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Video chronicles Old Fort



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld buys the first official copy of "The Building of Fort Madison". A 30-minute documentary looking at the history of construction and reconstruction of the Old Fort is now for sale.

MICHAEL KILLOREN: Local historian produces perspective on history of Old Fort

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A local historian has reached back in time to chronicle the building, razing, rebuilding, disassembling and reconstruction of the fort that ultimately became the namesake of Fort Madison.

Michael Killoren spent the last three years researching and producing the 32 minute video called "The Building of Fort Madison – The First Fort on the Upper Mississippi."

The video is being sold at the Old Fort for \$9.95 with all

proceeds going to the Old Fort.

Killoren grew up in Fort Madison and never saw a fort here and always had a curiosity of that anomaly considering the city's name.

"When the opportunity presented itself, I took it on."

Killoren said Monday during a press event commemorating the first official sale of a video to Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld at the Fort.

"I didn't realize how big it would be. We left out a lot,

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LIBRARY

FM library to again offer curbside pickup Thursday

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – With Covid-19 cases increasing across Lee County and the State of Iowa, along with Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds request that Iowans limit their social interactions, the Fort Madison

Public Library is bringing back the option of curbside book pick-up beginning Thursday, November 12.

The library is still open if you want to come in and browse for books or use a computer yourself. However, if you are limiting your social interaction, this is another

option to access books, magazines and other library materials.

Curbside book delivery will be available at the door on the west side of the library, near the book return. You can pick up materials

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COVID SURGE

Gov. Reynolds nudges efforts as virus spreads

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds has tightened mitigation efforts for social, recreational, and sports activities in the state as Iowa gets whacked by the novel coronavirus and COVID-19.

Reynolds extended her public health emergency order Tuesday morning during a press conference to limit social gatherings, which includes sports, youth sports, and all social gatherings.



REYNOLDS

High school sporting events will be limited to two people, or family members, over the age of 2, per athlete or participant. But Reynolds also limited those indoor activities to 25 people total, unless everyone in attendance is wearing a mask. Outdoor activities are limited to 100 people unless everyone in attendance is masked.

Violations are to be met with informal education and information, and then ultimately a misdemeanor citation.

She's also limited restaurant, bar and other social event facility groupings to eight people unless a family of more than eight is there together, all with social distancing requirements in place between groupings.

Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross said the agency will be promoting the governor's enhanced measures.



ROSS

"LCHD challenges all Lee County residents and visitors to be responsible citizens and do your part in limiting the spread of COVID-19 which has affected all of our lives by following these public health measures," she said.

"LCHD still encourages people to social distance both when indoor and

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RUBY E. MITCHELL

Ruby Emma Mitchell, 80 of Keokuk, IA died Saturday, November 7, 2020 at her home.

She was born October 9, 1940 in Granger, MO the daughter of Edward Vance and Mary E. Crawford Davis.



MITCHELL

Ruby graduated from Kahoka High School in Kahoka, MO with the Class of 1958.

She had been employed by Sheller Globe in Keokuk for twenty-six years, until her retirement in 1991.

Ruby had a very strong faith in God that was an active part of her life. She enjoyed reading books, especially books about religion and loved to spend time outdoors in her flower garden.

She is survived by four sons, Mike Mitchell (Susie) of Hollister, MO, Jeff Mitchell (Penny) of Keokuk, Todd Mitchell (Eddie Heil) of Rowlett, TX and Gregg Gil-laspy (Nancy) of Edina, MO, one daughter, Penny Booth (Paul) of Keokuk, twelve grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, one brother, Gene Davis of Burlington, IA, one sister, Phyllis Tilton of Muscatine, IA and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Jackie, Jimmy and Phil Davis and two sisters, Mary Ann Rickards and Judy Dunkin.

There will be no services.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JAMES RONALD "RON" WEBER

James Ronald "Ron" Weber, 81, of Keokuk, passed away at Blessing Hospital in Quincy on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Ron was born on August 10, 1939 in Keokuk, IA to Gilbert and Leta Fern Perkins Weber. He was united in marriage to Barbara Hopkins on October 18, 1959 in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Kristina "Tina" Zweifel (Carl) of Kahoka, MO, one son, James Weber, Jr. (Sean Harmon) of Quincy, IL, six siblings, three of whom he helped raise, Linda Jarez of CA, Steve Weber (Donna) and Ann Weber both of Keokuk, and Roberta "Mary" Gray, Jerry Weber and David Weber all of Keokuk, three grandchildren, Joshua Rose (Heather), Michelle McCann (Aaron) and Sara Smith, five great-grandchildren, Callie Jones, Ryan Rose and Hannah Rose and Jordan and Madison Smith, one step-grandchild, Cora Webster (Jeff), two step-great-grandchildren, Finely and Kellan Webster, two brothers-in-law, Arthur Vaughn and Jim Hopkins (Judy), sister-in-law, Mary Weber, father-in-law, Arthur Vaughn (Beezer), and several nieces and nephews.



WEBER

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Larry Weber, one brother-in-law, Jack West, and two sisters-in-law, Sharon and Carol Weber.

He was a member of Emmanuel Methodist Church in Keokuk.

Ron was employed with Sheller Globe in 1959 which was later purchased by United Technologies Corporation in Iowa City. He was an engineer for UTA Corp for 37 years, retiring in 1996 at the age of 56.

Ron was an avid golfer at Deer Run Golf Course in Hamilton, IL. He regularly invited his friends from Iowa City to join him play golf there. Ron loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed fishing. He had gone on several fishing trips through the years and enjoyed having fish fries with his friends and family. He loved the Mississippi river and took daily car rides to check the water level. Ron loved life and was a fun person to be around. He had the gift to gab and liked to go to the grocery store just to visit with others. Ron took great pride in everything he did. Ron also enjoyed building projects. He built his home in Keokuk and he also donated his building skills and many hours to Habitat for Humanity. He was a talented woodworker and had made beautiful furniture. Ron spent hours in his yard chopping firewood to give away to his friends and tending to his flowers. Ron and Barb loved to country dance. Their dance club opened up for the Country Headhunters and Vince Gill. Most of all, Ron loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and cherished the time he spent with them. He absolutely loved to attend their sporting events and dance recitals. Ron lived a full life and brightened the lives of many.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA.

Visitation will be held from 4 – 6 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time.

Social distancing requirements will be in place and masks are required.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA STUTES PFEIFERLING

Patricia Stutes Pfeiferling, 66 of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, November 8, 2020 at Unity Point in Keokuk.

She was born October 20, 1954 in Keokuk, IA to James David and Roberta Jean Campbell Stutes. She was united in marriage to Gary Pfeiferling in Keokuk. He survives.



PFEIFERLING

Other survivors include a sister, Tracy Stutes of Pittsfield, IL, three brothers, Robert James Stutes and Terry L. Stutes, both of Des Moines, IA, Stacy Stutes of Vero Beach, FL and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father and one brother, Michael R. Stutes.

Patty worked several jobs in the Keokuk area from KFC when she was 16, to Big River Box, Hy-Vee and then retiring as a self-employed business woman in the janitorial business.

Patty enjoyed traveling, sightseeing, letting the wind blow through her hair on motorcycle rides, car rides through the countryside and sitting in her front yard watching the days go by all with her companion of more than 50 years by her side.

There will be no services at this time.

Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

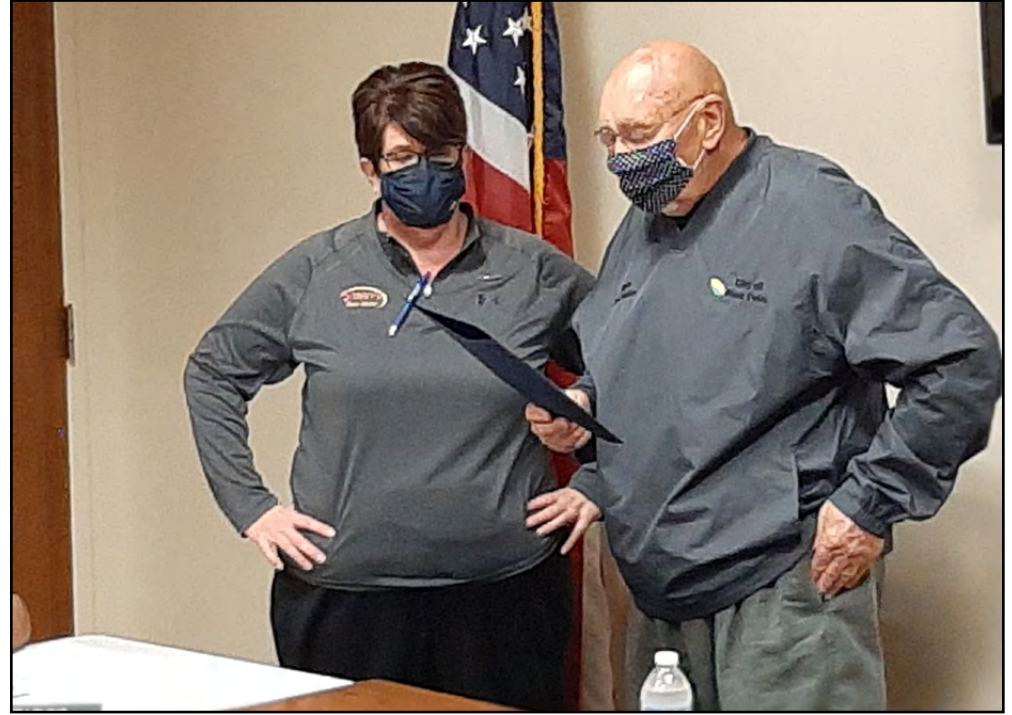


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West Point Mayor Paul Walker issues a proclamation to honor Sony's Supermarket and owner Deina Merschbrock for their efforts with disabled employees as part of the Hope Haven program. Merschbrock was honored at Monday's West Point City Council meeting.

Library patrons can still visit in person, but masks recommended

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Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If you want to use curbside pick-up, you will need to call the library in advance to let us know what items you want and set an appointment to pick them up. Pick-up appointments will be scheduled at 15-minute intervals and you are asked to arrive within five minutes of your appointment time.

Please allow a minimum of two hours between the time you call to request materials and the time you plan to pick them up. When requesting items, please have your library card with you or be prepared to verify your address and phone number so we can make sure we are getting the right books to the right person. If the library calls you about materials you have reserved, or gotten from another library through Interlibrary Loan, you

can also request to pick those up curbside.

If you choose to visit the library in person, we thank you for wearing a mask if you can, as Governor Reynolds has requested, to protect other patrons and library employees. We are currently able to provide complimentary disposable masks.

For additional information or questions about anything related to the library, contact Sarah Clendineng, (319) 372-5721, SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us at the Fort Madison Public Library.

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FM Wine & Beer Walk

The 11th annual event will be held Nov. 20 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. Pre-sale for glasses is Wed. Nov. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Partners office at 614 7th Street. Price is \$10 at the event, \$15 afterwards. Call 319-372-5471 for more details

Enchanted Forest 2020

This year the annual Christmas Tree display will be at 927 Avenue G, behind Aldo. Businesses interested in having a tree in the enchanted forest are encouraged to email Savanna at chamber@fortmadison.com. Cost to be included is \$25 and businesses provide their own tree and decorations. The forest is open on Tuesday's in December from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday's from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; after the Lighted Parade on Nov. 27 and during Mistletoe on Main Street Nov. 28.

Lighted Parade

This year's event is Friday, Nov. 27 in downtown beginning at 6:30 p.m. Float work nights are Monday's beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the warehouse on 12th and Avenue I.

Holiday Window Competition

Enter your business in the FM Partner's Holiday Window Display competition. Decorate your window, send us a picture and get "likes" on Facebook. The business with the most hits wins.

Deadline for photo submissions is Dec. 3 and photos will go live on Facebook with voting from Dec. 4-11th. Winners will be announced on Dec. 14.

FMAAA November Exhibit

Curt Swarm brings his multi-media art offerings to the Fort Madison Area Arts Association during the month of November. half of all proceeds will go to the FMAAA Raise the Roof fundraiser. The center, at 825 Avenue G, is open Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday from noon to 7 p.m.

Canine Corral Tree planting

Volunteers are needed beginning at 10 a.m. to help plant trees in Canine Corral do park in Rode Park. Volunteers need to show up before 10 a.m. to learn how to properly plant the many donated trees.

Community Thanksgiving

The Fort Madison annual Community Thanksgiving will be held by take-out or delivery only this year due to coronavirus restrictions. Meals will be served from noon to 2 p.m. carry out. Call the Thanksgiving hotline at 319-318-2245 to reserve your meals for carry out or delivery and to volunteer to help. This year's meal will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, a dinner role and a cookie.

West Point Wine & Beer Walk

The West Point Wine & Beer Walk will take place on Dec. 4, 2020 on the square from 5 to 8 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

PAW President responds to cat capture

Letter to the Editor;

On behalf of the Shelter, the board and I wanted to clear up some misconceptions about a local individual and a cat that temporarily came into our care.

On October 10th a concerned resident of the area brought in a pregnant female stray cat from Donnellson. This cat had no collar, no tag, no microchip, or any form of identification. Shelter employees and volunteers correctly logged the cat in and began the process of completing paperwork and caring for the animal, to our protocol.

One of our many protocols is derived from Iowa Code Chapter 18 Article 3 Section 18-106 that states "Cats must be held for no less than 3 days to allow documented owners to claim them." We went above the necessary 3 days and kept this cat for 7 days to allow the documented owner to claim them.

October 17th, the cat in question went to a rescue and then into a loving home to finish her pregnancy.

On October 23rd, we were contacted by a woman who identified herself as Candice Curry inquiring about the cat. When informed the cat was no longer in our care, she wished us to give her the name and phone number of this rescue, which goes against our policy that we do not disclose information about any adopter or rescue. This provides protection for the adopter and rescue against harassment.

As of today, 10/28/2020 the documented owner has never contacted us about the cat.

Ms. Curry has written to news outlets, rescues, called government officials, and posted to many Facebook pages looking for this cat. In her own posts, she has stated and admitted that she is not the owner, but also leads people to believe that she is. She has made statements on social media that there is an individual in the neighborhood where the animal resided that harms cats and that cats have gone missing out of the area.

We've been asked why we don't contact the rescue and why we haven't returned the cat. The answer is simple our name states our purpose. We are Protectors of Animal Welfare. We take the lives of the smallest kitten as seriously as the largest hound. We could not, in good conscience, return an animal to a dangerous or unhealthy situation and we strongly believe this cat's life would most likely be in danger.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at brad.fortmadison-paw@gmail.com.

Regards,

Brad Walker President
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Protectors of Animal Welfare of North Lee County



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From the Front

Producer finds 40 year old footage from ISP

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but for me it was very personal in getting to know the people who are responsible for it.”

Killoren takes viewers on quick historical tour of the Fort’s beginning and relatively short life. The Fort was originally called a Factory, because it was a place where governmental officers called Factors would trade for needed goods.

Old Fort Director Dr. Eugene Watkins provides narratives, along with other notable Fort Madison figures as historical records and logs are read into the account.

After a short run of just over a decade, the fort ran into supply issues, most notably food stuffs began to rot and had to be disposed of and fort leaders decided to burn the fort in 1813 and fled the area by boat.

A construction project in the Sheaffer Pen Company parking lot in the 1960s unearthed the foundation of and a renewed push to rebuild the fort began. According to Killoren’s documentary, originally efforts fizzled out in 1932 to rebuild the

fort, but grants were dug up along with foundation of the fort and the project was on.

Killoren then takes the documentary to Iowa State Penitentiary where four inmates, which later grew to close to 50 inmates, began a project with the help of Paul Hedgepeth and the Old Fort Commission, to rebuild the fort on the grounds of the John Bennett Center.

Inmates worked for two years, 10 hours a day “hewing” logs for proposed structures.

Killoren said he was on an inspection team that did a 12-hour tour of the prison and saw the inmates working on the fort.

“I was on an in-house inspection team when Crispus Nix was warden. We went through on a tour and we were up there 12 hours and went through the Bennett center where those guys were swinging those axes. I kept a great distance” Killoren said with a laugh.

Killoren said Watkins stumbled on some raw film of the work being done and had it digitized for the project.

“When Eugene found that film, we didn’t know

what was on it. I went up to have it converted and I’m standing there watching and thinking, “You gotta be kidding me – beautiful footage.”

Then Killoren came across a 1985 140-second newscast from WGEM where additional footage was uncovered and interviews with Hedgepeth and the original four inmates and historian John Hansman.

After the work was done in the grounds, the fort buildings were assembled in the prison parking lot, then disassembled and moved to their current location.

Killoren also interviews former Old Fort Commission members Bernie Hesse and Bill Napier.

“Bernie was very emotional about it when they dug up that parking lot at Sheaffer Pen.”

The video can be purchased at the Old Fort gift shop during regular Fort hours. The fort is closed from November to April.

Mohrfeld said the city is looking a relaunching the Old Fort Commission with direction to make the historical representation fiscally sustainable. The commission was integral in getting the Fort built and opened in 1988.

Still good catches to be found in southeast Iowa fishing holes

DES MOINES - The following is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources fishing report for the week for southeast Iowa fishing holes.

Big Hollow Lake

Water temperatures are in the mid 40’s. Bluegill - Fair: Look for bluegills out in 8 to 12 feet of water. Work the flooded timber or the big brush piles at the upper end of the lake past the beach. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Most of the bass have moved out to deeper water. Use soft plastics or weedless jigs tipped with crawdad trailers.

Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature is in the low 40’s. Water is fairly clear. Bluegill - Slow: Bluegills are out deep, 10-15 feet down in the trees, and look to be staying there. Black Crappie - Slow: Most crappies have moved out to deeper water. Try vertically jigging or drift or troll small jigs. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Work slowly around in the flooded timber in 10 to 15 feet of water using soft plastics or jigs.

Lake Darling

Water temperature on Monday, Nov. 2 was 43 degrees. Tuesday afternoon saw a high of 46 degrees. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Bass have moved to deeper water. You might still find a few in shallow on a sunny day in the afternoon. Bluegill - Slow: Bluegills are out in 10-14 feet of water around the habitat. The ones biting are hitting awfully light. Black Crappie - Slow: Lots of crappies are being marked in 12-14 feet of water. The bite is very timid and light; use small jigs tipped with just a little live bait and work slow.

Lost Grove Lake

Water temperatures is 45-46 degrees. Water is nice and clear. Most everybody in a boat is out in deeper water. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Bass fishing has slowed; most have moved out to a little deeper water (6

to 10 feet). Bluegill - Slow: Bluegills are out deep. Work the habitat in 12-16 feet of water. Successful anglers are vertical jigging small jigs tipped with a little live bait.

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

Cedar River (La Porte City to Cedar Rapids)

Walleye - Fair. Black Crappie - Fair: Try a minnow and bobber in the backwaters. Some big fish were reported this week. Northern Pike - Fair: Target backwater areas.

Coralville Reservoir

The lake is at fall pool of 686.3 feet. Water temps are in the low to mid-40’s. Black Crappie - Fair: A few fish are being caught off rock banks. White Bass - Slow: Look for schools on windblown rock or sand banks.

Diamond Lake

Park facilities are closed for the season. The boat ramp is open and the dock stays in year-round. Bluegill - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with worms around brush piles. Black Crappie - Fair: Use small jigs tipped with worms around jetties and brush piles. Most fish are 8-9 inches.

Lake Macbride

Any sized motor may be used at a maximum of 5 mph. Water temperature is in the upper 40’s. The docks will be removed on Nov. 6, but there are new boat slips at Main Ramp and Opie Ramp that can be used year-round. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) - Fair: Try in 10-20 feet of water during the day and on windblown

shallow banks towards evening. Walleye - Fair: Try trolling crankbaits or jigging in 7-13 feet of water or windblown banks, especially towards evening. Black Crappie - Fair: A few fish are being caught over brush piles or suspended over/along deeper rock. White Bass - Fair: Try in 10-20 feet of water during the day and on windblown shallow banks towards evening.

Liberty Centre Pond

You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. Rainbow Trout - Good.

Otter Creek Lake

The east side of the park and the boat ramp is open. The fish cleaning station is closed. Largemouth Bass - Fair. Yellow Bass - Fair.

Pleasant Creek Lake

The west end docks have been removed. Bluegill - Fair: Lots of small fish are on the banks. Muskellunge - Fair.

Prairie Park Fishery

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YMCA halts youth programs until December 1 due to coronavirus

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in outdoor settings, and wear a face covering/mask when in public settings outside one's own household.

Ross said residents still need to be vigilant when out in public, and employers need to review current plans for recommended guidance.

Fort Madison schools announced Monday that they will go to online learning 100% for two weeks starting Wednesday. That decision effectively suspends any sports and extracurricular activities through at least Nov. 24.

Fort Madison YMCA director Ryan Wilson announced Tuesday that all youth activities have been suspended due to the increasing numbers and the Fort Madison School District going to 100% virtual learning.

Those activities include: Mighty Mite Basketball, 1st/2nd Grade Basketball, and YMCA Swim Team.

"We apologize for the inconvenience, but we're hopeful that in doing this we can help slow the spread and keep everyone safe and healthy," Wilson said.

Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier said case numbers and absenteeism in the district is very low, and they have a high attendance rate so the district is status quo with their instruction.

"This is very day-by-day for us and these things change rapidly," Crozier said. "Our next move would be to a hybrid model and then from there we would consider virtual learning."

Crozier said the district has, however, made the decision to go to virtual classes Monday and Tuesday Nov. 23-24 to give students a full nine days out of the classroom due to the shortened

holiday week.

He said it is currently the district's intention to maintain school-sponsored athletic events as long as data supports that decision.

In the last seven days, the state has seen 21,000 new cases statewide, with a positivity rate of 19%. Reynolds said 1,131 Iowans were hospitalized yesterday.

"This overall increase in patient volume is stressing our health care systems and putting capacity at risk," Reynolds said.

"This situation has the potential to impact any Iowan who may need care for any reason COVID-19 or other serious medical condition and we don't want anyone to be turned away from our hospitals.

These trends cannot continue. Iowans need to do everything in their power to help stop the spread now."

Masks are also now required for employees and customers in salons, barber shops, tanning salons, tattoo parlors, and massage parlors.

In addition to those strategies, Reynolds also called upon all Iowan employers to take another look at what work can be done remotely and implement those plans "to the extent they are possible".

She said Iowans are experience pandemic fatigue, but said the state will remain open for business.

"Iowa is open for business and we intend to keep it that way. It will take all of us doing everything we can to stop the spread of this virus. If we don't, we lose the very things we've worked so hard to maintain."

Farm Service Agency county committee ballots are in the mail

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has mailed ballots for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the local FSA county office or postmarked by December 7.

"FSA has over 7,000 county committee members nationwide who serve their communities by providing input on our programs at the local level," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "We value their knowledge and judgment as decisions are made about the services we provide, including disaster and safety-net programs."

Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office, and at least one seat is up for election each year. Newly elected committee members will take office January 1, 2021. County committee members help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation(s) but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits. Also, producers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, may be eligible to vote.

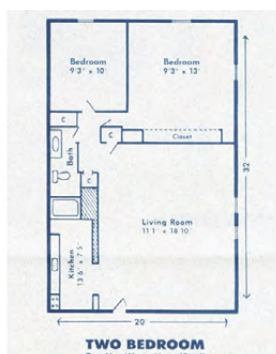
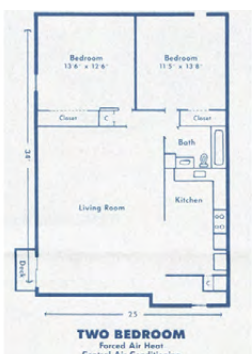
Producers can find out if their local administrative area is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who did not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office. Visit fsa.usda.gov/elections for more information.

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Korean War

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Vietnam Conflict
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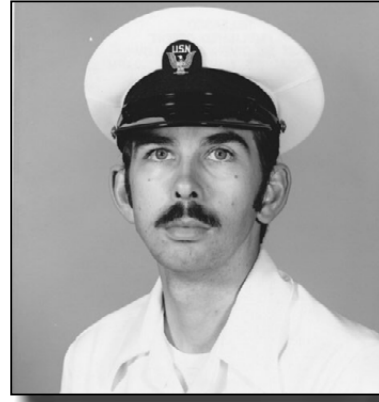


Joseph W. Carle
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RM2. Served 5 years mostly on USS Brownson in the Mediterranean Sea. Got to see so much of the area around.



Kenneth Collins
US Army
WWII



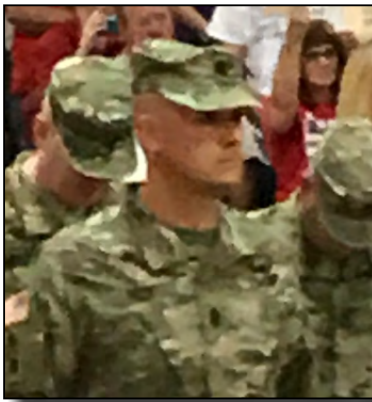
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Two tours in the Mediterranean Sea, one tour in Vietnam. Served 7 years. Stationed out of Norfolk, VA and Barbers Point, HI



Clifton Dawley
US Army

Thank you!



Matthew Doty
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1994-present



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US Army
Desert Shield/Desert Storm
OIF 2003, 2004, 2006



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Jeffrey Hubbs
US Army 85-90
101st Airborne, 3rd ID



Carree Jones
US Navy
1986 to 1992
Adak, AK
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Treasure Island, CA
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Pearl Harbor, HI



Gerald Junkins
Air Force
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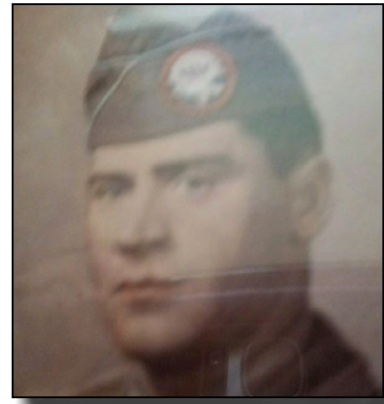
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1970-1973



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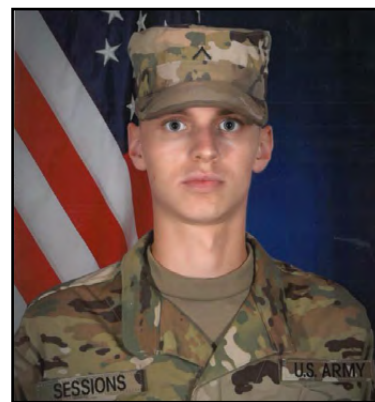
Claude Salisbury
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Thank you, Dad, for instilling in me the Army values and a dedication to serving the community. Hooah!



Aaron Sessions
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2018-2019 American
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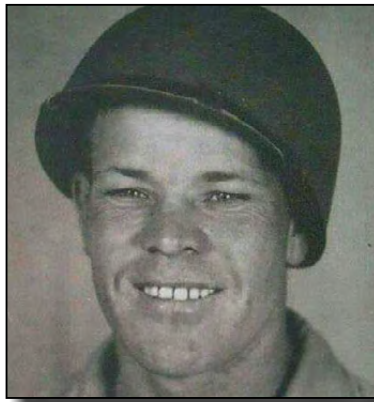
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