14), Section 331.402, Section 331.442, and Chapter 403 of the

Code of Iowa, for the purpose of carrying out the Keokuk Emergency Medical Services Building Project (the "EMS Project"), a project in the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #2 authorized by action of the Board on August 21, 2023, and in lieu of calling an election upon such proposal, has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon, and a petition has been filed with the County asking that the question of entering into the Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has reported that the petition has the sufficient number of signatures from eligible voters in the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, as follows:

Section 1. Following discussion and consideration of the funding for the Project, the Board of

Supervisors determines not to proceed with entering into the Loan Agreement and will not call a referendum on the issue of borrowing money for the Project.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

Passed and approved March 4, 2024.

/s/ Tom Schulz, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion on financing the Keokuk Ambulance Building.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2024-68. Roll call: Schulz-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

#### **RESOLUTION #2024-68**

Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Health Building Improvement Loan Agreement following a petition

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Lee County, Iowa (the "County"), has established the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #1 (the "Urban Renewal Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Board heretofore proposed to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal **EMS Improvement Loan** Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 331.441(2) (b)(14), Section 331.402, Section 331.442, and Chapter 403 of the Code of lowa, for the purpose of carrying out the Lee County Health Department Project (the "Proj-

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ect"), a project in the Lee County Urban Renewal Area #1 authorized by action of the Board on May 22, 2023, and in lieu of calling an election upon such proposal, has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon, and a petition has been filed with the County asking that the question of entering into the Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has reported that the petition has the sufficient number of signatures from eligible voters in the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, as follows:

Section 1. Following discussion and consideration of the funding for the Project, the Board of Supervisors determines not to proceed with entering into the Loan Agreement and will not call a referendum on the issue of borrowing money for the Project.

Section 2. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law

Passed and approved March 4, 2024.

/s/ Tom Schulz, Vice-Chair, Board of Supervisors. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion on financing the Health/EMS Building in Fort Madison.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Schulz, to approve Resolution #2024-66. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Schulz-aye, Fedler-aye, Pflug-aye and Seyb-aye.

#### **RESOLUTION #2024-66**

LEE COUNTY BRIDGE EMBARGO RESOLU-TION

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.236

Sub. (8), 321.255, and 321.471 to 321.473 to prohibit the operation of vehicles or impose limitations as to the weight thereof on designated

highways or highway structures under their jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS: The Lee County Engineer has completed, or has caused to be completed, the Structure Inventory and Appraisal of certain county bridges, in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and has determined, or it has been determined, that they are inadequate for two-lane legal loads at allowable operating stress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors that the following vehicle and load limits be established and that signs be erected advising of the permissible maximum weights thereof on the bridges listed below and supersedes all previous resolutions on specific bridge postings.

Bridge No. FHWA No. Location Feature crossed Posted Limit (Tons) Cedar 13 219900 32-69-07 Sugar Creek 20-35-35

Passed and approved this 4th day of March, 2024.

Recommended: /s/ Benjamin Hull, P.E., Lee County Engineer. Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Garry Seyb, Chairman; /s/ Tom Schulz, Vice-Chair; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member and Matt Pflug, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Planned Services Agreement with Johnson Controls for Central Station Monitoring at Lincoln Ridge Apartments, for the period February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2029. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Pflug, to approve a Leave Time Donation Policy and the accompanying forms. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Holmes, to reinstate the policy of asking the Board for approval to replace an employee due to retirement or resignation. The Sheriff's Office are allowed to replace one deputy position with a certified candidate. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve combining the Safety Director position with the Maintenance Director position into a Facilities, Safety and Risk Management Director position. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to set Monday, April 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, for the Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Schulz, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the February 26, 2024 Board minutes, the claims for payment and a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park, for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve a new hire for the Veteran Affairs Commission, Matthew Doty, Commissioner, \$40 per meeting, effective 2/12/24 and a transfer for Chastity Kearns, from Records Clerk in the Treasurer's Office \$21.87/hr. to a Secretary in General Relief, \$19.94/hr., effective 3/11/24. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Pflug reported on an employee Health Insurance Committee meeting. Holmes reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting and a Children First Board meeting. Schulz reported on an **Economic Development** Board event with Debi Durham, Iowa Finance Authority Executive Director and Director of Iowa **Economic Development** Authority.

At 11:50 a.m. it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

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

#### Claims paid March 4, 2024

ABC Fire, svs1225.75
Airgas USA, splys50.94
Alliant, svs126.25
Altorfer, parts 1508.77
Andrsn/Rbrts/Prth, svs
389.40
B Bonar, svs200.00
Bound Tree Med, splys
2001.47
Brookes Publ, mtrl

149.95 Brozene Hydrlc, svs	,
56.13 BTNCO, svs54.50	
K Burkhardt, reimb	
Calhoun-Burns, svs	(
Cntrl IA Juv Dtntn, svs	
3809.34 City/Donnellson, svs	
Comm Action, svs	
886.83 Compass Mnrls, svs	
13432.60 CSW Svs, svs2000.00	;
Dly Gate City, publ1.86 Darkside Tint, splys	
220.00 Dvnprt Printing, splys	
189.80 RK Dixon Co, equip	
5417.58 Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	
65.00 Donnellson Tire, svs	
25.00 Farm/Home, splys85.64	
R Fedler, exps80.00 Fehseke/Gray, svs	
259.00 Floyds EZ Way, svs	
75.00 FM Water, svs142.61	i
D Fraise, exps40.00 N Granaman, svs	
1462.95 Grt Prairie AEA, svs	
500.10 GRRWA, svs19.56	;
GrtAmer Fnncl, equp212.93	
Heritage Med, splys	,
Huffman Welding, equp 2151.43	,
ICS Jail Splys, splys	,
IA Comm Assrnc Pool, svs3249.00	i
IA Dpt Pblc Sfty, splys2250.00	
IA Prison Ind, splys4316.49	
Jays Auto, svs85.75	

Jet Gas, fuel ......6276.21

Jireh Inc, fuel1489.92
JJD Contracting Co, svs
182400.00
P Kaltefleiter, exps45.20
Klingner Assoc, svs
7340.23
G Knisley, exps138.50
R Kuntz, svs298.00
LeeCo Treas, costs
17524.99
Liberty Utility IA, gas
540.39
Lick Creek Entrps, mtrl
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570.98
Madison Turf/Timber,
splys241.40
Mail Svs, pstg1267.68
Martin Equip, equp
2686.58
Master's Touch, svs
8745.00
MidAmer Enrgy, gas
1430.03
MtHamill Elvtr, splys
467.39
O'Reilly Auto, parts
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Matt Pflug, exps40.00
Pilot Grove Bnk, splys
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Prairie Farms, splys
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#### From the Front

### Book goes on sale May 8

**NOVEL** - Continued from Page 1

full length film based on the novel.

Gauley is working with Barnes and Noble in Iowa City who she said at first wasn't interested in self-published works.

"Until they were like 'Oh, its already been optioned for a movie' and I told them I stopped writing the book to finish the screenplay after the production company read the first part of the book and wanted to put it on their slate of projects," she said.

Having never written a screenplay before, Gauley didn't hesitate.

"I never say I can't do anything and I was like 'Yeah, I can do that'. But I had no idea how to do that so I had to learn."

She's worked with different production companies, including the company that produced "Intent Unknown" that was partially filmed in Fort Madison by TNG Films and premiered in March. Another project she worked on was a movie shot in the Quad Cities called Paper Plates, a feature-length comedy released in February. That movie won best comedy at one festival and was honorable mention in other festivals.

The experience in working on those sets positioned her well to develop the screenplay for her own book, and the networking helped set the stage for the future production of "Hunter and Prey." Production was supposed to have started this year, but the company's schedule

has been pushed back.

"Hunter and Prey" was her first book and she's not starting on a second novel. She said most people are getting through the novel in two to three days.

"It's set in Fort Madison about a woman who owns a flower shop and she's going through a nasty divorce and her estranged husband has ties to law enforcement and he's stalking her," Gauley said.

"The twist on this is there is a mentally unstable person who enters into the mix. The estranged husband is so focused on terrorizing and tormenting her that he doesn't recognize that someone is targeting him."

She said she references the Old Fort, Parthenon Pizza, Chuong Garden, the Sheaffer Pen building, and Simple Table.

"The main character grew up on a farm outside of Keosauqua," she said. "It's something that I'm hoping goes on and does really great things. And I love Fort Madison."

Those interested in purchasing the novel can do so starting at midnight May 8th on Amazon. There is a hardback and a paperback and other bookstores will be allowed to order the book through Amazon partners through expanded distribution.

"When most people self-publish it can be crap, but I guarantee you this isn't crap," Gauley said.



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Fort Madison's Aimee Gauley poses with Eric Roberts in 2022 when Roberts was filming Intent Unknown in Fort Madison. Gauley has penned her own book Hunter and Prey which has been picked up as a movie production.

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