# LEGAL NOTICES

### PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVIORS

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors has ap ted Anne Quail to fill the vacancy in the Palo Alto County Attorney's Office effective February 20, 2024. The appointment was made under Code of Iowa 69.14A, Subsection 2. The appointment by the Board of Supervisors shall be for the period until

the next pending election. The electors of the county have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election. The petition is due within fourteen (14) days from the date of ap-

Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors

# CITY OF EMMETSBURG

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2024 Obstruction Removal - Trees Emmetsburg Municipal Airport

Public Hearing on Proposed Contract Docu-ments and Estimated Costs for Repair or Improvement. A public hearing will be held by the ments (plans, specifications and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvement at its meet

2021 Main Street, Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Removal of Trees

off Runway End 13 and Runway End 31 At said hearing, the City Council will consider the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated total cost for the project, the same now being on file in the office of the City Clerk, 2021 Main Street, Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536, reference to which is made for a more detailed and complete de scription of the proposed improvements, and at said time and place the said City Council will also receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifica tions. estimate of cost, and form of contract made by any interested party.

## PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVIORS

February 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors were invited to meet with Farm Bureau representatives on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Office in Emmetsburg. Members present: Ron Graettinger, Keith Wirtz, Craig Merrill, Linus Solberg; Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer; Jordan Morey, Clerk. Absent: Roger Faulstick

The Supervisors gave an overview of items and issues that are taking place in county government and answered questions. Craig Merrill, Chair, gave an update on Drainage District 180 Lateral 1, CO2 Pipeline and proposed wind sites

Ron Graettinger discussed the jail and stated it will

agement and drainage updates in the County. Linus Solberg gave an update on the County At-torney position and stated that someone has been hired and will be sworn in on Tuesday, February Walter Davis-Oeth discussed the upcoming year

Keith Wirtz gave an update on the watershed man

No action was taken. The Board of Supervisors ad-

Craig Merrill, Chair

be fully functioning next week.

Jordan Morey, Clerk

## PROBATE: JAMES L. UNFERTH

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. UNFERTH, Deceased

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James L Unferth, Deceased, who died on or about January 18

You are hereby notified that on February 21, 2024.

the undersigned was appointed administrator of the

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from

the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise Dated February 21, 2024

Brenton J. Unferth, Executor of Estate

Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin 54935 John D. Brown, ICIS#: AT0001205

Berkland & Brown Law Office Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 246 Emmetsburg, IA 50536

Dalton J. Kidd, ICIS#: AT0010964 Attorney for Executor Kidd Law Firm, PLLC 2112 Main Street Emmetsburg, IA 50536

Date of second publication March 7, 20241

# PROBATE: ANNETTE PETERSON

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF ANNETTE PETERSON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: All persons interested in the Estate of Annette M. Peterson, Deceased, who died on or about December 23, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of Jan Peterson, deceased, bearing date of the 19th day of September, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Jason Robert Nock was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice

to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the

thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to

the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by laws, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Executor of the Estate Jason R. Nock 905 25th Street SW

Matthew Early Law Office Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Date of second publication: February 29, 2024

# PALO ALTO COUNTY SUPERVIORS

Courthouse Emmetsburg, Iowa February 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

The Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Members present: Craig Merrill, Chair; Roger Faulstick, Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz Ronald Graettinger, Present: Diane Weiland, Reporter/Democrat; Delray & Jan Bredehoeft, Jim & Sharon Neighbors; Ed & Sue Kelly; John King, Sheriff; Aletha King; Carla Larson, Laura Winter. Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions of

fered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Graettinger, Wirtz, Solberg, Faulstick Merrill. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Craig Merrill, Chair, called the meeting to order

and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Solberg to approve the agenda for February 20, 2024. Motion Carried.

Motion by Graettinger, 2nd by Faulstick to approve the minutes for February 13&15, 2024. Motion Car-

Mark Sherinian, Attorney, was present by conference call and explained the process of appointment for the County Attorney. Notice of Appointment was

republished to give the proper notice under Iowa Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Graettinger to introduce

and approve resolution to appoint Anne Quail as County Attorney who will immediately assume all duties and responsibilities of the Palo Alto County Attorney Quail will hold the position as a part-time county officer, as permitted under Iowa Code Section 331.752, so that she may continue to participate in private practice cases. The annual salary of the County Attorney is set at \$100,998.

Ayes: Merrill, Graettinger, Solberg, Wirtz, Faulstick. Nays: none. Resolution passed. Anne Quail was sworn in as County Attorney and

took the Oath of Office. Anne Quail clarified she will be working a minimum of 40 hours a week and assume all duties & responsibilities of the County At-The Board considered a 28E Agreement for Clay

County Attorney to assist Palo Alto County Attorney with the backlog of cases.

Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Faulstick to int and approve the 28E Agreement with Clay County Attorney to assist Palo Alto County Attorney v

the backlog of cases. Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill. Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-20-2024

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGAGE-COUNTY REGARDING WIND ENERGY CONSERVATION SYSTEM ORDINANCES AND SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT ORDI-

# NANCES IN PALO ALTO COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the County has identified the need to retain a law firm to provide legal services regarding its wind and solar ordinance matters and believes it is in the best interests of the County to engage out

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto County Board of Super visors has received the proposed fee agreement from the Hanigan Law Group, PLC, dated February 7, 2024, and feels that it is in the best interest of the County to engage this law firm to advise in these and

WHEREAS, Attorney Bill Hanigan participated in the board's meeting on Tuesday, February 13th 2024, to discuss the prospective engagement of the Hanigan Law Group, PLC and the terms outlined therein, during which Board members asked their re-lated questions, which Mr. Hanigan answered.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, following review, consideration, and discussion, finds that Hanigan Law Group, PLC should be engaged pursuant to the engagement letter, dated February 7 2024 and an appropriate representative of the County is authorized to execute said agreement and behalf of Palo Alto County and deliver to the Hanigan Law

and approve Resolution No. 2-20-2024 approving engagement of attorneys to advise the county regard ing wind energy conservation system ordinances and solar energy project ordinances in Palo Alto County Ayes: Faulstick, Wirtz, Solberg, Graettinger, Merrill

Ed Kelly was present for public comment. Ed advised the Board he is filing a personal lawsuit against the Board of Supervisors, Carmen Moser, and John

Delray Bredehoeft asked when Vesta's will make an application. Carla Larson asked if the Board would get a map of the proposed turbines. Carla stated that our attorney has filed against the FAA Walter Davis-Oeth, County Engineer, met with the

Board. Walter presented the 4 quotes for pavement Motion by Wirtz, 2nd by Graettinger to approve the pavement marking quote with Vogel Traffic Services for \$87,402. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports: Roger: NW Iowa Planning

& Development; RIDES; Palo Alto Co. Connections Motion by Solberg, 2nd by Wirtz to adjourn at 9:05

Craig Merrill, Chairman Carmen Moser, County Auditor

# PROBATE: KAREN J. KESLER

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN J. KESLER, Deceased

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Karen J. Kesler, Deceased, who died on or about January 27

You are hereby notified that on February 8, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Karen J. Kesler, deceased, bearing date of June 21, 1995, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Dawn Brown was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the disfour months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascer-

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the

above named district court, as provided by law, duly uthenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred

Dawn Brown, Executor of Estate Armstrong, Iowa 50514

Attorney for Executor Berkland & Brown Law Office 2112 Main Street

Attorney for Executor Kidd Law Firm, PLLC P.O. Box 246 metsburg, IA 50536

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EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Regular Meeting Board of Educat February 20, 2024

Also Present: Cory Jenness, Alyssa Enderson, Tracie Christensen, Tim Rodemeyer, and Tyler Bjustrom

Bruce Nelson, Board Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:30 am. Val Morton arrived at 6:32 am.

TEACHING & LEARNING Auditorium Naming: Brandt Roskens presented the

opportunity to name the auditorium after Dave and Kelley Fog. His request also included naming the sound booth after Dan Voigt. FFA Presentation: Mr. Vermeer and Ag students

Administrative Reports: Building Principals preented the monthly reports to the Board of Education. Superintendent Jenness reviewed the activity director report and the student board report.

CONSENT ITEMS: Huberty motioned to approve

the consent items including: January board mi Claims, SBO Financial reports, and Field Trip Requests. Seconded by Grimm. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

Riley to approve second reading. Seconded by Morton. All voted affirmative. Motion carried. NEW BUSINESS

board meeting

berty to approve the naming of Emmetsburg Auditorium to Dave & Kelley Fog Auditorium and the by Riley, All voted in favor, Motion carried.

Room. Motion by Caven to open the public hearing. Seconded by Morton, All voted affirmative. There were no comments received on the academic calendar. Motion by Huberty to close the public hearing at 7:37 am. Seconded by Grimm. All voted affirma tive. Motion carried.

Roethler, and Huberty. Nay- Riley, Nelson. Motion

voted affirmative. Motion carried. Visitor Press Box: Discussion was had on the need

tions of: Kristi Anderson- paraeducator, and Cassan dra Ayers- cook; and the new hires of: Chelsea Kenyon- 3 Year PK Teacher, Ryan Brennan- Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Sheila Kulow- Volunteer Cheer Coach, and Erin Handeland- Volunteer Track Coach. Seconded by Roethler. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.

Open Enrollments: Motion by Riley to approve the

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{ADJOURNMENT:}}$  Riley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 am. Seconded by Morton. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Dated February 8, 2024

John D. Brown, ICIS#: AT0001205

Dalton J. Kidd, ICIS#: AT0010964

## EMMETSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Education of Emmetsburg Community School District met in a regular session on February 20, 2024 at 6:30 am in the Central Office

Present: Kathy Roethler, Bill Huberty, Val Morton Lori Riley, Morgan Grimm, Bruce Nelson, and Kyle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Roethler to approve the agenda. Seconded by Caven. All voted affirmative. Motion carried.

shared their vision/plan for the Greenhouse.

Second Reading Board Policies: Jenness reviewed board policies 300-302.8 that were discussed at the Policy Development Committee meeting. Motion by

First Reading Board Policies: Jenness reviewed board policies 303-303.9, 505.8 that were discussed at the Policy Development Committee meeting. The second reading will be held at the regular March Auditorium/Sound Booth Naming: Motion by Hu-

Sound booth to Dan Voigt Sound booth. Seconded Public Hearing for 2024-25 School Calendar: A Public Hearing was held regarding the 2024-25 Academic Calendar at 7:15 am in the District Board

Motion by Grimm to approve the FY25 Academic Calendar as presented. Seconded by Morton. All voted affirmative. Ayes- Morton, Caven, Grimm.

Concession Stand Project: Motion by Huberty to table the Concession Stand proposal from CMBA in the amount of \$500,000.00. Seconded by Riley. All

for a Visitor Press Box. No motion was made. Personnel: Motion by Caven to approve the resigna-

Open Enrollments as presented. Seconded by Nelson. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting is March 20th at 6:30 AM in the Central Office Board Room.

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# **Assessor's Budget Determined at Public Hearing**

A public hearing was held all were in favor. late Tuesday morning in the Supervisors Board room with Board members present for the adoption of the 2024-2025 Assessor's Office Budget. This meeting took place after the Palo Alto County Conference Board held a meeting to discuss with Assessor Jodi Jergens her proposed budget and annual report.

At that meeting the 2024-After some discussion Pat Degen made a motion to approve the budget of \$367,329 with Ron Graettinger seconding

The next step for the Assessor's budget was the hearing on Tuesday. Jergens supplied those in attendance a copy of the proposed budget and the minutes from the Conference Board meeting.

Jergens went through the various budget categories and the comparisons with the Actual 2022-23, Budgeted 2023-24 and the Used amount at the end 2025 budget was reviewed. of 12/31/2023. She answered questions about salaries, data processing and pictometry. She stated that she increased data processing by \$5000 because the motion. In a roll call vote, she did not budget enough the

previous year. She explained that the officer salaries are the same as the elected officials throughout the courthouse. One individual in her office will now go to 90% of the officer. That is how the raises are figured.

She also explained how important pictomertry is when it comes time to assess properties and having the ability to view new structures that have not been reported. There was a discussion about

appraisals for POET and WILDO ROSE CASINO. It would be beneficial for the assessor and the companies to

have routine appraisals. Following the questions, Supervisor Merrill who was conducting the hearing asked for a motion

Kevin Jensen moved to approve the Assessor's 2024-25 Budget. Katrina Williams seconded the motion. Both were members of the Palo alto County Conference Board. All

voted in favor. Supervisor Solberg then introduced the newly appointed county attorney Anne Quail Anne provided information about her position and the back log of cases that she is tackling

# Farm Credit Services Luther College's of America Cash-Back Dean List

Farmers and ranchers in Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Humboldt, Kossuth and Palo Alto counties will be receiving an estimated \$6.9 million in cash-back dividends returned by Farm Credit Services of America (FCSAmerica) as part of the financial cooperative's patronage program. Eligible customer-owners will be issued cashback dividend checks the last week of January.

"No other lender can say it has shared its financial success with customers in such a tangible and meaningful way," says Jim Knuth, FCSAmerica senior vice president of business development in Iowa. "Cash-back dividends effectively reduce our cost of borrowing. But there also is an exponential impact to putting money into the pockets of farmers and ranchers to invest in their operations, families and rural communities."

# 2024 County-Level Cash-Back Dividends Distribution

This year's cash-back dividend is equal to 100 basis points or a return of 1% of a customer's eligible average daily loan balance with FCSAmerica. The 2024 payout equates to the following county-level distributions:\*

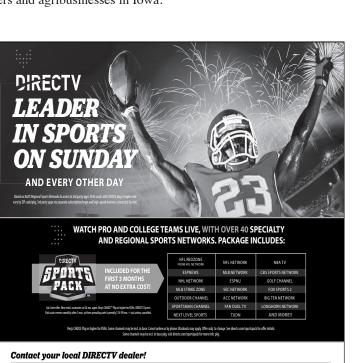
- \$722,000 in Clay County. - \$607,000 in Emmet County.

- \$549,000 in Dickinson County. - \$703,000 in Humboldt County.

- \$2.6 million in Kossuth County. \$1.7 million in Palo Alto County

\*Amounts are rounded. Payout data for every county in Iowa is available on the interactive 2024 Cash-Back Dividends Distribution Map.

The Board of Directors for FCSAmerica has also approved a cash-back dividend to be paid from the cooperative's 2024 net earnings, the amount of which will be determined in December. Since 2004, FCSAmerica has offered a patronage program and shared its success in the form of cash-back dividends. The cooperative has now returned more than \$1.3 billion to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in Iowa.



# Gabrielle Janssen, a graduate of Emmetsburg High School, has been named to Luther College's Fall 2023 Dean's List. Luther College's Fall 2023 Dean's List includes 571 students:

107 first-years, 106 sophomores, 144 juniors and 214 seniors. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and must complete at least 12 credit hours with 10 hours of conventional grades (A, B

# Iowa DNR to Begin **Spring Burning**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting prescribed burns this spring on wildlife management areas managed by the Iowa DNR's Prairie Lakes Wildlife Unit in Clay, Palo Alto, Emmet and Kossuth

Areas scheduled for prescribed burns are Dewey's Pasture, Hawk Valley, Tom Tuttle Marsh, Little Sioux, Fen Valley, Elk Lake, Barringer Slough, Dan Green Slough and Ocheyedan in Clay County; Blue Wings Marsh, Dewey's Pasture, West Fork and Fallow Marsh in Palo Alto County; Ingham-High, Bur Oak, Anderson Prairie, Birge Lake, Tuttle Lake, West Swan Lake, Eagle Lake, 4 Mile Lake and Twelve Mile Lake in Emmet County; Goose Lake, Burt Lake, Seneca and Iowa Lake Marsh in Kossuth County; and Pickerel Lake

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Prescribed burns are used to improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential and vary in size from a few acres to several hundred acres. Burn units are typically on a 4-5 year rotation.

Prescribed burns typically begin mid to late morning and are completed by late afternoon or early evening between mid-March and mid-May. Burns will be conducted on a day that meets the objectives and weather conditions defined in the burn plan. Any prescribed burns that are not able to be completed this spring will be considered for the burn sched-

Contact Iowa DNR wildlife biologist Rob Patterson at 712-330-2563 with any questions or







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