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FM Football closes on goal



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Class of 2002

Fort Madison Football, Inc.'s Tony Johnson accepts a check from FMHS Class of 2002 President Brooke Patton and classmate Ryan Wilson Monday. Wilson spearheaded an effort to raise \$2,002 dollars for the group's fundraiser to spruce up Richmond Stadium including the south grandstand. The class ended up raising \$3,175 pushing the fundraising effort to close to \$16,000. A Gofund me site has been set up with a goal of \$20,000. The site can be accessed at <https://gofund.me/51705544>. Work is set to begin in the next few weeks.

4TH OF JULY

Young named Grand Marshal in Donnellson

Submitted article

DONNELLSON – This year's July 4th Parade in Donnellson will begin at 11 a.m. and will run the same route as always. The theme chosen is "Hometown Heroes" as we say a big "thank you" and honor our own hometown heroes who have aided and rushed to administer medical attention, fire protection and police safety to our community during this past year while in the middle of a pandemic.



YOUNG

We all faced isolation, inconveniences and changes in our daily schedules. Who would have thought that getting groceries would change so much? Some people were not able

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FIREWORKS

FMPD issues warning for use of prohibited fireworks in city

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – As everyone knows the laws regarding the sale and use of fireworks in Iowa has changed. As we are in the middle of the July 4th sales and use period, and we have retailers actively selling fireworks in Fort Madison, here are a few reminders about the sale and use of fireworks.

Licensed retailers and community groups are allowed to sell fireworks out of permanent structures to adults between June 1st and July 8th and between December 10th and January 3rd of each year.

Sales can be made from temporary structures, such as tents, from June 13th through July 8th of each year.

Fireworks can also be set off for public events throughout the year by special

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Committee narrows options for ARPA funds

COUNTY NEWS: Group recommends 30% of \$6.5M go to broadband projects

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – With \$3.25 million in the bank and another \$3.25 million expected next year as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, county officials are beginning to prioritize and categorize how the funds will be spent.

A steering committee tasked with setting up parameters on how the Lee County Board of Supervisors might disseminate the funding met again Monday morning to look at how the county will handle requests from groups within the county.

The committee is comprised of Supervisors Ron Fedler and Garry Seyb, Jr., Lee County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom, Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise, and Lee County Deputy Auditor Sara Helenthal.

Fedler said the committee's responsibilities would be to



FEDLER

screen proposals and then see which proposals would qualify for potential funding from the county's allocation.

"So basically our job will be to look at all the requests, filter out those that don't qualify and any that qualify we pass it on to the full board for consideration," Fedler said.

"Anything the committee decides doesn't qualify, we would need to follow up with a reason why. We don't want to discriminate against anyone, but we only want to give money to those that qualify."

Seyb said the requests have to fit the full scope of what the ARPA funds can be appropriated for. Those guidelines are still being finalized at the federal level.

The committee has concerns that if funding is given to

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WEATHER

TUE 22 Jun Light Rain, 73° F/50° F
 WED 23 Jun Overcast, 77° F/59° F
 THU 24 Jun Rain, 70° F/64° F

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MERLIN J. HELLMAN

Merlin John Hellman, devoted husband, father, and community servant, born and baptized in Fort Madison, Iowa, died on Father's Day, June 20, 2021 at age 85.

Merlin was born September 1, 1935, to William and Ceal (Sanders) Hellman, the third of the four children they raised in the small, close-knit community of Houghton, Iowa. His mother died when he was just eight years old, and he often recalled how the town of Houghton and his extended relatives lovingly cared for him when his father had to be away from home. He spoke proudly of helping with the reconstruction of St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton by manning the bucket pulleys, and he told many a tale of coal-fired furnaces, freezing cold outhouses, and life as a small-town boy in the 1940's.



HELLMAN

A caring uncle encouraged Merlin to attend Regis College, a Jesuit Catholic school in Denver, Colorado, and there he developed a lifelong admiration for Jesuit scholars and their devotion to critical thinking. While in Iowa on a school break, at a dance at the West Point Legion, he met Theresa Arndt who would become his wife. After his graduation from Regis in 1957, they married and together they raised 13 children, a seemingly impossible accomplishment made possible by faith, sacrifice, humor, and love.

Following time served in the Army and the family trucking business, Merlin found his professional niche in life insurance and financial planning, a career that allowed him to help and serve others. He received many professional awards and accolades, but he was most proud of his volunteer service to the community. He served on multiple area boards of directors, including the Boards of Marquette and Aquinas, Parish Councils, and Diocesan Stewardship Committees. He was a founding member of both the North Lee County Community Foundation, and the Southeast Iowa Economic Development Committee which worked to improve Highways 61 and 218 into four-lane highways. Merlin served for six years on the Board of Directors for Hope Haven, was a lifelong member of Rotary, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of Holy Family Parish in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Merlin lived a life of service. He was a man people called for help and advice, a man who was there for his family, friends, and neighbors. Our many fond memories include hearing his mighty voice ring out as an auctioneer at God's Portion Day sales, waking up on Sunday mornings to the patriotic, upbeat music he enjoyed playing, decorating the house with him for holidays because he enjoyed making

things special for everyone, and singing God Bless America with him at family events. He enjoyed a sociable game of bridge, and he could lay down all seven letters in a Scrabble game even in the last year of his life. He loved gardening, coffee with his men's group, a great discussion around the dinner table, and most of all, he loved his family.

His wife Theresa and their children survive him: Rita (Mike) Minchk of Iowa City, IA, Dorothy (Rick) Posch of Westford, MA, Bill (Jen) Hellman of Fort Madison, IA, Tony Hellman (Giulia Roselli) of Salt Lake City, UT, Paul (Julie) Hellman of Fort Madison, IA, Barb (Eric) Leathers of Towanda, IL, Anita (Stacy) Groene of Pickerington, OH, Martha (Scott) Pauley of Carmel, IN, Joan Hellman of Scottsdale, AZ, Mary (Dan) Munson of Carmel, IN, Sarah (Matt) Evanson of Indianapolis, IN, Jon (Sheryl) Hellman of Denmark, IA, and Sue Ann Hellman of Burlington, IA.

Twenty-nine grandchildren carry on his legacy of love: Carolyn (Brian) Finley, Laura (Joshua) Kulow, Dan Minchk, Laurianne and August Posch, Claire and Rachel Hellman, Maxwell, Conrad, and Wyatt Hellman, Amber, Nick and Natalie Leathers, Brandt, Madison, Adam, and Pailyn Groene, Nate and Anna Pauley, Kate, Melaina, and Megan Munson, Jarl, Willem, and Greta Evanson, Michael, Jenna, Jack, and Ellie Hellman; and three great grandchildren: Owen and Abigail Finley, and Addison Kulow.

Preceding him in death are his siblings Marvin Hellman of Houghton, Iowa; Jeanette Holmes of Fairfield, Iowa; and Janice Thomas of Fort Madison, Iowa. Surviving is his sister-in-law Eileen Hellman, Houghton, Iowa.

Merlin's family will greet friends from 9:30 am Friday, June 25, 2021 at Ss. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church, Holy Family Parish, Fort Madison. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow and begin at 11:00 am Friday, June 25, 2021 at the church. Burial will be at Gethsemane Cemetery, Fort Madison, Iowa.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Bickford Senior Living of Burlington and Great River Hospice for their exceptional care to Merlin, and to all who have so lovingly supported us on this journey.

If you wish to send a remembrance, Merlin asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the North Lee Community Foundation. Donations may be sent to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, left at the church the day of the service, or made online at https://keokukfdn.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create?funit_id=1092&sorg_id=1033. Private condolences to the family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Hellman Family.



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JOSEPH A. HENDERSON

Joseph Allen Henderson, 60 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Saturday, June 19, 2021 at this home. He was born September 24, 1960 in Fort Madison, Iowa, a son of James A "Bert" and Rose M "Sudie" (Hansen) Henderson. On June 10, 1994 he married Janet Elfgren in Las Vegas, Nevada, they had two children, Laura and Daniel.



HENDERSON

Joe was a 1979 graduate of Central Lee High School. He worked at several factories in the area, including Pinnacle Foods for 26 years. He loved his pets, was an avid hunter, enjoyed camping, mushroom hunting, and riding his motorcycle. He was active with his son in Boy Scouts. Joe loved his family. He enjoyed attending the Henderson Family Reunions. He thought of others, was kind, and always did his best.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Henderson of Fort Madison; his mother Rose "Sudie" Henderson of Montrose, Iowa; two children, Laura (Dan) Royer of Burlington, Iowa and Daniel (Abby) Henderson of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; six siblings: James Jr (Gina) Henderson of Cedar Hill, Texas; John (Anna) Henderson of Las Vegas, Nevada; Frank (Janet) Lawler, Benjamin Lawler, and Daniel Lawler all of Fort Madison; and Dr. Jennifer Lawler of Argyle, Iowa; five grandchildren: Daniele "It", Joseph, Brantley, Caiden, and Easton; aunts, an uncle, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father and a foster brother Steve "Tiny" Lay.

His family will meet friends for visitation from 5:30 - 7:30 pm Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Barr Memorial Chapel, with Mr. John Griffith officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made directly to Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Henderson family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

LINDA L. WORKMAN

Linda L. Workman, 70, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 6:44 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. She was born on October 11, 1950 in Fort Madison, IA to Frank & Irene Strobe Smith. She married Gary Wayne Workman on February 24, 1971 in Fort Madison, IA. He preceded her in death on December 6, 2012. She was a bookkeeper for many years at Woolworth's, Catfish Bend Casino, J. McCoy & Company and lastly at Armstrong Small Engine Repair. She enjoyed watching tennis, the Olympics, doing puzzles, playing cards, her dog and spending time with her grandchildren.



WORKMAN

Linda is survived by: 3-sons: Brett (Tammy) Workman of Fort Madison, IA, Marcus (Amber Colyer) Workman of Fort Madison, IA & Brandon Workman of Fort Madison, IA; 2-grandchildren: Brittany & Bryce Workman of Fort Madison, IA; 1-brother: Gerald (Rosie) Smith of Fort Madison, IA and her dog, Maverick. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1-brother: Bob Smith & 3-sisters: Shirley Lorton, Marilyn Rowley & Joanne Hoyer.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family graveside service and burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with Rev. John Simpson officiating. A memorial has been established in Linda's memory. Online condolences and a video tribute of her life may be viewed at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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Sports

Burlington stays one game ahead of Bloodhounds

Fort Madison takes first game 2-1; Reyes shuts out Hounds in nightcap for second year in a row

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison and Burlington ended a long night of baseball exactly where they started — separated by one game in the Southeast Conference standings.

The two teams split a doubleheader on Fort Madison’s home field on Thursday night. The Bloodhounds won the first game 2-1, while the Grayhounds won 3-0 in the second game that was delayed almost an hour because of lightning in the area.

Burlington (12-4 overall, 9-1 conference) kept its lead in the conference standings, with Fort Madison (14-3, 8-2) just one game back heading into the second half of league play.

“We knew what we were up against tonight — a couple of big arms, a good team, great record,” Fort Madison coach Ron Walker said. “So that’s what we expected — two games where we had to scratch and claw and compete, and we did. So I’m proud of our guys.”

“I told the guys tonight the arms we saw will be the best we see until we get late in the season. We competed in the box for the most part, and we were a hit or two away from being in that second game.”

It was “vintage Bloodhound baseball,” Walker said, in the first game, when Fort Madison figured out a way to get just enough runs against Burlington starter Jacob Zahner.

Zahner had four strikeouts in three hitless innings to open the game, and seemed to be cruising through the fourth before he walked Reiburn Turnbull and Tate Johnson. Garrett Hannum then hit a ground ball to Burlington shortstop Hunter Ford that looked like it was going to end the inning, but Johnson beat Ford to second base to keep the inning going. Aidan Pennock then bounced a single into right field to drive in Turnbull and Johnson.

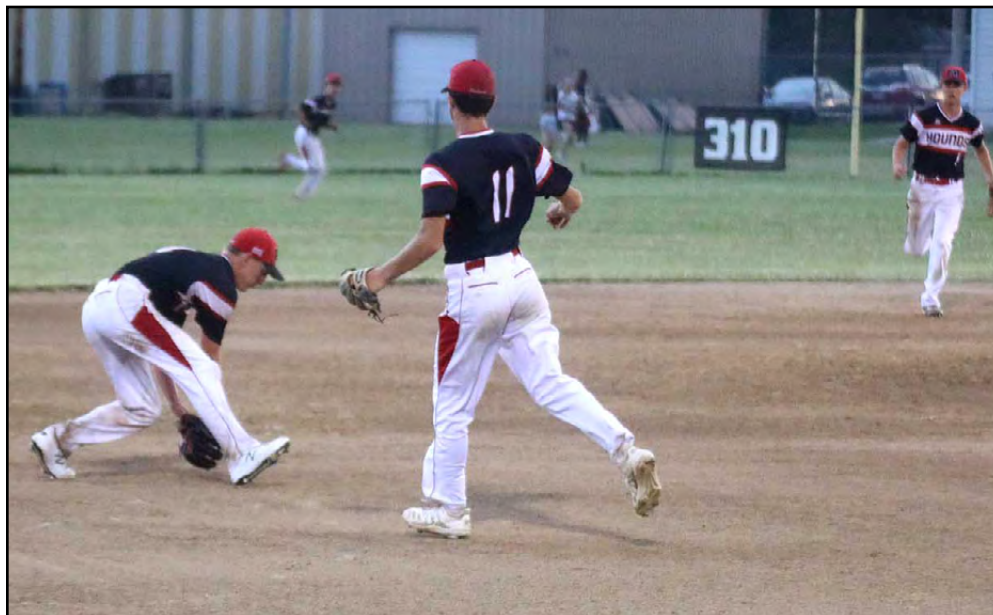


Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison junior Landes Williams gobbles up a grounder to short at the start of the second game of a doubleheader against Burlington Thursday night in Fort Madison. Aidan Pennock (11) backs up the play.

“That’s a big play,” Walker said of Johnson’s race to get to second. “He’s safe, keeps the inning alive, and then Aidan gets the single.”

Burlington’s only run came in the fifth when Owen Fawcett’s ground out scored Alex Fawcett.

Kane Williams was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits over seven innings while striking out four, two of those coming in the seventh inning.

“Kane did a great job coming out and pounding the zone,” Walker said. “The defense made great plays. That’s kind of our forte, let them put it into play and then play defense.”

The Bloodhounds weren’t nearly as sharp to start the second game. Burlington got a run in the first inning on Brock Krieger’s sacrifice fly, then three Fort Madison errors in the second inning allowed the Grayhounds to score two more runs.

That prompted Walker to huddle with his team after the inning.

“Plays we made the first game we didn’t make in the first two innings of the second game,” Walker said. “If we make those, it’s still 0-0.”

The game was stopped because of lightning, and when it resumed the Bloodhounds couldn’t get anything going against Burlington pitcher Juan Reyes. Reyes struck out 10, including five consecutive in the fourth and fifth innings.

Fort Madison had just three hits — a double by Jason Thurman and singles by Vasin Thurman and Hannum.

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/17/21 – 8:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft reported at the police station.
 06/17/21 – 8:34 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kody Kim Turner, 29, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of 5th-degree theft. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/17/21 – 9:34 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cody Scott Glasgow, 29, of Montrose, in the 2200 block of Avenue L., on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/17/21 – 10:45 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Johnette Sue Williams, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for probation violation. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/17/21 – 4:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Paul Patrick Kottenstette, 54, in the 2600 block of Avenue H, on a charge of dog running at large.
 06/17/21 – 4:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue G.
 06/18/21 – 1:42 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5800 block of Avenue O.
 06/18/21 – 1:48 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 900 block of Avenue F.
 06/19/21 – 9:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 06/19/21 – 2:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of 33rd Street.
 06/20/21 – 11:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police

arrested Theodore Grant Marks, 37, listed as homeless, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/20/21 – 7:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue E.
 06/21/21 – 2:00 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1900 block of Avenue F.
 06/21/21 – 6:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of 35th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/17/21 – no time provided – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 16-year-old juvenile from Farmington, at Hwys. 103 and 218, on a charges of 2nd and 5th degree thefts. The juvenile was held for juvenile court.
 06/17/21 – 11:26 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael James Martindale, 30, of Donnellson, in the 1900 block of Hwy. 2 in Donnellson, on a charge of OWI-3rd offense.
 06/27/21 – 2:57 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Carl Richard Proper, 93, of Donnellson, was headed northbound in the southbound lane and struck the rear-end of a law enforcement vehicle driven by Dustin Michael Fullhart. Fullhart pulled in front of Proper after trying to pull him over for operating in the wrong lane and then slowed to stop Proper, who struck the cruiser. Proper was taken

to Fort Madison Community Hospital for evaluation.
 06/18/21 – 12:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joel Douglas Duffie, 40, of West Burlington, in the 1600 block of 354th Avenue in Wever, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 06/18/21 – 2:01 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tyler Jacob Summers, 31, of West Des Moines, on Bauer Street in Burlington, on a warrant for 1st-degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/18/21 – 5:56 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Allen Hahn, 36, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Hwy 2, in Fort Madison, on a warrant for domestic abuse – 2nd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/19/21 – 10:57 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angela Nicole Nelson, 43, of Keokuk, in the 500 block of High Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 06/19/21 – 5:28 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Candi Isabella Kay Medina, 27, of Keokuk, in the 700 block of Morgan Street in Keokuk on a charge of failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her recognizance.
 06/20/21 – 5:50 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Ray Bogart, 27, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's department on charges of assault with injury to an officer, and 5th-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail and

given a pre-trial released.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

06/14/21 – Christopher O Brownlee, age 35, of Basco, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Brownlee was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 06/15/21 – Christopher M Galliher, age 34, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Galliher remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 06/15/21 – Lloyd Anthony Huls, age 51, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Huls was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.

06/16/21 – Justin M Lovel, age 26, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Lovel was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 06/17/21 – Scott R Eggleston, age 58, of Burlington, IA was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Eggleston was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 06/17/21 – Lisa C Swafford, age 44, of Ottumwa, IA was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Swafford was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date.
 06/17/21 – Jessica N Linkeman, age 29, was arrested and charged with Probation Violation. Linkemann remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting her next court appearance.
 06/17/21 – Daphne K

Akers, age 41, of Colchester, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Akers remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting her next court appearance.
 06/20/21 – Tony L Taylor, age 40, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear I Failure to Pay on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Stolen Vehicle. Taylor was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 06/20/21 – Crystal M Cain, age 21, of Momence, ID was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Cain was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date.
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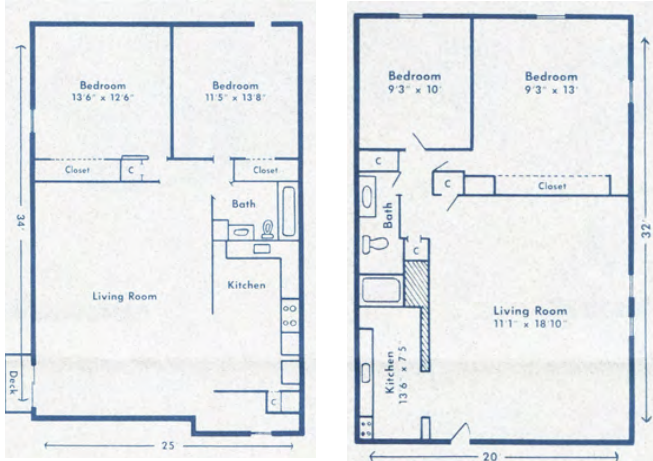


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For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org, or pick them up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to bhull@leecounty.org and copy it to shartson@leecounty.org. Applications will be accepted until Monday, June 21, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

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Health News/From the Front

Parade to start at 11 due to requests from residents

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to see families as often as they would have liked or even at all. We were not able to patronize our local restaurants, experience summer vacations like we have in the past. Our schools shifted to hybrid, off site learning to keep our children safe while still enabling classes to continue. Sadly, most of us were unable to visit loved ones in the hospital who had fallen ill.

On the front lines of all of this was our local men and women that signed up for the opportunity to serve their community. There was not a day that went by that if you had a scanner, you heard dispatchers giving warnings to first responders about COVID positive households or individuals. For each house our first responders entered, they had to take extra safety precautions to protect themselves and others. Even with the added danger during this past year the EMTs, paramedics, volunteer firemen, law enforcement and other first responders and frontline workers heeded the calls for service without hesitation.

One man stood out in our community this year. It is with great honor that we announce this year's Grand Marshall, Bill Young. Bill is the type of person that no matter the situation, is always willing to respond at a moment's notice.

Along with his responsibilities as the Director of the Lee County Ambulance Service, Lee County Medical Examiner Investigator, Assistant Chief of the Donnellson Volunteer Fire Department, Central Lee School Board member, he is also a great family man.

Bill and his wife Tina have three children that have grown the total family count to 13. This past year has been especially difficult for Bill as a first responder because of a compromised health situation at home. His wife Tina was diagnosed with Stage 3 breast cancer and during the pandemic, extra precautions across all of Bill's responsibilities had to be taken. These extra precautions and dangers did not change the families' view that our community needed first responders like him.

Bill was chosen as the Grand Marshall for the July 4th Parade because he went above and beyond the call of duty during the pandemic. Bill has served our community for many years, almost 30 of those spent leading a team of EMTs and Paramedics in ownership of a family business and service as a volunteer fireman.

He has been dedicated to service in this community by being a councilman and Mayor of Donnellson. Along with the many hats that he wears, one thing remains constant – he is a role model for many who want to be a genuinely good person.

When asked to serve as the Grand Marshall, Bill asked that Donnellson honor everyone who faced fears of the unknowns during the past year and to remember those that we lost due to the pandemic.

The Donnellson July 4th Parade will be held at 11 a.m. from now on due to several requests from residents. We hope everyone will stay a little cooler at this earlier hour and hopefully it will allow for family activities all day long.

The American Legion will be serving maidrites, chips, cookies and drinks for a freewill donation in the Pilot Grove Savings Bank Community Room following the parade.

Registration will take place at the drive-up at the Pilot Grove Savings Bank on Main Street where you will be assigned a parade lineup spot. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m. There should be plenty of space to pull into the parking lot and then register in the shade under the drive-up.

Patriotic music will be provided by Dan the Man DJ and your announcer will be Kyle VanAusdall.

Please consider entering a float, riding a bike or golf cart, driving a decorated truck, car or tractor, etc. and help make this parade a special one that we can all enjoy. All are welcome. Let us honor those that helped get us through this past year so that we may all enjoy a small-town parade again because to say "we sure missed not having a parade last year" has been said too many times.

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From the Front

SEIRPC to help with funding

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projects or proposals that don't qualify, the county could be on the hook for reimbursing the U.S. Treasury for the funds.

The committee will also be looking for projects that are getting relief funds from other entities.

"We don't really want them double dipping into relief funds," Fedler said.

Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Mike Norris submitted an outline draft of how the county could review the projects and allocate funding.

Norris broke the allocations out on a percentage bases of the total amount. The funds have to be allocated by Dec. 31, 2024 and spent by Dec. 31, 2026.

Norris recommended that the funding be allocated to Internet infrastructure at 20%, Child Care proposals at 10%, water/sewer infrastructure projects at 40%, Housing projects at 10%, non-profits at 5%, County projects at 10% and tourism projects at 5%.

The committee said 40% for water/sewer was too high and recommended reallocating the funds to 20% for that category and added 10% to Internet projects and 10% to county projects.

Norris also recommended that proposal application include the following information: Organization contact information and tax ID number; funding category being applied for; a project synopsis; implementation timelines; project narratives; administrative reporting plan; a budget; and a budget narrative.

Generally speaking, spending would be authorized for bonus pay for essential workers; broadband improvement; direct benefits to households; water/sewer

infrastructure; replacing lost revenue for state and local governments; public health investments/expenditures; childcare investments; and tourism.

Seyb said bonus pay for essential workers could almost be all-inclusive of anyone still working in Iowa, because the state had a large group of defined essential workers and that could deplete the funds very quickly.

He said broadband improvements would have a deep impact and the pandemic made that clear.

"It goes so deep what it effects in my mind. I had everything from teachers to businesses, to your basic consumers, and kids throughout our entire county. They couldn't get on to do their school work. It was amazing how detrimental it was," Seyb said.

He said there are businesses in rural areas that are suffering with low upload/download speeds and some without service at all.

He said he would also like to inspire some matching funds with cities to help offset the high cost of required sewer infrastructure work.

A county project discussed was a building for the Lee County Health Department with a drive-up vaccination design. The county currently is paying \$84,000 per year for space at the former Iowa State Penitentiary's John Bennett Center, which could qualify under public health investments. A new maintenance shed that has been a victim of budget cuts the past several years was also discussed, but might be an example of a spend that wouldn't directly qualify.

The committee is set to meet again in July to fine tune the application process.

Police can issue fines and take fireworks

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permission granted by the Fire Chief. Examples of the events would be Rodeo and Riverfest or other such events.

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