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Veterans' charity may build homes in FM

2x4s for HOPE: Quincy group builds "tiny" homes for homeless veterans

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A charitable group wants to build homes for veterans in Fort Madison, possibly using dilapidated properties for the new tiny homes.

The 2x4s for Hope is a charity founded by Mark and Chris Lawrence in Quincy to build the small homes for veterans struggling with finding a place to live.

"As we know our veterans aren't recognized enough for what they have sacrificed for our country," said representative Lester Kistner.

Currently the group has already built close to a dozen

homes in six communities in Illinois, including Quincy, Rushville, Mt. Sterling, Lincoln, Carthage and in Madison near St. Louis.

Kistner said the group wanted to expand the program into Fort Madison by taking dilapidated homes and rebuilding them into homes veterans need, which in turn helps the community.

He said the group starts the homes and builds them from foundation to a completely furnished home in just eight days. The framing takes 84 2x4s and creates homes that are 16x36, which is just under 600 square feet.

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DOWNTOWN FM

Barker moves ahead with more upper story plans

City may apply for CDBG funds for 802 Avenue G upper floor

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – More upper story apartments are in the works for historic downtown Fort Madison.

Barker Financial, LLC, which has more than \$1.5 million in downtown property, is trying to secure a Community Development Block Grant through the city to restart work on the upper floors of the building at 802 Avenue G.

Kyle Galloway, Chief Financial Officer with Barker said this will be a smaller project than three others the Iowa City company has completed in Fort Madison, but he said there is a chance these units could be two-bedroom apartments.

Barker's stepped in to complete the Old Lee County Bank upper floor housing and also has completed the Cattermole Library at 614 7th Street – two projects that were left in the city's hands in 2016. They also purchased the Kingsley Inn properties and renovated that space in 2020.

"It's a smaller project, just an upper story above where the YMCA has the first floor," Galloway said Tuesday. "That building was gutted by fire in the 70s so this is going to be tough project. I'm still not sure it's going to work, but we want to try it."

Galloway said they would like to put four 2-bedroom apartments above where the YMCA has a satellite cardio

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INTO THE FIRE

HTC grad gets up close with wildfires in Montana

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It didn't take long for Quentin Schneider to end up on the front lines of a brush fire in Laramie Wyoming... or face to face with a rattlesnake.

Schneider, a 2020 graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic, signed up for an adventure this summer that sent him into the lines of the Wyoming fires for about two weeks.

Schneider had just finished his first year at Iowa Central College Fire Science program when a group presented the opportunity to go out west and work on the front lines of brush and timber fires during the summer.

The Iowa Central freshman said he thought the opportunity would be a great chance to learn more about firefighting and experience some front line work.

Schneider capture this photo of a Type 1 Helicopter dropping water on a hot spot during a stint in July fighting blazes in Wyoming. Photo courtesy of Quentin Schneider/Fort Madison

His father Mike is a Captain with the Fort Madison Fire Department.

"We had just gotten into Laramie and were headed to our hotel for the night. We were gonna go get something to eat when we got a call and

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Courtesy photo

A photo from Quentin Schneider, a 2020 graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic Schools, catches a water dump from a helicopter while he helped battle brush fires in rural Wyoming.

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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARY

JACKIE L. KLINE

Jackie L. "Jack" Kline, 84, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 9:02 a.m. Sunday, August 1, 2021 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Hospital in West Burlington, Iowa.



KLINE

Jack was born on March 8, 1937 near Carthage, Illinois, the son of A. Glenn and Inez Mae (Hartman) Kline. On December 10, 1982 he married Sydney Lee Pence in Lomax, Illinois. She preceded him in death on September 11, 2016.

Jack served in the U.S. Army from 1960 until 1962. He worked as a truck driver for over 60 years. He worked for All Freight, Safe Transport, John Hutson, Rankin Transfer, Arnold Boyer and spent 30 years driving for Winegard Company in Burlington. He was a member of the Dallas City Senior Citizens.

Survivors include four daughters: Lari Jo (Jeff) Smith of Media, Illinois, Traci (Shawn) McKoon of Danville, Iowa, Sadena (Michael) Jackson of Carthage and Malinda (Greg) Olson of Dallas City; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters: Dorothy (Delno) Hines of Middletown, Iowa and Mary (Phil) Fedler of Ft. Madison.



Jack was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Sydney, four brothers and three sisters.

The funeral service for Jack will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 6, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. Burial will follow in the Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. until time of services Friday at the funeral home. A memorial fund has been established for the PAWs in Ft. Madison or Southeast Iowa Regional Hospice. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Jack's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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OBITUARY

JOYCE A. LEAR

Joyce Ann Lear, 73, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Monday, August 2, 2021 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center, Fort Madison. She was born October 14, 1947 in Iowa, a daughter of Salvador and Agapita (Ramirez) Gonzales.

Joyce was a graduate of Fort Madison High School and lived in the Fort Madison area all of her life. She worked for years at Sheaffer Pen. She was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and attended the River Bend Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Kingdom Hall, Montrose, Iowa. Joyce was outgoing, enjoyed cooking and traveling.

She is survived by one son, Eric Lear of Ottumwa, Iowa; five siblings: Salvador (Rachel) Gonzales of Spring Grove, Iowa; Vito (Sandy) Gonzales of Arizona; Richard (Rhonda) Gonzales of Fort Madison; Rosie (Jim) Burdette of Fort Madison and John Messmer of Texas; and numerous nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, who died as a young child.

A Memorial Talk will be shared by video conference at 2:00 pm Saturday, August 14, 2021, officiated by Ron Fish. Leave an online condolence or find more information regarding the joining the Memorial Talk at www.barrmemorialchapel.com. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Lear Family.

State receives 178 apps for broadband grant funds

DES MOINES – Today the state of Iowa is pleased to announce that the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) received 178 applications from broadband providers for the latest Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program. The request stems from the \$100 million broadband investment that was secured this past legislative session.

"Build it and they will come. The nearly 200 applications as well as the size

and scope of these projects reflect the demand and need for quality accessible broadband throughout Iowa," said Gov. Reynolds. "This effort will open new doors for Iowa communities large and small, resulting in one of the most significant broadband build-outs in the entire country."

Universal broadband access for Iowa was a goal put forth by Governor Reynolds in her 2021 Condition of the State address.

In 2021 the Iowa State Legislature saw fit to fund the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program with \$100 million dollars towards achieving that goal. The grant is administered by the OCIO. Applications were accepted from July 1st to July 28th 2021.

In total, the 178 applications requested over \$292 million in grant funding.

The Notice of Intent to Award for the grant funds will be announced in September.

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Celebrations

Birth Announcements

FORT MADISON - Pen City Current congratulates the families below on the wonderful additions to their families. Birth announcement can be submitted on our website at www.pencitycurrent.com

ROBINSON

FORT MADISON – Misty Fuller and Sheldon Robinson, of Fort Madison, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Anaya Marie Robinson on May 2, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Anaya is joined at home by Isiaha, Nevaeh, De'Shon, Janessa, Channing, and Milyan.

HOOVER

WEVER – Michelle Walljasper and James Hoover of Wever, are proud to announce the birth of their son Ollyn James Hoover on May 13, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

She is joined at home by Paxstyn and Suttyn.

Grandparents are Wayne and Kathy (deceased) Walljasper of St. Paul; and Jackie Canaday of Davenport.

Great-grandparents are Mildred Walljasper of Salem; and Judy Warning of Lockridge.

MOORE TWINS

HAMILTON – Alexis and Keith Moore, of Hamilton, are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters Olivia Rose Moore and Everly Grace Moore on May 27, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are John and Patti Runge of Keokuk; and Dennis and Jane Moore of Hamilton.

HOWELL

FORT MADISON – Ashley Campbell-Howell and

Charles D. Howell of Fort Madison are proud to announce the birth of their son Casious Rian Howell on May 24, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.



HOWELL

Casious is joined at home by Logan Campbell, Paul Peterschmidt, and Riley Howell.

Grandparents are Patrick Campbell and Catherine Vanbrooker of Bowen, Ill.; the late Charles Howell and Carla Howell of Fort Madison; and Sheila Campbell of Keokuk.

GONZALEZ

KEOKUK – Brooklyn Johnson and Jaime Gonzalez of Keokuk, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Rudi Gwynn Gonzalez on June 5, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

PAULY

NEW LONDON – Shannon Paschon and Nicholas Pauly of New London are proud to announce the birth of their son Maxwell Alan Pauly on May 7, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Maxwell is joined at home by Ellie McFadden and Esseme Pauly.

Grandparents are Julie Paschon of Fort Madison; Thomas Paschon (deceased); Mark Pauly of Fort Madison; Betti Victory of Revere, Mo.

TRIMBLE

KEOKUK – Kourtney Nelson and Jesse Trimble of Keokuk are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ivy Grace Trimble on June 7, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

She is joined at home by Landon, Kovi, Aurora, Elaina, and Willow.

Grandparents are Dustin and Chris Nelson of Keokuk, and Todd and Tina Trimble of Cedar Rapids.

WEST

KEOKUK – Siera Mitchell and Johnathan West of Keokuk, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Enzlee Rose West, on June 2, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Cindy and Danny Buntin of Wayland, Mo.; John and Jenny West of Keokuk; David Mitchell Jr.; of Keokuk, and Sarah Mitchell of Fort Madison.

Pen City Current Celebrations policy

The Current runs birth announcements, wedding anniversary announcements, and other milestones at no charge to individuals and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. Announcements can be submitted online here: <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/submissions/> or by email to editor@pencitycurrent.com.

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From the Front

Schneider helps with three wildfires in two weeks

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were ordered up to the Poe Mountain Fire. There was about 300 acres burning and we had to go into night ops," he said. "That was pretty cool and something not a lot of people experience."

He said a lot of the guys he was working with were Missouri conservation workers and they had never done night ops either.

The workers went in and started digging along what is called the hot line where the fire has burned one side of a line, but the other hasn't yet caught fire. The intent is to keep the fire contained to where it had already burned in hopes of reducing flames.

Schneider said the group was on site for about five hours until midnight, then camped at a school nearby.

The Poe Mountain Fire, about 30 miles north of Laramie is listed as under control as of Aug. 3, but started back on July 9. More than 276 acres burned

That was just one of the fires that Schneider's team worked on, but he said it involved quite a bit of hiking with close to 45 pounds of gear in a pack.

"We hiked a good section up and down hills. Mostly we were walking the edge of the fire where it had previously burned and putting out hot spots making sure things didn't pop back up.

Schneider's team was then called into another fire about six miles east of Thermopolis at Middle Fork. That fire consumed about 76 acres, but was suppressed in about five days. That fire started on July 14, and Schneider's teams was one of the last to come in and do mop up work.

He said the first two seemed to be caused by lightning strikes. Despite relatively dry conditions a storm can spark up a blaze in the sage brush of the Wyoming hills. A rain shower that lasted about 10 minutes helped with work, but Schneider said it was so dry that the ground absorbed the water quickly and looked dry again in less than an hour.

A third fire broke out in the area and burned about 100 acres. Schneider said he heard that one may have started from an electrical spark at an oil field, and it was right down the road



Courtesy photo

Fort Madison's Quentin Schneider poses with a fellow crew man in a picture taken last month in Wyoming, while fighting wild fires near Laramie.

from the Middle Fork fire.

"We were stationed on the Middle Fork fire and we looked over the horizon and started to see the smoke rising up and then we get called to it," Schneider said.

"We had to head down this dirt road about 45 minutes and that got a bit intense as we were told to hustle to down to that fire."

Schneider said he was up close with Type 1 helicopters that were dropping water on some of the blazes.

"That gets pretty realistic.

We weren't in on the really big fires where the Hot Shots go in and battle in the blaze and encounter really big flames. The closest we got was the night ops."

Getting certified for the trip was a bit of a test for Schneider. He had to put on a 45-pound vest and hike three miles in under 45 minutes to qualify for what he called DNR F130 and F190 certifications.

That training came in handy as much of the work involved hiking with full gear through the hills surrounding the fires. Some hiking was even through water.

One of the days, Schneider said he was second in the hike formation. The lead crewman stepped over what

looked like a large stick near some water.

"Then I heard this rattling. I looked down, jumped back and yelled "Snake!" he said. "The thing charged at me for just a moment and then veered off. It was right by my left leg. That woulda been a helicopter ride out."

Schneider said after the incident the crew told him it's always the second guy in line that gets bit.

"I'm was either really quick or really lucky," he said.

Other cautions workers are on the look out for are bears and moose. Schneider said bears aren't really a concern unless you stumble on cubs, but moose calves will charge you for no reason.

"I was told to really watch

out for those - bears, not so much."

Schneider will be finishing up his EMT training at SCC next year and got his Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 certifications at Iowa Central, where he also ran track.

Despite the close calls with nature, he said he would like to go back and do it again.

But for a career, Schneider seems to want to fall in his father's footsteps and stick to the more structural part of firefighting and rescue work.

"It would be pretty cool to do a hot shot crew. They make pretty good money in the six months of firefighting season, but for the whole fire season it's a pretty dangerous job - but I'd like to do it again next summer."

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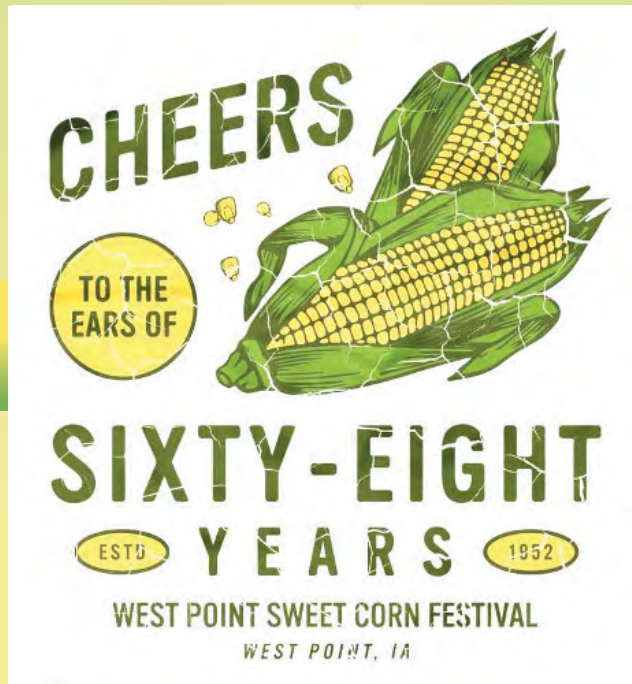
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BBQ Chicken Dinners Served

11a.m.-10p.m.

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BBQ Chicken Dinners Served 11a.m.-?

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From the Front

1970s fire damage could make downtown rehab tricky

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workout center and Olive Branch Jiu Jitsu are located.

“We don’t have too many two-bedrooms so this will be a bit different for us.”

The city is voting Tuesday night to set a public hearing for Aug. 17 on the application for Upper Story Housing Conversion from the Iowa Economic Development Authority’s Community Development Block Grant program.

Barker is a little further along with the project and had an architect draw

up plans almost two years ago for the upper floors of the building.

“We’re pretty far down that path, and sometimes these things just don’t work,” Galloway said.

“This one is really tricky. That fire really did some damage to the upper story and it kinda just got slapped back together. But we’re gonna try and make it work. We’d be looking at high ceilings, big windows and some more great views of Fort Madison.”

He said the U.S. De-

partment of Housing and Urban Development has a big push for this kind of housing and the CDBG application is the place to start. But historical tax credits will also be a big part of funding the improvements.

The city has seen plans for the project and an estimate has been secured through Schickedanz Construction for the work. Galloway says now it’s just a matter of it making financial sense.

“The CDBG application is due by the end of August. We would need the historical tax cred-



its to make it all work. With those you have to go through the historic renovation process and we have some experience

with that, but it all takes a while,” he said.

“Best case scenario would be to hopefully start to lease those spaces a year from now. I don’t anticipate that happening, so the spring of 2023 would be fine, too.”

The \$1.5 million in property valuation under the Barker Financial umbrella in Fort Madison carries \$31,000 in annual property taxes.

The building on Avenue G was sold to Schickedanz Construction in 2017 for \$50,000 and then sold to Barker

in 2018 for \$55,000. It had been owned by Doyle Hoyer as part of the Bertha Hoyer Trust before being sold to Schickedanz.

The Avenue and The Bookmark occupied the ground floor retail space prior to the sale of the building.

Barker Financial is owned by David Barker of Iowa City. Barker is former economist for the Federal Reserve, served on the Iowa Board of Regents, is an Iowa Republican Party official, and is a published author.

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JULY 6, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

Moved by Fedler,

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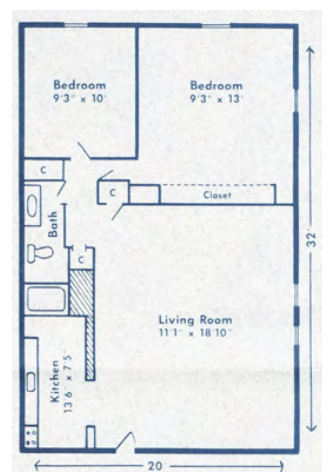
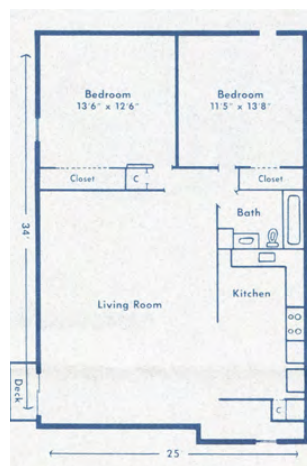
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PUBLIC NOTICES

seconded by Seyb, to approve the agenda with the addition of a request to replace a Sign Specialist II in the Secondary Roads Department and a new hire for the Lee County EMS Department. Motion carried.

Staci Griffin with IMWCA discussed the County's Worker's Compensation Insurance with the Board.

Jon Little, Connection Insurance, discussed the insurance renewal with the Board.

Public Input: Rich Harlow wanted to discuss the roaming cow issue with the board. Present for the discussion were Gina Cramer and Tony Houser, 2091 White Plains Road, Montrose, owners of the cows, and Mark Wessel, 2039 White Plains Road, Montrose, an adjoining neighbor to Cramer.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-79. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 - 79

Resolution for Appropriations FY2022

Whereas, it is desired to make a separate appropriation for each of the different offices and departments for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa.

The board shall appropriate, by resolution, the amounts deemed necessary for each of the different county offices and departments during the ensuing fiscal year. Increases or decreases in these appropriations

do not require a budget amendment, but may be provided by resolution at a regular meeting of the board, as long as each class of proposed expenditures contained in the budget summary published under subsection 3 of this section is not increased. However, decreases in appropriations for a county officer or department of more than ten percent or five thousand dollars, whichever is greater, shall not be effective unless the board sets a time and place for a public hearing on the proposed decrease and publishes notice of the hearing not less than ten nor more than twenty days prior to the hearing in the county newspapers selected under chapter 349.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The amounts by department or office on the attached schedule are hereby appropriated to the department or office listed in the first column on the attached schedule for a period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer listed to make expenditures or incur obligations effective July 1, 2021.

Section 3. No department or officer shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability, or enter into any contract, which

by its terms involves the expenditure of money for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this resolution in with Section 331.437, Code of Iowa:

It is unlawful for a county official, the expenditures of whose office come under this part, to authorize the expenditure of a sum for the official's department larger than the amount which has been appropriated for that department by the board.

A county official in charge of a department or office who violates this law is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. The penalty in this section is in addition to the liability imposed in section 331.476.

Section 4. If at any time during the Budget Year 2021-2022, the Auditor shall ascertain that the available resources of a department for that year will be less than said department's total appropriation, he/she shall immediately so inform the board and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amounts charged thereto, and the unencumbered balance. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly during the Budget Year 2021-2022.

Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business June 30, 2022.

Dated this the 6th day of July, 2021.

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

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Monday, June 28, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a promotion for Shane Kirchner, Full time Sign Specialist in the Secondary Roads Dept, from \$23.48/hr. to \$23.71/hr. effective 7/12/2021; a new hire for Secondary Roads Ryan Freitag, Design Assistant to Engineer, \$71,824.11/annual, effective 7/12/2021 and a new hire for EMS Rebekah Shenkor, Paramedic, \$20.16/hr. effective 7/8/2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve replacing a Sign Specialist II in the County Roads Department. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for May 27, 2021 and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2021.

Committee Reports: Seyb attended the Lee County Investors Breakfast. Harlow attended a Conservation Board meeting and a Children First Board meeting. Larkin attended a Regional Mental Health meeting and a Workforce Development meeting. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting.

At 10:09 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid July 6, 2021
A Abueg, svcs..... 150.00
Alliant Enrgy, svcs 5799.24
Auto-Owners, ins 2067.00

K Benner, exps 121.37
Building Mtrl, splys.. 66.33
Calhoun-Burns, splys 972.70
Coast/Coast, mtrl.... 69.99
Culligan, wtr..... 29.49
Democrat Co, publ.. 38.80
Darkside Tint, splys 2048.00
T Davis, exps..... 20.70
RK Dixon, equip 299.20
Dodd Prtg, splys ... 241.56
Dnnlsln Tire, svcs 1388.00
Douds Stone, splys 4692.79
Drake Hdwr, equip 460.00
Ebert Sply Co, sply 60.80
Electr Engrg, parts 1336.80
Farm/Home, splys .. 19.76
Fed Engrnrg, svcs 14743.18
R Fedler, exps 109.30
Floyds, svcs..... 65.00
T Forseen, svcs..... 105.00
FSU Ctr, mtrl..... 2925.00
Z Fuller, exps..... 160.49
N Granaman, svcs 1665.44
Gray Quarries, splys 1973.70
GRRWA, svcs..... 49.59
TO Haas Tire, svcs 563.34
Hartricks Lmbr, parts 35.78
Heritage Med, equip 76.70
Hldy Terr Apts, rent 155.00
J Hoskins, exps 69.54
Hffm Wldng, svcs 168.83
IMWCA, ins..... 165696.00
IA Brd Pharm, rx 90.00
IA Brdg/Civrt, mtrl 9985.26
IA Co Atty, edu 700.00
IA DOT, splys..... 8107.36
ISAC, reg 5900.00
J&S Elec Bus, splys 18.76
T Jcbsmr, svcs..... 500.00
Jet Gas, fuel 8077.14
Jireh Inc, fuel 1717.80
J Deere Fncl, equip 980.43
P Kaltefleiter, exps.. 54.45
Kempkers, splys 16.98
Keo Water, svcs 728.64
Klingner Assc, svcs 256.50
B K-Riesberg, exps 71.46
A Krebill, exps..... 106.61
R Kuntz, svcs 200.00
LeeCo EMS, svcs... 539.60
LeeCo Fair, edu 25.00
LeeCo Treas, fees 242546.59
LeeCo Treas, costs

..... 30656.96
Liberty Util, gas..... 150.31
C Liles, svcs 102.00
Lynch Dallas, svcs 2519.00
Mail Svcs, svcs..... 1152.16
Martin Equip, equip 2487.12
McFarlands, splys 2066.00
Mediacom, svcs..... 207.29
R Meller, svcs 200.00
T Menke, svcs 197.94
Metal Clvrts, mtrl 50059.70
MARC, svcs..... 1601.62
MidAm Enrgy, gas .. 39.47
Mikes Lndscp, svcs 650.00
R Millmier, exps 62.10
Mohrfeld Elect, svcs 120.00
V Monroe, rent..... 600.00
Mystic Images, mtrls 96.58
Optum Rx, splys 1742.50
Pptrsn Dntl Sply, splys 544.45
Penn City Assc, dues 300.00
M Pflug, exps..... 22.50
Positive Promo, mtrls 2727.85
Postmaster, svcs 245.00
Practicon, mtrls... 3941.47
Prairie Farms, splys 163.20
Rainbo Oil, oil 2846.33
Rathbun Water, svcs 106.00
J Rea, exps..... 181.90
Rock Valley PT, svcs 130.00
Ryan Diag, splys 1626.00
J Schmitz, exps 69.54
Shield Tech, svcs 24978.75
Shottenkirk, svcs .. 1644.38
Sidwell Co, svcs ... 1501.50
Solutions, svcs 4950.00
SE IA Garage Dr, svcs 168.45
Spsnr Prgm Actg, svcs 3157.98
S Spoores, rent.... 174.00
Staples, splys 403.15
J Stensvaag, exps 113.97
Sues Quilts, unif 55.00
Tallgrass Bus, splys 87.56
Athletic Cntr, unif .. 256.00
US Cell, svcs 645.32
M Walker, svcs 200.00
Wex Bank, fuel 670.69
Windstream, svcs ... 498.96
4imprint, splys..... 1045.19
911 Custom, unif 3260.00

LEE COUNTY IOWA Expenditures by Department FY2022 100%		
Department	Budget	Appropriation
Board of Supervisors	1,264,773	1,264,773
Auditor	866,606	866,606
Treasurer	808,102	808,102
County Attorney	1,064,676	1,064,676
Sheriff	4,446,970	4,446,970
Recorder	579,874	579,874
Pioneer Cemetery	25,000	25,000
Secondary Roads	8,842,394	8,842,394
Veteran Affairs	130,247	130,247
Conservation	1,347,980	1,347,980
Board of Health	4,234,303	4,234,303
GR/CPC/Court/Comm. Housing	2,164,633	2,164,633
Human Services	78,058	78,058
Medical Examiner	200,000	200,000
Ambulance Service	3,239,884	3,239,884
Maintenance	677,610	677,610
Building Repair & Maintenance	532,095	532,095
Non-Departmental (Includes Transfers)	9,835,076	9,835,076
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City to look for parcel of land for 2x4s for Hope group

HOMES - Continued from Page 1

“But plans have been developed that maximize every square inch and when you see the inside, it really looks roomy,” Kistner said.

The group starts the homes on a Saturday and works for the next week to finish. The veteran selected for the home gets to see the property at the beginning, but then they don’t get to see the work until the project is completed.

“When the veteran gets it on the following Sunday it is completely furnished. It has food, dishes everything they need. It’s a complete home,” Kistner said.

The homes used to have budgets of about \$25,000 before the pandemic, but with the impact of the pandemic on supply chains, Kistner said the costs have more than doubled to about \$55,000 per home.

“But we don’t let that hinder us. We raise all the money through fundraising and we’re a non-profit

so everything we bring in goes out.”

Kistner said if the city council and mayor are willing to support the project, they will set up a meeting with the founders.

Kistner said messages of encouragement are written on the 2x4s and then they are used as part of the structure. The veteran gets to see those messages before the building is completed.

Community volunteers come into the area on the Saturday the building is started.

The group will try to find a plot of land in the community and Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said the city will work with them to find a good location.

Kistner said he’s hoping the city can find some land to donate to the builds and then fundraising covers the costs of the buildings.

Mohrfeld said the city is excited to work with the group.

“There’s plenty of places

we can think of, but we also want to make sure it’s the right parcel for success,” he said.

Kistner said the Lawrences will come into the city and look over the area to make sure the land is a good fit.

“Especially down by the railroad tracks, some of these veterans suffer severe PTSD so loud noises wouldn’t be healthy for them,” Kistner said.

He said even when the homes are completed and the veterans move in, the group stays in touch with them to make sure they are getting everything they need in the home.

In many cases once the veterans are moved into the new home, they come over to the next home being built and help with the process.

“It’s a win-win for all of us and doing a good service for all our veterans,” Kistner said.

Mohrfeld said there may be some issues to sort out through with the city’s planning and zoning, but the group has the city’s full support.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lester Kistner talks with Jan Garza following a presentation to the Fort Madison City Council on a program called 2x4s for Hope, which builds tiny, fully furnished homes for homeless veterans.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker made a contribution to the group’s cause immediately after the meeting.

Stephanie Warner, who was also on hand as a member of the group, said in many cases the veterans who get the homes have very little in the way of possessions. She said that’s why the group provides everything the veteran would need in the home

right down to paper clips and staples.

Mohrfeld told Kistner and Warner to try to arrange a meeting with city officials next month.

In other action, the council:

- approved the completion of the parking lot at 8th Street and Avenue F

- approved change orders for work on Hwy. 61 from 6th to 10th streets, work on the Pen

City Parking Lot at 8th and Avenue H, and on the FMCH Community Health Foundation portion of the P.O.R.T. trail to Rodeo Park.

- approved the appointment of Jerry Schulz and Al Schulte to the Construction Board of Appeals, the reappointment of Glenda Schneider to the Construction Board of Appeals, and Dan Bahl to the Airport Commission.

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