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## Honoring those before



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison firefighter Chuck Fullenkamp, left, and Captain Eric Kern, get poles ready for flags at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery Wednesday morning in front of Memorial Day.

### RESIGNATION

## Ireland steps aside as AD at Central Lee

Announcement comes days after Swink says he's stepping down at FM

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON — The Central Lee Community School District is searching for its next Activities Director.

According to Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier, the individual hired will replace Jerry Ireland, who has led the district's activities and athletics for the past five years.

"Mr. Ireland has decided to step aside from the role and transition back to a

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### ATTEMPTED MURDER: Ray describes incident in post to Pen City Current

## Police ID suspect, victim in Monday shooting at Ivanhoe

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison police have released additional details regarding the shooting that took place Monday evening at Ivanhoe Park in Fort Madison.

The victim in the shooting, Brian Lee Scott Ray, 31, of Fort Madison sustained a gun shot wound to the leg, and was subsequently treated and released from the hospital.

Authorities have also put out a warrant for Aaron Kyle Richardson, 43, also of Fort Madison, who is wanted on suspicion of shooting Ray trying to collect an alleged debt.

According to police, Richardson and Tieshia Renee Ann Marshall, 21, of Fort Madison confronted Ray in the park about money

he owed a third party. Neither of the two men are believed to have known one another.

Officers located the vehicle and Marshall at a residence in Fort Madison and both the vehicle and the residence were searched after warrants were obtained.

Police believe Richardson has left the area and may possibly be en route to the Chicago area. He is described as a black male, about six feet tall and weighing about 210 pounds. Any persons familiar with this individual and or aware of his whereabouts are encouraged to call the Fort Madison Police Department at 319-372-2525.

Felony warrants have been sought for Richardson's arrest on charges of Attempted 1st degree murder, going armed with intent,

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### ISP

## C.O. assaulted Wednesday at ISP

FORT MADISON – A correctional officer was assaulted by an inmate at the Iowa State Penitentiary at approximately 8:15 a.m. this morning.

The officer was escorting an inmate to his cell when another inmate approached the officer and began assaulting him with closed-fist strikes to the officer's face. Additional officers were in the area and immediately began using defensive techniques while restraining the attacking inmate.

The officer that was assaulted was taken via department vehicle to the local hospital for medical treatment for injuries suffered during the assault. The officer suffered a broken nose from the assault.

The inmate has been evaluated by medical staff and found to have not suffered significant injuries.

This incident remains under investigation.

## Memorial Day ceremony to be held at 1812 Battlefield Park

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Friends of Fort Madison committee of the North Lee County Historical Society announced today that the annual Memorial Day ceremonies honoring the deceased soldiers that served at Fort

Madison 1808-1813 will be held at 9 am, Monday May 31.

The services will be held around the Battlefield Memorial with a few guest speakers, a recitation of the names of 22 known soldiers buried around the Old fort Madison site.

Shortly after the honor guard from the Old Fort will form up and fire a volley in remembrance of the 22 known deceased US Infantry soldiers that died while serving our country at Fort Madison. The ceremony is scheduled to last about 30 minutes

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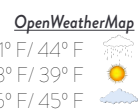
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### RITA T. MENKE

Rita T. Menke, 97, of Houghton, Iowa, passed away at 1:28 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Kensington in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Rita was born on May 18, 1924, in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Hiller J. and Mary M. (Heinz) Veith. On January 3, 1948, she married James H. Menke at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Keokuk, Iowa. He preceded her in death on July 16, 2004.



MENKE

She is survived by two sons: Mike C (Mary Lu) Menke and Marty A (Kathy) Menke of Houghton, Iowa; six grandchildren: Angie (Jeff) Lackie of Sequin, Texas, Wendy (Tim) Vonderhaar of West Point, Iowa, Kerri (Jeff) Phelps of Stockport, Iowa, Nicholas (Trisha) Menke of Adel, Iowa, Dana (Erik) Moore of Waukee, Iowa and Dylan (Selena Baccam) Menke of Des Moines, Iowa; ten great grandchildren: Eric, Luke, Judd and Dirk Daniels, Trenton and Meggie Meyer, Emma and Dean Phelps and Clara and Grace Menke; one sister: Sr. Mary Hillery Veith of Johnston, Iowa and one sister-in-law: Joan Menke of West Point, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Jim; grandson: Paul Menke and four brothers: Harold, Leo, James and John Veith.

Rita was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton. She was a simple soul, quiet in nature and deep rooted in her faith. She used her love of the outdoors to help teach her family of what was important, and that is all that God had created. She especially loved to watch birds, cardinals were her favorite. Along with her faith, her family was of utmost importance to her and she dearly loved time spent with them. She also, spent many a day with her sidekick, her sister, Mary. The two of them taught the grandchildren that sometimes the simplest things in life meant the most. Rita will be dearly loved and missed by all. The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton where a parish rosary will be recited at 10:30 a.m.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant. Mass will be live streamed on the church Facebook page and posted on her obituary "Tribute Wall" on our website following the service at: [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Houghton.

A memorial has been established in her memory for St. John's Catholic Church.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with local arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN R. JONES

John Richard Jones, 39, of Burlington, passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at Great River Medical Center in Burlington, Iowa.

John was born on October 28, 1981, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Johnny Ray Jones and Elizabeth Anne Jones. He graduated from Keokuk High School in 2000 and joined the United States Navy in 2001. He worked for many years as a painter for Joy Painting in Keokuk. He was a lifelong entrepreneur and collected gold and coins. He was an amazing cook, and his cheesecake recipe was enjoyed by all. If you were a friend of John, he would do anything for you. He always had a hug ready and had an infectious laugh and special sense of humor. He was flirtatious and charming and had a charismatic personality. John was beloved by all. He was always a jokester and was truly one-of-a-kind. More than anything, John loved his daughter Avayah Voorhees, who was born on May 1, 2012.



JONES

John is survived by his daughters Avayah Voorhees; step-daughters Alivia Voorhees and Yona Wheeler; parents John (Gigi) Jones and Elizabeth Jones; three siblings: Melissa Jones, Scott Jones and Taylor (Tyler) Tomlinson; step-brothers Steven Carter and Dabney Jones; grandmother Marian Phillips; step-mother Stacey Jones, and five nieces and nephews: Anchor Jones, Isabelle and Maxton Jones, and Alasca and Abrahm Tomlinson. Other survivors include many cousins, aunts and uncles.



John is preceded in death by five grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, Darlene Jones, Lloyd Sanderson, and Richard Phillips; step-sister Keanna Carter; brother Mark Pobanz; and two uncles: Edward and George Sanderson.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 7 pm on Friday, May 28, 2021, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Printy Funeral Home.

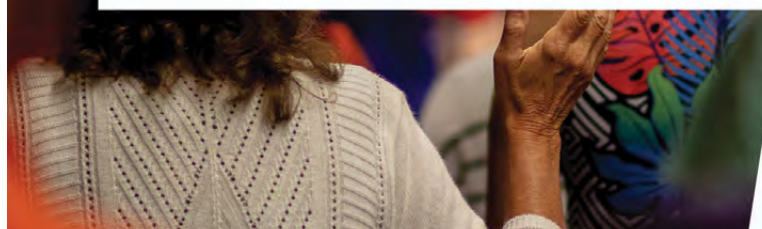
Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.printyfuneralhome.com](http://www.printyfuneralhome.com).

Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### DONALD E. WHEATLEY

Donald Eugene "Don" Wheatley, 78 of Keokuk, IA died Monday, May 24, 2021 at the Iowa City VA Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

He was born January 18, 1943 in Dallas City, IL the son of Claude and Henrietta Clark Wheatley.



WHEATLEY

Don was a veteran of the United States Navy and proudly served his country until his retirement.

On September 10, 1984 he was united in marriage to Rhonda Stephens. She preceded him in death on March 23, 2017.

Don was a lifetime member of Abate.

Don enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing. He loved his Harley Davidson motorcycle and enjoyed going for long rides. Above all else,

Don loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and his four legged companion, his dog Mabel. He was an avid reader and enjoyed telling stories to anyone that would listen.

He is survived by three sons, Justin Wheatley (Amy) of Hiawatha, IA, Shane Wheatley (Lyndsey Levetzow) of Milan, IL and Tyler Wheatley of Des Moines, IA, one daughter, Michelle

Hughes (Lee) of Hendersonville, TN, six grandchildren, Leighton Wheatley, Trenton Wheatley, Alexis Wheatley, Chloe Wheatley, Aaron Wheatley and Maximus Wheatley and one niece, Traci Wheatley.

Besides his wife Rhonda Wheatley, he was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Herbert Wheatley and Ed Wheatley.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at 10 a.m., Friday in the Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Mike Shea officiating.

Memorials may be made to the VA Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).



## Central Lee to begin search for new AD immediately

**IRELAND** - Continued from Page 1

full-time teaching position within Central Lee's physical education department. He cited wanting to have more time to spend with his family—especially his grandchildren—over the next several years," Crozier wrote in a release Thursday morning.

"I'm grateful for the time, energy and leadership Mr. Ireland has provided Central Lee for the past five years. Serving as an AD is a time-intensive responsibility, and Jerry is always supervising or attending our school events. He and

I had a great conversation about his future, and I support him prioritizing his family while continuing to serve our students and families."

The district will immediately begin its search and aims to name the next AD by mid-June.

The news comes on the heels of the announcement last week from Fort Madison Community School District that its AD, Jeremy Swink was leaving to take the same position with Prairie City Monroe in central Iowa.

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We remember and celebrate all those who fought for our freedom on this day.



Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition on Monday or Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7 and we will resume publication of the e-Edition Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Central Lee Sports

# Hopp shuts out Lady Panthers on two hits

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON – Meghan Hopp gave up just two hits and fanned 14 in a sparkling performance as Central Lee shut out Mt. Pleasant 6-0 Wednesday night at home.

Hopp threw 90 pitches and a whopping 71% for strikes and gave up just one walk on the night. A two-out double in the first inning to Mt. Pleasant's Savanna Walls on an 0-2 pitch and an infield single to freshman Emma Starr was all the offense allowed to the Panthers.

Central got on the board early when Alix Congdon walked and advanced on a groundout and stolen base, then came around to score on Shanna Buford's single to short left. Buford would score after moving around on a couple passed balls.

Jalyn Hawk singled with two outs and swiped second and then scored on an RBI single from Abby Simmons to center before Mt. Pleasant could get out of the inning down 3-0.

The Hawks would add a run in the second when Jaci Hawk scored from third on Halo Arrowood's single to left to make it 4-0.

Jaci Hawk and Congdon would give Central Lee two insurance runs in the bottom of the fourth to set the final at 6-0.

Buford led the Hawks at the plate going 1-for-3 with a run scored and 2 RBI. Arrowood, Jalyn Hawk, Simmons and Carlee Pezley had the other hits for the Central Lee (3-0). Mt. Pleasant falls to 0-2 on the year.

Central Lee's Thursday game at home with Holy Trinity was postponed due to weather.

On Tuesday, Buford hit an RBI double in the top of the third for the go-ahead run as Central Lee toppled Danville in the Lady Hawks 6-2 win Tuesday night.

Sophie Turner once again handled duties in the circle for Central Lee scattering six hits over five innings while striking out four and not giving up a walk.

Buford went 4-for-4 on the night with three singles

and the game-winning RBI.

Central Lee opened the scoring in the top of the second when Makayla Morrison singled, swiped second and would come around to score on Turner's one-out single up the middle.

Danville would tie things up in the bottom of the 1st when Madison Helmick doubled scoring senior Morgan Waste from 2nd base. Turner would work a strike out to the next hitter to retire the side.

Danville's only other run would come in the bottom of the seventh when Carlea Beckman scored on a fielding error after reaching on a one out single.

The Lady Hawks would put up two runs each in the fifth and seventh. Buford's one-out single to left-center scored Macy Watkins and Halo Arrowood scored off a wild pitch in the fifth. In the seventh, Buford opened the inning with a single to right and came around on Megan Hopp's triple to deep left field. Hopp would then score on a ground out to short by Morrison.

Abby Simmons when 2-for-4 on the night. Arrowood, Buford, Hopp, Turner, and Morrison all had RBIs. Morrison and Bailey Schwartz both had stolen bases. Hopp came on in relief and pitched the final two innings giving up three hits and striking out two against no walks.

Senior Haiden Molter went the distance for Danville, giving up 10 hits and six runs, five earned. Beckman, Molter and Kylie Palmer all had two hits for the Bears (0-1).

Central Lee (2-0) downed Wapello on Monday in its season-opener putting up three runs in the top of the seventh to get the win.

Arrowood led off the seventh with a double and came around to score on a 1-out single to right from Hopp. After Morrison fanned for the second out, Simmons singled to drive in Hopp and set up Turner's go-ahead single to score Simmons from 2nd.

The Lady Hawks get back to action Friday when they travel to New London.

# Danville hands Central Lee boys loss in opener

*Hawks fall to 1-1 to start the year after win over Wapello*

BY PCC STAFF

DANVILLE – Danville put up a six-spot in the second inning chasing starter Corbin Pohren as the Bears rolled to a 9-5 season-opening win over Central Lee Tuesday night.

The Hawks gave up two triples and a double in the second frame where Danville reached on four straight hits with two outs. A Klayton Kleinkopf triple scored two runs before Kade Myhre could entice a groundout for the third out to get out of the inning with the Hawks down 6-1.

Central Lee would pick up a run in the third to close the gap when Pohren scored on a Dylan Stuecker ground out to first. Alex Sandoval would single to center and swipe second, but Tanner DeMoss would fly out to short to end the rally.

Both teams would put up two runs in the fourth highlighted by sophomore Ryan Roberts double to center. Roberts would come around to score on a sacrifice fly by Cory Jones. Pohren would single to keep the inning alive, but Myhre's strikeout would end the inning.

An unearned run in the fifth cut the lead to three at 8-5, but Danville responded with a run in the bottom of the sixth to set the final score. The Hawks move to 1-1 on the year after downing Wapello 2-0 in the season opener Monday. They travel to New London on Friday.



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## Sports



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Mike Mertens of Salem has qualified as one of 53 fisherman to participate in the national BFL Phoenix "All American" in Tennessee in June.

# Salem's Mertens qualifies for national bass tourney

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Mike Mertens, a Salem Iowa auto service center owner drops his ratchet wrench and grabs his seven-foot hi tec bass rod at every available moment he can.

Mertens learned to fish at an early age and fished with friends and family for outdoor recreation. He now trades that type of fishing for the hyper-chase for excellence, as he qualified for a national bass tournament championship to be held in Tennessee on Douglas Lake.

Back in the days Mertens was always a pretty decent angler, but strived to be better. Joining the Lake Cooper Angling Assoc. a few years ago set Mike on a trajectory to fish with different anglers, learning different techniques to achieve the same goal. Soon the bass club was chasing Mike, as he went on a tear for a long period of time finishing in the top three more often than not.

Mertens takes what he has learned and put in a huge amount of time perfecting his craft.

On June 3, 2021 Mike will realize the result of all those years of hard work as he has qualified for the national BFL Phoenix 'All American' on June 3-5. Tens of thousands of anglers competed to be where Mike has found himself – he will be one of only 53 anglers to qualify for the nationwide championship event.

A gold trophy, sponsorships and a six-figure cash prize for first place is on his mind- here's hoping "Best Fishes!" for Mike.

# HTC's Robu misses state golf by 3 strokes

BY PCC STAFF

NEW SHARON – Holy Trinity Catholic senior Ali Robu suffered a 10 on hole number 1 at the tricky 9-hole Prairie Knolls Country Club in New Sharon Monday to finish with a 99 on the day, three shots out of the top 6.

The Crusader was playing the Class 1A Regional girls golf finals. The top six from each regional advance to the state tournament this week in Ames.

Robu responded with a six on the same rare par 6 hole in the second nine, but couldn't catch up to Breanna Bengé of Pleasantville who

shot a 96 taking the last state entry from the region.

Lynville-Sully's Greenlee Smock shot a 73 a full 11 strokes ahead of the field. New London's Taylor Phillips carded an 84 for runner-up honors.

Danville's Natalie Wilcox qualified with a 93 which was fourth best on the day.

# Williams pitches gem as Hounds shut out Falcons

BY PCC SPORTS

WEST BURLINGTON – Sophomore Kane Williams gave up just three hits going the distance for the Bloodhounds Wednesday as they opened the season with a 9-0 win over West Burlington on the road.

Williams fanned eight Falcons against just one walk in getting the win.

Vasin Thurman held Fort Madison at the plate going 2-of-3 with a home run and two RBI and three runs scored. Tate Johnson was 2-of-4 with a couple doubles and 3 RBI for the Hounds.

Fort Madison opened the scoring in the top of the 3rd when Landes Williams drew a walk off West Burlington starter Hayden Vandenberg. Vandenberg got Jason Thurman swinging, but Williams stole second and then came around to score when Vasin Thurman singled to deep short with Williams going on the pitch. After a Colton Engeman walk, Matt Hopper grounded back to Vandenberg on the mound to end the threat.

The Bloodhounds would get four more in the top of the fourth off Jace Figueero, who came on in relief of Vandenberg after the 3rd. Figueero walked the first two batters and Garrett Hannum laid down a nice bunt to load the bases.

Landes Williams sacrificed to center scoring Kane Williams and then Figueero plunked both Jason and Vasin Thurman before giving up a three-run double to Tate Johnson to center. After another walk to Engeman, Hopper grounded out to end the rally.

The Hounds would add three more in the sixth when both Thurmans and Johnson all reached in order and came around to score to make it 8-0.

In the seventh, Vasin Thurman gave the Hounds an insurance run when he took a 0-2 Ryne Rogers offering over the left field fence to set the final score at 9-0.

Vandenberg took the loss giving up one earned run while striking out seven. Figueero, Kaleb Allen and Rogers combined to give up eight runs all earned while striking out one and walking eight.

The Bloodhounds are scheduled to play at Burlington Notre Dame Thursday night.

# Cardinal hands HTC first loss of year

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT – A four-run third inning helped Cardinal wipe out a 2-0 run HTC lead and down the Crusaders 5-2 Tuesday night.

Anna Sobczak went 2 for 3 at the plate, while Mary Hellige and Kayla Box each had RBIs to lead Holy Trinity Catholic.

Cardinal opened the scoring in the top of the first when Emma Becker came around on a passed ball after reaching on an error, for an unearned 1-0 lead.

Sobczak and Brooke Mueller responded in the bottom half when they both reached first on one-out singles. Hellige followed with a single to center scoring Sobczak. Box made it four singles in a row with a shot to left plating Mueller for a 2-1 lead. Cardinal's Nicoa McClure retired the next two to end the threat.

That would be the only runs the Crusaders would get on the night, while Cardinal opened the game up in the

third with two outs.

After Hellige got a ground out to short and strike out on three pitches, Becker lined a single to left followed by an Alexia McClure triple to center scoring Becker. Ave Ferrel then singled and Kinsey Hissem blasted a shot over the left field fence to make it 5-1 Cardinal. A ground out to third ended the rally.

Sobczak started things in the bottom of the third with an infield hit, but that would be the last hit of the night for the Crusaders. Kelli Meierotto would reach on a fielders choice and Laure Mehmert reached on an error in the fifth for the only other base runners of the night for Holy Trinity.

Hellige went the distance again for HTC (1-1) scattering 10 hits and giving up five runs, four earned, while striking out five and walking one.

Nicoa McClure got the win for Cardinal allowing just five hits and two earned runs on five Ks and a walk.

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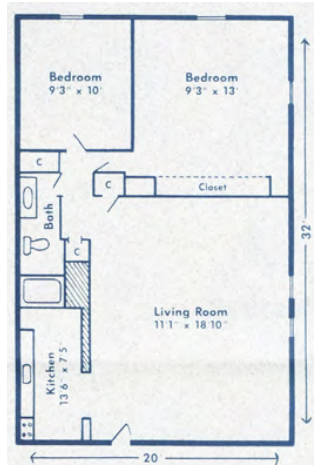
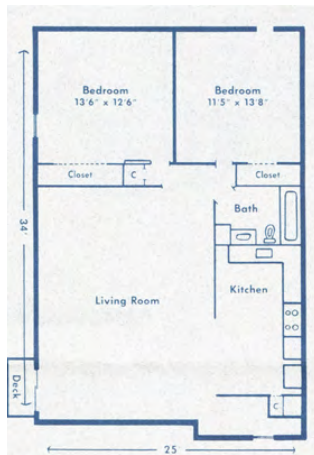
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The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building, on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rick Larkin and Garry Seyb. Present electronically was Rich Harlow.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Input-Mary Van-Pelt, Montrose, asked the Board if the current Lee County EMS employees will have to apply with the County service. Seyb affirmed that they will.

Justin Pieper with Group Benefit Partners gave the Board an update on the County's benefits. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a 4% increase in dental insurance premiums with Met Life. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on approval to display a turbine from the Keokuk dam in Estes Park. There will be a special meeting later in the week to discuss this.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to renew a 28E Agreement with Central Lee School District for the Resource Officer program. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve an annual Fiscal

Agent Agreement with Children First. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a contract with Cessford Construction for road gravel from the Donnellson Quarry in the amount of \$600,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve a contract with Cessford Construction for road gravel from the Beach and Geode Quarry in the amount of \$714,000.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Seyb, to approve a quote for corrugated metal culverts from Metal Culverts Inc., Monmouth, Illinois, in the amount of \$51,556.70. Motion carried. One other quote was received from Illowa Culvert and Supply, Low Moor, Iowa, in the amount of \$55,858.00.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Budget Amendment and set Monday, May 24, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. as the date and time for Public Hearing on the amendment. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the EMS Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to

approve a Real Estate and Asset Purchase Agreement with Lee County EMS for purchase of the ambulance bases, equipment and supplies. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve an amendment to the Communications and Services Agreement with Motorola for the Communication Equipment. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-67. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021-67 RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of a certain mobile home from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in its material part:

If the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount due through tax sale and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby by this Resolution abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following mobile home. The mobile home shall be removed from the county system.

Owner: Geraldine Roi Yurth  
1967 NYK Mobile Home Title No #56AB40693N Vin: 2807  
Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 10th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise

Fraise, County Auditor. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales, for Papa's Bar and Grill, Keokuk, for the period June 2, 2021 through June 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, May 3, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a new hire for the Sheriff's Office, Brittany Burdette, Correctional Officer, \$17.67/hr., effective 5/10/21 and a new hire for the Health Department, Rachel Heidbreder, Dental Assistant, \$16.50/hr., effective 5/27/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2021.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on a Department Head meeting and a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting.

Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting. Harlow requested an update from Children First Director Ginger Knisley.

At 10:30 a.m. a motion was made by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Matt Pflug, Chairman  
Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

**Claims paid  
May 10, 2021**

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|----------------------|---------|
| Advd Radiator, parts | 810.55  |
| Agrineed, splys      | 647.50  |
| Alliant Enrgy, svs   | 4168.20 |
| Amazon, splys        | 159.96  |
| Am Trst Rtrmt, fees  | 943.50  |
| Amerigroup, rfn      | 1296.43 |
| J Baier, svs         | 183.35  |
| Blades/Green, svs    | 1063.00 |
| D Bryant, rent       | 63.00   |
| CR WinPump, splys    | 231.60  |
| Central Svs, splys   | 3986.46 |
| CenturyLink, svs     | 10.10   |
| Coast/Coast, mtrl    | 64.99   |
| Connection, ins      | 318.00  |
| CJ Cooper, svs       | 105.00  |
| D Coover, svs        | 80.00   |
| Cullen Pest, svs     | 159.00  |

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| ..... 683.39          |          |
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| Dble A Glass, svcs    | 304.00   |
| Drake Hdwr, svcs      | 997.50   |
| Electr Engrg, svcs    | 450.00   |
| EMSLRC, edu           | 299.00   |
| EOR IA LLC, cntb      | 228.75   |
| ..... 10910.00        |          |
| Fdrl Engrng, svcs     | 10910.00 |
| Fidelity Sec, ins     | 27.82    |
| Floyds, svcs          | 60.00    |
| T Forseen, svcs       | 91.86    |
| FMCH, svcs            | 86.40    |
| Galls, splys          | 56.99    |
| N Granaman, svcs      | 1292.33  |
| ..... 5435.61         |          |
| GRRWA, svcs           | 5435.61  |
| Grp Bnft Prtnrs, svcs | 3186.00  |
| ..... 2176.00         |          |
| Grntd Cln, svcs       | 2176.00  |
| Hall Excvtng, svcs    | 400.00   |
| Hncck Co Hlth, svcs   | 1095.00  |
| ..... 102.11          |          |
| Htrcks Lmbr, parts    | 102.11   |
| Home Thrpy, svcs      | 15787.20 |

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| ICS Jail Splys, splys | 227.42   |
| IA DOT, svcs          | 61.52    |
| IA Law Enfmt, ed      | 425.00   |
| IA Prison Ind, splys  | 1265.25  |
| IA Sec/St, DP svcs    | 9977.33  |
| J&S Elec Bus, splys   | 68.15    |
| T Jcbsmr, exps        | 400.00   |
| Jays Auto, svcs       | 71.73    |
| Jet Gas, fuel         | 5677.94  |
| Kempkers, splys       | 101.07   |
| Kieslers Pol, unif    | 1451.00  |
| ..... 21.63           |          |
| Knapheide, equip      | 21.63    |
| Khlmrgn Hlg, svcs     | 501.25   |
| Lawson Prdcts, splys  | 651.12   |
| ..... 14825.80        |          |
| LeeCo Auditor, trfs   | 14825.80 |
| LeeCo Treas, costs    | 21694.16 |
| ..... 85.47           |          |
| McFarlands, splys     | 85.47    |
| Metal Clvrts, mtrl    | 15787.20 |

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| MetLife Dntl, ins   | 90.30   |
| Frank Millard, svcs | 550.00  |
| Mutual Whl, parts   | 627.85  |
| T Oberman, exps     | 31.42   |
| Omega Lab, svcs     | 300.00  |
| OMG MW, svcs        | 1311.29 |
| Onmedia, adv        | 774.00  |
| M Park, exps        | 34.32   |
| M Pflug, exps       | 13.50   |

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| Prairie Farms, splys | 190.40   |
| Quad City Tstg, svcs | 200.00   |
| Rainbo Oil, oil      | 1074.05  |
| Road Grm Mfg, svcs   | 18650.00 |
| Rck Vily PT, svcs    | 130.00   |
| RSM US LLP, svcs     | 2021.00  |

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## Scene Around Town/Health News

### Warrants issued for attempted murder

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and felon in possession of a firearm. Attempted murder in Iowa is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison with 70% mandatory.

On Tuesday at 5:45 a.m., Ray left a comment on the Pen City Current website indicating he was the person who was shot in the incident.

Ray said in that post that he was able to find pictures of the alleged assailant on Marshall's Facebook page and didn't know who Richardson was.

Ray indicated in his post that after he'd been shot in the leg, he put his skateboard up behind his head and two bullets were stopped by his skateboard. That information has not been confirmed by Fort Madison police, however.

The case remains under investigation and additional charges are possible.

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### IDPH reports first 2021 case of West Nile

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced the first case of West Nile virus infection reported in 2021, an older adult (aged 61 years to 80 years) from Montgomery County. The case was confirmed through a test at the State Hygienic Lab.

"Humans get infected with West Nile virus through a mosquito bite and being outside means there's a risk for West Nile virus infection. But we have easily accessible preventive tools like insect repellent, that can help keep Iowans safe from mosquito bites, which lowers the risk of West Nile infection" said IDPH Medical Director & State Epidemiologist Dr. Caitlin Pedati.

With Memorial Day and summer activities on the horizon, IDPH reminds all Iowans take the following steps to reduce the risk of exposure to West Nile virus:

Use insect repellent with DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535.

Always read the repellent label and consult with a health care provider if you have questions when using these types of products for children.

For example, oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under 3 years of age and DEET should not be used on children less than 2 months of age.

If possible, avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, shoes and socks outdoors whenever possible.

Eliminate standing water around the home because that's where mosquitoes lay eggs. Empty water from buckets, cans, pool covers and pet water dishes. Change water in bird baths every three to four days.

In 2020, 3 Iowans were diagnosed with West Nile virus, with zero deaths. For more information on West Nile virus, visit <https://www.idph.iowa.gov/cade/disease-information/west-nile-virus>.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison firefighter Mike Fullenkamp stakes some "Loyal To Our Duty" flags on the graves of former firefighters that are laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery. Firefighters put out the flags, along with the American flags, at Soldiers' Circle annually, the weekend of Memorial Day.

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