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Holy Trinity's GDP goes virtual



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

This brand new Traeger Grill, donated by Mohrfeld Electric and Green Oak Development, is just one of the many exciting items that will be up for bid during this Saturday's Holy Trinity Catholic God's Portion Day. This year's event is a virtual event held online through Sullivan Auctioneers.

GOD'S PORTION DAY: Saturday event to be a virtual online auction by Sullivan's

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – As with everything else in 2020, a new way has been found to hold on to old traditions.

The annual Holy Trinity Catholic God's Portion Day will be held virtually this year on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 1 to 10 p.m.

This year's event has some of the old flares from Rita Holtkamp's fresh baked cinnamon rolls, rolled in with some new things like new Traeger Grill donated by Mohrfeld Electric and Green Oak Development, all part of the new format that will be conducted through Sullivan Auctioneers, and Proxy-

bid.

An online silent auction will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and then the real-time live auction will kick in from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Those wanting to participate can go to sullivanauctioneers.com to register with Proxybid, or click this link: <https://www.proxibid.com/Sullivan-Auctioneers-LLC/Virtual-Live-Holy-Trinity-God-s-Portion-Day/event-catalog/187999>

A viewing time for items for both auctions will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and then from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday in the Menke facility at #5 East Limits, which is

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HUMPHREY BUILDING

Mayor says city will enforce court order to the letter

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With no fresh news on the horizon regarding a court order to force action on the Humphrey building in downtown Fort Madison, city officials are pressing on.

A court-order signed by District Judge Michael Schilling gave the building's owner Bryan Humphrey, who resides in the structure, until Oct. 9, to inform the city of his plans to rectify structural deficiencies. As of Friday, the city had not heard from Humphrey or a representative of the former attorney.

Last week City Building Director Doug Krogmeier put the matter back in the hands of Pat O'Connell, the city's representing attorney from Lynch-Dallas out of Cedar Rapids.

On Friday, Fort Madison Mayor Matt

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COVID-19 IN LEE COUNTY

County sees 165 new cases in past two weeks

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Despite a 14-day average that is fluctuating between 7 and 8 percent, COVID-19 cases counts in Lee County are again on the rise.

According to the Lee County Health Department, the county has seen 165 new cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus, in the past 14 days, with 87 of those in the past seven days.

Monday's report from Friday at 3:30 p.m. to Monday at 3:30 p.m. LCHD received reports of 29 more positive tests in the three-day period. Iowa Department of Public Health's coronavirus.iowa.gov site shows 11 new positives over a three-day period from Friday through Sunday, however the two agencies continue to report the same to-date total of positive cases at 869. The different in the two numbers of 18 is not included in the 165 new cases of the past two weeks.

LCHD Administrator Michele Ross said the message to county residents is to mask up.

"Our message is to MASK UP Lee County and continue to practice social distancing and frequent hand hygiene practices and avoid high risk situations such as crowds of people, especially when inside and people are not social distancing or wearing face coverings," Ross said.

"Everyone should work together to protect our most vulnerable populations as well as our family, friends, co-workers, and those we come in contact with in public settings."

Ross reminded that Gov. Kim Reynolds health proclamation was extended and still includes requirements for social distancing in public places.

Ross said the increase can be attributed to several factors including: mini outbreaks where people are in confined spaces, household spread, social gatherings where social distance requirements are not being followed,

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WEATHER

TUE 20 OctLight Rain, 52° F/ 34° F
WED 21 OctLight Rain, 58° F/ 44° F
THU 22 OctWarmer with Light Rain, 79° F/ 53° F

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For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/15/20 – 9:41 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue H.
 10/15/20 – 10:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue F.
 10/15/20 – 7:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2300 block of Avenue F.
 10/16/20 – 12:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Colby Farrington, 23, of Burlington, on the 1400 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/17/20 – 8:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested John Edward Mecum, 57, of Fort Madison, a warrant for 2nd-degree burglary, 1st-degree harassment and 2nd offense domestic. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/18/20 – 12:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue M.
 10/18/20 – 6:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to

a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1700 block of Avenue G.
 10/18/20 – 7:03 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/15/20 – 11:17 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ethan Joseph Walte, 18, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for 2nd degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 10/17/20 – 3:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Hope Catherine Eid, 23, of Wever, at the Wapello County Jail on a warrant for probation violation. She was held in custody.
 10/17/20 – 6:00 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Jordan Zimmerli, 28, of Peoria, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

10/12/20 – Tommy L Humphrey, age 38, of Carthage, IL

was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Speeding and No Valid Driver's License. Humphrey was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 10/13/20 – Marcus D Gilpin, age 37, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Order of Protection. Gilpin remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 10/13/20 – Jesse J Mazzocoli, age 46, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Mazzocoli was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Aggravated Assault. Mazzocoli was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/14/20 – Brittany N McDaniel, age 34, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. McDaniel

was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. McDaniel was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/14/20 – Damion J Hanson, age 18, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Hanson was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Hanson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/15/20 – Emma L Burkholder, age 18, of Dallas City, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Obstructing Justice and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Burkholder remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 10/15/20 – Justin M Reid,

age 32, of Tioga, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Count 1 Obstructing Justice and Count 2 Obstructing Justice. Reid remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 10/15/20 – Brian W Boyd, age 56, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Boyd was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/15/20 – Maya E Noble, age 23, of Macomb, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Noble was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/16/20 – Valerie J Zimmer, age 31 of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Zimmer was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/16/20 – Cortez K Jefferson, age 31, of Fort Madison, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of MDMA and Possession of Cannabis. Jefferson was released after

posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/16/20 – Kelsey J Creasy, age 29, of Augusta, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of No Valid Driver's License and No Valid Driver's License. Creasy was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 10/18/20 – Jason E Fink, age 37, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Weapons by a Felon. Fink remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/16/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.
 10/17/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls.
 10/18/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one dryer fire, and one complaint of gas odor.

Prevention 101

MASK UP



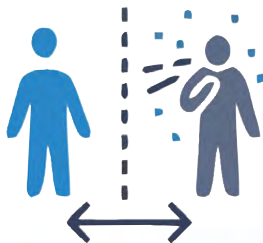
Wearing a mask in public helps stop the spread of infected droplets

WASH UP



Wash your hands like your life depended on it! Wash frequently touched surfaces often.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE



Being in close contact (less than 6') with others whether inside or outside more easily spreads the virus. Avoid large gatherings or crowded places.

HANDS DOWN



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

ZEPHAN W. ABEL

Zephan William Abel, 16, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:12 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at the Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, CA with his parents at his side. He was born on February 3, 2004 in Iowa City, IA to Matthew William & Richar Lyn Hertzler Abel. He was a junior at Central Lee High School. Zephan enjoyed music. He performed with the Central Lee Band, Central Lee Show Choir and the DEC Hands. He loved Flintknapping, digging for fossils and spending time with his Illiniwek Archeology Group. Zephan was involved with theater at school, Old Fort Players in Fort Madison and Great River Players in Keokuk. Zephan served two years on the Youth Advisory Council at U of I Stead Family Children's Hospital. He enjoyed cooking at the Elliott Test Kitchen and attended several culinary classes at Central Lee and SCC. He was also involved with science fair and 4-H. Zephan was happiest when he was spending time with friends and family.

Zephan is survived by his parents: Matt & Richar Abel of Fort Madison, IA; 1-sister: Xandra Abel of Fort Madison, IA; 1-half sister: Alexis Harshbarger of Memphis, TN; his maternal grandparents: Richard & Sherry Hertzler of Fort Madison, IA; his paternal grandparents: Robert & Susan Abel of Donnellson, IA and several aunts, uncles & cousins. He was preceded in death by his great grandparents.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a Catholic Wake Service to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church in Fort Madison. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will follow the mass at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established in Zephan's memory and contributions may be left at the church during the visitation or the funeral mass. Online condolences & a video tribute of Zephan's life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com. The funeral mass will be video-taped and may be viewed afterwards at www.kinglynk.com. King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the Abel family.



ABEL

MARK LOWMAN

Mark Lowman, 60, of Nauvoo, IL passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:03 PM at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, IL.

He was born on August 19, 1960 in Ft. Madison to Melvin and Geraldine Long Lowman. On April 16, 1988 he married Trisha Barnhill in East Peoria, IL. Mark was an electrician and a partner with M&M Electric. He then owned and operated Lowman Electric. Mark was a minister at Ft. Madison Baptist Church for the past thirteen years and he loved to farm. He enjoyed hunting geese, ducks, fishing, grilling and barbecuing. Mark was a giver. He loved helping out anyone especially his friends and family.



LOWMAN

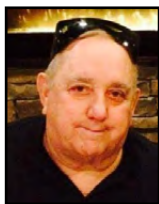
Survivors include his wife, Trisha Lowman of Nauvoo; two sons, Luke (Astasha) Lowman of Nauvoo and Jacob Lowman of West Point, NY one brother, Melvin (Kay) Lowman of Ben Wheeler, TX; four sisters, Betty Jo (David) Woodley of Ft. Madison, Linda (Doug) Eland of Burlington; Dorothy (Ron) Hutson of Wever, and Martha (Dennis) Wollbrink of Sutter, IL; two brothers in law, Rod (Dona) Barnhill of Troy, MO and Rick (Julie) Barnhill of Galesburg, IL; one sister in law, Tammie (Jeremy) Stedman of Treemont, IL and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother and father in law.

Friends may call after 2 PM on Monday, October 19, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 4-6 PM. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 10 AM at Fort Madison Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Roberts officiating. Burial will be in Harris Cemetery, Dallas City.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

JERRY J. KAMP

Jerry J. Kamp, 80 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died at 11:47 pm Wednesday October 14, 2020 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, Iowa. He was born May 27, 1940 the son of William and Kathryn (Bohnenkamp) Kamp. On September 26, 1964, he married Sherilyn Kay Carr in Fort Madison. She preceded him in death on April 6, 2018.



KAMP

Jerry was a 1959 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He excelled in football and track. He became the all-time best shot putter in the state in 1959, and held the FMHS record in shot for 43 years. He earned his Education degree in 1964 from Parsons College in Fairfield where he also played football and received an All-American honor. He returned to Fort Madison where he taught at Richardson Elementary for more than 30 years and coached Jr High football and wrestling. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed mushroom hunting, fishing, and turkey hunting. He was a Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame football fan.

He is survived by one son, Cody (Sarah) Kamp of Oswego, Illinois; one daughter, Stacey (Brent) Gansy of Fort Madison; five grandchildren: Kanyon Gansy (fiancé Katie Franzen); Jaxson, Hayden, Landon, and Addison Kamp; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sherilyn, three sisters, and five brothers.

Jerry's family has requested Barr Memorial Chapel to care for his cremation. A graveside service and burial for Jerry and Sherilyn will be at 11:00 am Friday, October 23, 2020 at Claypoole Cemetery, rural Wever, Iowa. Pastor Dean Graber will officiate. A memorial has been established and contributions may be made the day of the service or at the funeral home. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Kamp family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

OBITUARIES

NEDRA H. ADKINS

Nedra Hardin Adkins of Farmington, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the age of 88.

Nedra was born on March 8, 1932, near Donnellson, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Hilda (Schowalter) Hardin. She was the youngest of five children.



ADKINS

Nedra graduated from Donnellson High School in 1950. On January 30, 1954, she married Roger Adkins in Chicago, Illinois. They were blessed with 66 wonderful years together.

Nedra began her life-long career as a registered nurse after graduating from nurse's training in Burlington in 1954. She cared deeply for her patients and worked in Mt. Pleasant, Burlington, Chicago, San Diego and at Van Buren County Public Health before retiring.

She was a member of the Farmington United Methodist Church. She loved traveling, sewing, gardening and cooking. She was a loving wife, mom, grandma and friend. Nedra loved watching her grandchildren play sports during their school years and loved spending time with them and her family.

She is survived by her husband: Roger; daughters: Gina (Steve) Lipp of Jackson, Wyoming, Patty (Burton) Mills of Farmington, Tisha Adkins of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren: Ethan Lipp, Garrett Lipp, Gunnar Mills, Courtney Mills and Clayton (Aakanksha) Mills; her sister: Margueriette Johnson, her brother-in-law: Leon Ufkes and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Nedra is preceded in death by her infant son: Michael; her parents; her sisters: Janet Morris and Violet Kirkpatrick; her brother: Dick Hardin; sisters-in-law: Barbara Hardin, Iris Ufkes, and Joanie Reid; brothers-in-law: John Kirkpatrick, Ralph Morris, Glen Johnson and Kenneth Reid; niece: Linda Ohnoutka; nephews: Russell Hardin and Steven Morris.

A private family graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

Memorials have been established in her memory to Hope Haven Mt. Pleasant and Farmington United Methodist Church. They can be mailed to the family at: Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 56, Donnellson, Iowa 52625.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.




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The following is a list of upcoming events and gatherings in North Lee County.

2020 YMCA Trunk or Treat

The Fort Madison YMCA's annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Oct. 23 at Baxter Sports Complex. This year's event will be a drive through event to allow for social distancing. Business will have cars in the parking lot to hand out goodies to goblins from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Set up is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Spots can be reserved by calling the Y at 319-372-2403 ext 1 or by email at ryan.wilson@fortmadison.org

CrimeStoppers No Tricks Just Treats

The Burlington Theater will be showcasing a series of online skits beginning on Sept. 24, with Mother Goose Interrupted: This Little Piggy. Future presentations will include a musical cabaret, a reader's theater, throwback tributes and a Christmas Show. For more information log onto the Facebook page or the PWT website at www.playersworkshoptheater.com.

Montrose Cemetery Cleanup

All plastic flowers that are in the ground must be picked up by Nov. 1. After that date they will be discarded. In addition Memorial Day flowers will now have to be picked up no later than two weeks after the holiday.

Halloween Dinner and Comedy

The Kingsley Inn will be featuring a Halloween Dinner and Comedy on Oct. 31 beginning at with a social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be booked in advance by texting 309-221-9803

Hitchcock in Old Settler's Park

The Old Fort Players will be presenting three Hitchcock shorts plays in Old Settler's Park on Sunday, Oct. 11 (Rain date Oct. 18). Concessions will be available for sale. No tickets will be sold, but a free will offering will be collected. We ask that you generously support Old Fort Players as they work hard to keep paying the bills.

FM Beggar's Night

The traditional Beggar's Night will be held on Oct. 31 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Old Settler's Park and the citywide beggar's night will follow from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vendors will be handing our candy with food and drink specials at the safe event.

Montrose Trick or Treat

The Montrose City Treak or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Halloween guidance from the Iowa Department of Pub-

lic Health can be found at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Public>.

Lighted Parade Work Nights

Work nights for the Fort Madison Lighted Parade are on Monday nights beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Warehouse at 12th Street and Avenue I.

Drive Thru Job Fair

On Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Baxter Sports Complex Parking Lot at 909 48th Street will be the site of a unique drive thru job fair experience where job seekers will be able to pick up packets of information about jobs hiring now and local resources in our communities. Register by contacting Dana at dmillard@leecountyedg.com or Deb at debra.fox@iwd.iowa.gov.

Conservation online auction

The Lee County Conservation Board is participating in an online auction. The items can be found at <https://www.govdeals.com/index.cfm?fa=Main.AdvSearchResults&myseller=11764>. Any questions can be directed to the Lee County Conservation Office at 319-463-7673.

Bridges out of Poverty - Staying Ahead

Getting Ahead provides the foundation for understanding the root causes of poverty and focuses on resources needed to rise above it. Staying Ahead is the next step to self sufficiency and is a program from the Bridges out of Poverty. Meetings are the first Monday of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For questions or to become a member contact Shayla at 319-371-7465 or by email at sblackburn@younghouse.org.

Witch's Walk

Wear your witch costume and come downtown for an evening of fun. This year's event is Oct. 30 from 5 to p.m. presented by the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce. More details on this event will be released at a later date.

Sensational Chef

The Fort Madison Chamber's annual fundraiser is set for Nov. 21, at Harvestville Farm beginning at 6 p.m. with first course served at 6:30 p.m. This fine dining event will feature Amy Thacher preparing a 5-course meal. Tickets are \$65 per person and are limited, so call 319-372-5471 for information.

Tree Planting

Volunteers are still needed for Oct. 24 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Old Lion's Shelter House in Rodeo Park to help plant trees in the park and at Riverview Park. Bring shovels and gloves. Call 319-372-7700 for more information.

LCHD tells county to mask up

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asymptomatic people or those with very mild symptoms who continue to go to work, school, or out in public, and by those who refuse to stay home and isolate when it has been recommended to do so.

She said it's also important that residents do not let their guard down as we enter the cold and flu season.

"From the very beginning of this pandemic crisis and especially now as we have active community spread with cases increasing, we must all do the right thing and mask up when in public settings outside our own households," Ross said.

"We need to continue maintaining a six foot social distance or more and avoid crowded areas or gatherings of people outside our own households where COVID-19 as well as other viruses such as influenza can spread easily and unknowingly."

Ross said with testing capability at a high level including mass testing at larger institutions and facilities in the county, the 14-day positivity rating is being held in check despite the increased number of positive cases.

The county saw its third highest daily positive results on Oct. 6 with 28 and Lee County now has an overall positive rate of 11.3% among all test results received by the IDPH.

Lee County saw it's highest rates prior between

August 22 and Sept. 8 prompting county officials to investigate the possibility of a countywide mask mandate. That effort was defeated by the Lee County Board of Supervisors at the end of September.

Fort Madison Community School District is also going away from it's hybrid model of learning on Nov. 2 and going back to 100% in-person learning, with optional online coursework available through the end of the school year for parents who choose to have their students at home during the pandemic.

Ross said LCHD continues to maintain contact with the schools and other businesses and facilities that requested follow-up guidance, or for guidance suggested by IDPH.

"We do provide education and mask guidance with the schools upon their request, especially when the recent change in quarantine guidance was released by IDPH," Ross said.

"The importance of all parties wearing masks while attending school or school activities has been encouraged.

The overall state percent of positive test results are 12.2%. Des Moines County has a 14-day positivity rate of 13.9% and two school districts in that county have forfeited post season athletics due to outbreaks. West Burlington volleyball and Burlington football have both withdrew from the post season due to COVID-19.



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Sports/From the Front

Area fishing still productive as cooler weather sets in

DES MOINES - The following is the area fishing forecast for southeast Iowa by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature is in the low 60's. You can find plenty of places out of the wind on this lake. Bluegill - Fair: Late last week the bluegill fishing slowed down. Look for bluegills out in deeper water. Largemouth Bass - Good: Bass fishing picked up a little bit from last week with a few more fish moving in shallow. Use soft plastics or weedless jigs tipped with crawdad trailers. Black Crappie - Fair: Crappie fishing slowed over the last few days; they went deep again.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is around 60 degrees. Water clarity is back to 5+ feet. Bluegill - Good: Look for bluegill in 12 to 15 feet of water. Black Crappie - Good: Most crappies are sticking to deeper water; some are crashing the surface in spots chasing little bluegills on the surface. Largemouth Bass - Good: Work your way back into the trees in the shallow water. Soft plastics, rigged weedless and good heavy test line helps.

Humphrey now facing at least \$150K in fines

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Mohrfeld said the city was moving on.

"That deadline that was set came and went without any face-to-face with Bryan," Mohrfeld said.

"And so right now, by my understanding, and I'm not a lawyer, Bryan has not met the initial criteria and we will follow that order to the letter - and to the day."

Krogmeier confirmed Monday that no contact has yet been made with Humphrey or a representative of Humphrey's.

According to the court order signed Sept. 25, Humphrey was fined \$150,000 with all but \$30,000 suspended. That \$30,000 is due to the city by Oct. 31. The suspended portion is contingent upon Humphrey's compliance with the remainder of the order.

Schilling ordered the remainder of the fine to be paid in full with interest dating back to the city's initial citation in September of 2019, if Humphrey fails to comply with the order.

Humphrey has already failed to meet a deadline for informing the city by Oct. 9, whether he intended to demolish the building or repair it to city code. He also missed a deadline to shore up the west wall of the building per city code if, in fact, he chooses to repair the structure.

The order gives the city authority to abate the property in the event neither deadline was met, in a manner "it reasonably believes necessary" consistent with the order. The order also requires Humphrey to vacate the building by Dec. 15 if hasn't complied with either of the two options.

The city can then take possession of the building to take necessary steps to repair or demolish the building at their choosing without obligation and assess the costs to the property.

Lake Darling

Water temperature was 60 degrees on Wednesday (10/14). Water clarity continues to improve (3+ feet); a lot of the green color has left the water. Largemouth Bass - Good: Bass haven't seemed to be affected by the rapidly changing weather conditions. Work the wind-swept shoreline with crankbaits. Bluegill - Fair: The weather change over the weekend pushed most bluegills back out deep. If the wind allows you to, anchor over the brush piles in 10-12 feet of water and vertically jig. Black Crappie - Fair: Sometime between last Wednesday night and Thursday afternoon crappies stopped biting; they have started to bite again, but moved back out to deeper water.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperatures are around 60 degrees. Water is clear, except where the wind is pounding into some of the points and unarmored shoreline. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass bite has been hit and miss the last few days. When the wind is blowing, work the back side of the points where there is a little calm spot just out of the wind with crankbaits. Bluegill - Fair: Most of the better bluegills moved to deeper water again with the rapidly changing weather.

Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)

The fishing on the Skunk River is pretty quiet right now. Water levels have stayed at the same low level the last few days.

For more information on the above lakes, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.



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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST POINT UTILITY SYSTEM WEST POINT, IOWA October 13th, 2020

The West Point Municipal Utility System Board of Trustees met in regular session at, West Point City Hall, West Point, Iowa 52656 on October 13th, 2020. Board Chairman Randy Welding presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board Member Ted Vonderhaar were present for this meeting. Board Member Brian Schmitz was absent. Tentative agenda was approved by consensus. Status of delinquent accounts was discussed and considered by Board Members in detail. Field operations report, as prepared by Utility Superintendent, was discussed by Board Members in detail.

Board Chairman was reported on the following:

The next regular Utility System Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at West Point City

Hall 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

On motion, minutes of prior regular meeting of September 15th, 2020 was approved. On motion, approved warrants payable for September 2020 as presented. On motion, meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m., October 13th, 2020.

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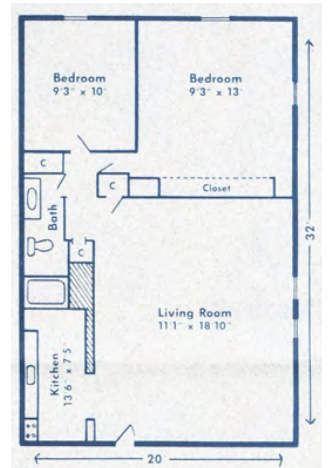
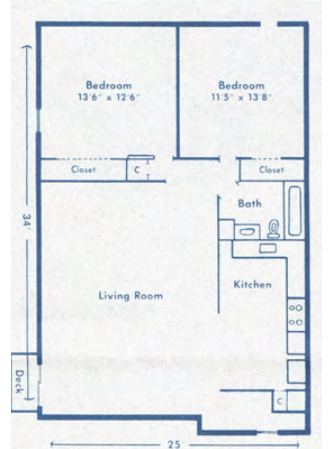


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There is also a cash raffle element to the days events. Tickets are \$1 for \$20 or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased at the Knights of Columbus Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ticket sales end at 7:45 p.m. Saturday October 24. The drawing at 8 p.m. Saturday. Contact number for tickets are Shelly – 319-371-

6131, Chad – 319-470-0347, and Brad-319-572-5119.

The committee is also holding an alumni event where all alumni are challenged to donate \$1 per year for each year since their graduation.

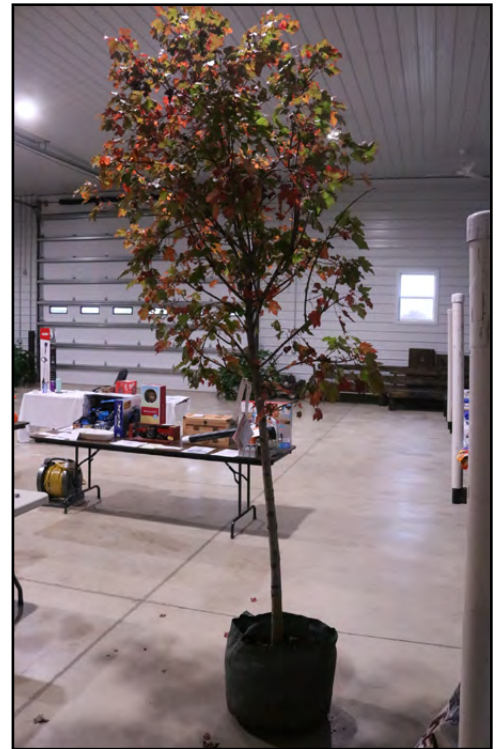
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