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New law to boost sheriff's payroll

BACK THE BLUE: New law forces calibration of sheriff salaries across the state

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A new law that goes into effect Jan. 1 will result in a significant increase to the salaries of the Lee County Sheriff and his administrative staff.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed Sen. File 342, known more commonly as the Back the Blue Act, on June 17. Rolled into the new law is a mandate to pay county sheriffs a rate comparable to police chiefs in cities of similar population to the respective counties, as well as comparable to Iowa State Patrol professional administrators and command officers, and Dept. of Criminal Investigation administrators and command officers.

However, there is some gray area in how the exact dollar figure for each county will be determined.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber and his representative on the Lee County Compensation Board Richard Fehseke spoke



to the board at special meeting Monday night. Fehseke presented a letter to the board that outlined Weber's current salary, the new legal language and a listing of comparable salaries of the command staff with the Iowa State

The average salary of four command officers with the ISP including the public safety chief,

two majors and a captain was \$128,963. That figure is based on 2020-21 budget years which end on June 30, 2021, and do not reflect budgeted increases that kick in July 1. For the DCI, the average figure for the public safety chief and three assistants was \$133,836.

Weber stands to make \$90,280 in the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Fehseke also presented the salaries of police chiefs in 11

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Collen Krogmeier of Hinterland Dairy talks with a farmer's market shopper who braved the rain Monday afternoon in Central Park.

IOWA NEWS

State to discontinue 22 scratch-off lottery games

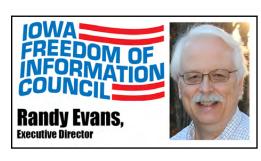
CLIVE, Iowa — As part of its standard procedures, the Iowa Lottery is officially ending sales in 22 of its instant-scratch games and has established the deadline by which players must claim prizes in them.

The lottery has announced the end

date for the following scratch games: "Lucky Ewe!," "Winner Winner Chicken Dinner," "Neon Letters," "Star," "Tic Tac Toad," "E-I-E-I Dough," "Stinking Rich," "Lucky 7s," "Hedgie Hundreds," "Fast 5s," "Luau Loot," "Cash on the Cob," "Silverado"," "Joker's Wild,"

"Loose Change"," "Power Shot," "Pay Me!," "Blackjack," "Naughty/Nice," "Holiday Dazzle," "4X4," and "Money Multiplier."

Players have until the close of business on Sept. 27 to claim prizes in these games.



A church and misplaced priorities

Talk about lousy timing.

The biggest religion story in Iowa last week was a jaw-dropper. Attorney General Tom Miller announced he has concluded a three-year investigation of sexual abuse allegations against priests in the four Roman Catholic dioceses in our

Miller's staff examined church records, some dating to the 1930s, that involved about 100 priests. His office also received and looked into 50 allegations against 36 priests, many of whom were the subject of earlier complaints.

Most of the cases involved priests who are now deceased or retired. But three of the allegations involved priests who are still active in the church's ministry.

"Sexual abuse took place over decades," Miller's report said. "The complaints, the victims, the duration of the abuse were overwhelming."

He continued: "The cover-up was extensive. The image and reputation of the church were put ahead of the enormous harm to young people."

Here we are, 20 years since the biggest scandal in the history of the U.S. Catholic Church became widely known. Yet, we are still learning about newly reported cases of abuse, and we are learning these were covered up by the bishops and archbishops who are the pope's eyes and ears in America.

Instead of worrying about these horrible sins by these supposed men of God, instead of focusing on the lasting harm these crimes have caused to generations of children and teenagers, and to the church itself, the U.S. Catholic hierarchy seems to be worrying, instead, about something pretty inconsequential:

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Charlie Korschgen Kiddie Parade

This year's 109th annual parade starts at 10 a.m. on July 3 with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. at 18th Street and Avenue G. No preregistration is necessary. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories.

Old Fort Genealogical meeting

The June monthly public meeting of the Old Fort Genealogical Society will be held Monday, June 28, at 6 pm at the Fort Madison Community Library. The program for this month's meeting will be given by Des Moines County historian, Russ Fry, on his research of the old Agency Road Trail that passed through the area of Lake Geode.

Fort Madison Farmer's Market

The summer farmer's markets are back in Central Park each Monday through Oct. 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Interested vendors should call the Fort Madison Chamber at 319-372-5471. Visit @ FMFarmersMarket for more information.

Fort Madison Partner's Annual Dinner

This year's event is a Luau at the Baxter Sports Complex on July 16th. For more information contact the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce at 319-372-5471.

SCC Annual Alumni Golf Outing

The 26th annual outing takes place at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course. Early registration deadline is July 9 and teams are limited to the first 40. Rain date is July 19. Entry is \$90 per person or team sponsorships start at \$600. For more information contact Val at 319-208-5065.

FMAAA Kids Art Camp

Two camps are being held this year. Ages 5 to 7 is July 12 and 13th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$70 per student. Agest 8 to 12 is July 14-16 from 9 a.m. to noon and the cost for that group is \$100 per student. Snacks are included and instruction from local artists and art professionals. Space is limited. Call 319-372-3996 for more information.

"Music in the Park"

The Old Settlers Park associations annual summer concert series continues on Friday, July 23 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50s" performing Buddy Holly tributes and other hits form the era. Pen City Cruisers will also be there with classic cars and "Pink Ladies". Food and beverages will be available. To help sponsor, contact Sheryl Decker at 372-7813.

Baxter Sports Complex Golf Outing

The first ever event will be held July 17, 2021 with a 12 p.m shotgun start at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course. Live and silent auctions will be held and the event will feature 8" cups. Dinner and drinks will take place at Baxter Sports Complex after the event starting at 6:30 p.m. Teams are \$400 and hole sponsorships are \$150 each. For more information contact Jeff Woodside at 372-2932 or baxtersportsdirector@gmail.com.

Pollinator Walk Series

Lee County Extension and Lee County Conservation are hosting the final of their pollinator walk series featuring flowering plants and their role in pollination. The walk is free with an RSVP requested at 835-5116 and will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28.

Summer Downtown Markets

This years remaining two downtown markets will be held July 8th and Aug. 19th in historic downtown Fort Madison. Food, beer, wine, donuts, boutiques, home decor, signs, fresh garden plants, music and more from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m starting at 7th and Avenue G. Be a vendor by contacting darlarae71@yahoo.com.

Preschool Story Time

The Lee County Conservation hosts a preschool story time the first and third Fridays of the month at Wilson Lake Picnic Shelter from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The next story time is June 18th

Read Across Iowa

WEST POINT – Preschool story time through the Iowa State University Extension is being held on Mondays in March beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Point Public Library. This year's theme is agriculture.

Fort Madison Public Library

All Booked Up! is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This week discussion will focus on the Underground Railroad. At 3:30 each Thursday is Thursday Crafternoons at the library. Facemasks are required.

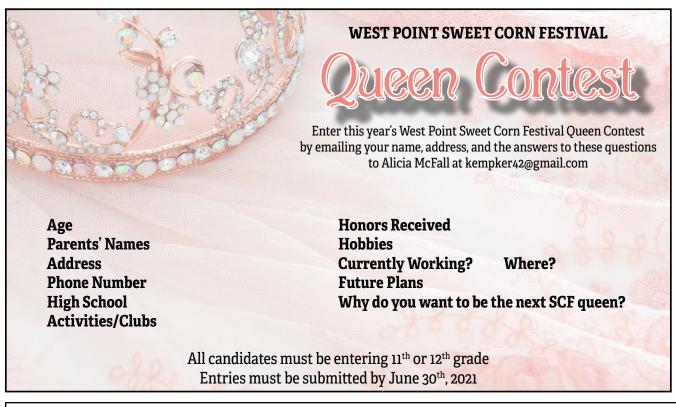
Pollmiller Fishing Derby

Three Rivers Conservation Foundation will host a fishing derby at Pollmiller Park. There will be food for the whole family, fun activities and prizes and awards for kids ages 3 to 16. Saturday Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pollmiller Park Shelter.



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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

LORETTA HERRIN

Loretta Herrin, 89 years, formerly of Fort Madison, Iowa died May 21, 2021 in Topeka, Kansas. She was born July 31, 1931 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, daughter of Henry and Leona (Brown) Buehler. On April 19, 1952, she married Orville Lee Herrin in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1997.



She has been a resident of Fort Madison since 1974. She retired from Dial Corporation after 20 years of service. She was a former member of the Harvest Bible Fellowship Church.

She is survived by her three sons: Michael (Sheryl) Herrin of Osage Beach, Missouri; Dan (Helen) Herrin of Topeka, Kansas; and John (Melissa) Herrin of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri; two daughters: Debra Thomas of Roseau Dominica, West Indies, and Dianne (John) Briggs

of Waukee, Iowa; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, two sisters, one infant son Steven Lee Herrin, one infant great grandson Ryan Herrin, and one son-in-law Peter Thomas.

Per her wishes, her body has been cremated. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Harvest Bible Fellowship Church, Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for Harvest Bible Fellowship Church, contributions may be made at the church during the service or at Barr Memorial Chapel, 1919 Ave F, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627. Online condolences to the Herrin Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel website, www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

YULA M. MEYER

Yula Mae Meyer, 83, of Montrose, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

Yula Mae was born on January 5, 1938, in Worthington, Minnesota, the daughter of Martin Otto and Lillian Mary (Leckband) Haack. In October of



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1966, she was united in marriage to Donald G. Meyer in South Dakota. He preceded her in death on July 4, 2005.

Yula Mae was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fort

Madison, Iowa. She was employed at Campbell Soup in Worthington

Madison, Iowa. She was employed at Campbell Soup in Worthington for fourteen years, then became a wonderful homemaker, spending her time caring for her family, cooking and making new recipes. She was especially known for her potato salad recipe. Yula Mae also liked to

play Pinochle, Bingo and Solitare; and collected Campbell Soup memorabilia and salt and pepper shakers. Yula Mae called Montrose, Iowa her home for over 30 years. She will be best remembered for her kind and gentle spirit, and her goodness to everyone she knew.

Yula Mae is survived by six children: Chad Meyer and Stacy (Chris) Rule of Montrose, Iowa, Monte Meyer of Fort Madison, Iowa, Connie (Jeff) Struckman and Bonnie (Mark) Schroeder of Elgin, Minnesota, and Cindy Austin of Rochester, Minnesota; her sister Sandra Jones; daughter-in-law Brenda Meyer; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Yula Mae was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Bonnie, brothers Larry and James and one son Perry Meyer.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 am on Friday, July 2, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 10 to 11 am at the funeral home directly before the service. For those unable to attend, the funeral service will be livestreamed on Yula Mae's obituary page at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

Memorials may be directed to the family of Yula Mae Meyer.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com. DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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Fort Madison Police Report

06/25/21 - 11:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Nancy Kay Row, 37, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of animal abuse. 06/25/21 – 1:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue I. 06/25/21 – 4:23 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1400 block of 48th Street. 06/25/21 – 5:12 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Matthew Morris Traman, 45, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/25/21 - 6:42 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Anthony Paul Thomas Ourth, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue J, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/25/21 – 7:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue L. 06/25/21 - 8:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4600 block of Avenue J. 06/26/21 – 2:25 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue F. 06/26/21 – 3:48 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Angel Jaime Garcia, 39, of

Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue J, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/26/21 – 10:53 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jessie Maxine Hocker, 40, of Montrose, in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred. She was released on a promise to appear. 06/27/21 - 11:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 300 block of 22nd Street. 06/27/21 – 1:50 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue F. 06/27/21 - 3:38 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Lynsey Russell Gilpin, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 300 block of Avenue E, on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on a promise to appear. 06/27/21 - 3:52 p.m. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2900 block of Avenue M. 06/27/21 – 3:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Timothy Albert Klesner, 48, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while suspended. 06/27/21 – 7:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 7th Street.

06/27/21 – 8:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of Avenue J.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/25/21 - 9:45 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Heather Leigh Ewart, 31, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/25/21 – 12:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Moshun Dee Reed, 21, of Shreveport, LA, at the Lee County Jail, on a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. 06/25/21 - 1:35 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Ryan McFarland, 25, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for a judgement hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/25/21 – 2:46 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brian Kent Brown, Jr., 28, of Farmington, in the 1500 block of Morgan Street in Keokuk, on warrants for violation of probation, 3rd degree burglary of a vehicle. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/25/21 - 7:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at Hwy. 61 and 310th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Linda Lou Patton Boecker, 73 of Keokuk, crossed Hwy 61 in the me-

dian from eastbound onto 310th Street from 243rd Avenue. A vehicle driven by Sheldon Jay Robinson, 53, of Keokuk was headed northbound on Hwy. 61 and struck Patton Boecker broadside. Robinson and a passenger in his vehicle, Linda Marie Cannon, 54, of Keokuk, were taken to Fort Madison Community Hospital. No citations were listed on the report. 06/26/21 – 1:56 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 103 at the exit to Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Payton Lea Sutcliffe, 16, of Wever, was turning left onto Hwy 103 from the southbound exit of Hwy. 61 and didn't see a vehicle driven by Curtis John Steffensmeier, 37, of Fort Madison and the two vehicles collided. Two passengers in Steffensmeier's vehicle, Amber Nelson 23, of Columbus Junction and Lara Liliana Rose, 40 of Fort Madison were transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital with minor injures. Sutcliffe was cited for failure to yield. The two drivers were uninjured. 06/26/21 – 5:57 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas John Ryan Denning, 40, of Farmington, on a warrants for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released after paying a fine.

06/27/21 - 2:41 a.m.

RATINO PHARMACY 2404 AVENUE L. | FORT MADISON, IA 219-372-2000 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kelly Ann McIntyre, 53, of Fort Madison, at 199th Avenue and 245th Street in Donnellson, on charges of OWI-3rd offense and driving while barred. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond. 06/27/21 - 4:31 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on 255th Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Joshua David Coulter, 35, of Kahoka, swerved to avoid a dear and left the roadway entering a ravine on the north side. No injuries or citations were listed. 06/27/21 - 5:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sheldon Jay Robinson, 53, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of driving while barred. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear. 06/28/21 - 5:58 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Evan William Boyd, 18, of Quincy, at Hwy. 61 and Main Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

06/21/21 - Joshua B Seymour, age 40, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding. Seymour was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unlawful use of Weapons. Seymour remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court date. 06/21/21 - Trelawney S Wood, age 57, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Wood released on

given a future court date. 06/22/21 - Lathem D Paulson, age 27, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Paulson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/24/21 - Troy A Gasaway, age 56, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Gasaway remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/24/21 – Justin E Cox, age 37, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery and Disorderly Conduct. Cox was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date. 06/24/21 - Charles W Hanley, age 30, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Duty to Register. Hanley was also arrested on a Lee County, IA Warrant charging him with Sex Offender Registration Violation. Hanley remains lodged in the Hancock County jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/24/21 - Wesley J Skees, age 32, of La Harpe, IL was arrested on a Warren County, IL Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Theft. Skees was released to Warren County authorities. 06/26/21 - James R Harman, age 49, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Harman was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

06/27/21 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County **Conservation Board** Agenda June 29, 2021 4:00 p.m. **Location: Meeting Will Be Held Online**

Lee County Conservation Board Special Meeting

Tue, Jun 29, 2021 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CDT)

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- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Resolution-Authorizing the filing of an application for the lowa Department of Transportation's State Recreational Trails Program for the reconstruction of the Pollmiller Trail
- 3. Adjournment Next regular meeting will be July 13, 2021

Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 17, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building, on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

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

There was no Public Input.

The Board held a discussion on possibly lifting the Mask Mandate at County Buildings. Moved by Seyb, seconded by Pflug, to follow the CDC guidelines and lift the mask mandate for those that are fully vaccinated and to use the honor system for employees. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Pflug-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye and Harlow-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Chairman's signature on the American Rescue Recovery Fund Recipient Form. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-68. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflugaye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021-68 RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted notice and a request for the abatement of the taxes of property acquired by Lee County on February 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, said property was donated to Lee County Conservation by

Colette Clark and Colette Clark as Executor of the Estate of John Howard Clark:

WHEREAS, Section 445.63 provides in its material part:

When taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes were owing before the parcel was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the county treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of the taxes due. If the governing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the board of supervisors shall abate all of the taxes; and

WHEREAS, Section 350.4 authorizes the **County Conservation** Board to acquire in the name of the county by gift, suitable real estate within the territorial limits of the county for public museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, forests, wildlife, and other conservation purposes.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the notice and request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.63 the Board of Supervisors hereby, through this Resolution, abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following property:

Lee County, Iowa Parcel Number: 041521321000040 Parcel Number: 041521321000050 Parcel Number:

041521322000030 Parcel Number: 041521322000040 Parcel Number: 041521322000050

Parcel Number: 041521322000060 Parcel Number:

041521322000100 Parcel Number: 041521322000110 Parcel Number:

041521331000020 Parcel Number: 041521331000030

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 17th day of May, 2021.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-69. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflugaye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2021-69 RESOLUTION FOR ASSIGNMENT OF TAX **SALE CERTIFICATES** TO A MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lee County currently holds Tax Sale Certificates for Parcel Numbers 024715053350090 (2833 Avenue J), 024715043260140 (1713-15 Avenue H), 024715044060030(1328 Avenue H), 024715044060050(1320 Avenue H), and 024715044060040(1324 Avenue H), located in Fort Madison, Lee County

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 446.31 provides:

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assign the certificate for the total amount due as of the date of assignment or compromise the total amount due and assign the certificate. An assignment or a compromise and assignment shall be by written agreement. A copy of the agreement shall be filed with the treasurer. For each assignment transaction, the treasurer shall collect

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WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 446.19(2) provides in pertinent part:

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amount due the tax-levying or tax-certifying body as its just share of the purchase price.";

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Madison has requested Lee County assign the Tax Sale Certificates held by Lee County for Parcel Numbers 024715053350090, 024715043260140, 024715044060030, 024715044060050, and 024715044060040 to the City of Fort Madison for the purpose of rehabilitation of properties that have been abandoned, constitute a public nuisance, and are generating no tax revenue;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby assigns the Tax Sale Certificates held by Lee County for Parcel Numbers 024715053350090, 024715043260140, 024715044060030, 024715044060050, and 024715044060040 to the City of Fort Madison for the purpose of rehabilitation of properties that have been abandoned, constitute a public nuisance, and are generating no tax revenue.

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Lee County Treasurer with a copy of the letter request from the City of Fort Madison as the agreement between the City and the County required under Chapter 446.31(2), Code of Iowa.

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 17th day of May, 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to

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approve the Monday, May 10 and the Thursday, May 13, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried with Fedler abstaining from voting on the May 10th minutes.

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

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for April 2021, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2021 and the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2021.

Committee Reports: Harlow asked when the matter of displaying a turbine from the Keokuk Dam would be on the agenda again. Pflug said that they are checking legalities on this. Harlow also referred to an email the Board received from Mary Hawes regarding a sink hole in Argyle. Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Seyb reported on a Career Exploration Center Committee meeting. Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health meeting and a Workforce Development Board meeting. Pflug reported on a Conservation Board meeting.

At 9:55 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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Sports/From the Front

Comp board unhappy with lack of

past influence on county supervisors

Bloodhounds crack IHSBCA top 10 in 3A

BY PCC STAFF

OTTUMWA – The 12th-ranked Ottumwa Bulldogs handed the Fort Madison Bloodhounds a 5-3 loss Friday night in Ottumwa.

The Bulldogs used four pitchers to one-hit the Blood-hounds, but a combined eight walks allowed Fort Madison to stay in the game against the CIML's top team

Ottumwa stands at 14-0 in CIML conference play and is 23-5 on the season and ranked just 12th in state in Class 4A despite being a conference with five Des Moines metroplex schools.

Fort Madison trailed 5-0 going into the top half of the seventh when Ottumwa's Mitch Wood issued three straight walks to load the bases with no outs. Landes Williams then wore a pitch to bring in Aidan Pennock and move everyone up a bag.

That prompted the Bulldogs to bring in Jackson Saunders who gave up a sacrifice fly to Jason Thurman to center scoring Colton Engeman. Vasin Thurman would follow suit in the next at bat scoring Kane Williams on the second out.

Reiburn Turnbull would then line out to center to end the game.

Ottumwa put up one run in the third and two each in the fourth and fifth, before Kane Williams came on in relief of starter Garrett Hannum. Hannum gave up five runs all earned on five hits while striking out one. Pennock had the lone hit for Fort Madison on a single to right field with no outs in the top of the fifth.

Williams would draw a one-out walk in the inning to put two on, but a strike out and ground out ended the only real other threat the Bloodhounds posed.

Fort Madison falls to 16-4 on the year and is still one game back of Burlington in the Southeast Conference at 10-2. They are scheduled to host Davis County Tuesday night. Wednesday's game with Central Lee has been canceled and replaced with a 6:30 game at Keokuk.

Fort Madison slipped into the top 10 in Class 3A this week in the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Poll as one of five teams receiving votes under the top 10.

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Iowa cities comparable in population to Lee County. The county's 2019 population number was 33,657.

Bettendorf was closest in size to Lee County at 35,919. The police chief in Bettendorf made \$142,572 in 2019. The next closest population city was Marion at 39,328. The chief of police there made \$143,000 in 2019. The average police chief salary of those 11 cities was \$118,197.

When compiling the figures from all three categories, the average salary would be \$126,909, which would amount to an increase of \$36,629 per year for Weber.

The other factor to consider is that Weber's administrative team of Chief Deputy Will Conlee, Captain Craig Burch and Jail Administrator John Canida are all tied to Weber's salary by Iowa and local codes as a percentage, which would result in lateral increases for all three of those positions.

Although the new law mandates the restructuring of the sheriff's salary, it does not specifically spell out how the compensation board will come up with a dollar figure, other than to take into consideration the other comparable officer salaries.

"As soon as I knew this was in the bill and it got signed, I notified the auditor because I knew she would have to notify you guys so you knew right away," Weber told the board.

"I knew this was going to be a headache for every-one."

Weber said he wasn't aware of the language about the sheriff's county salaries until about three weeks before the bill was signed.

Compensation board member Kathy Gabel asked the Lee County Supervisors in attendance what the magic number was, or what they were willing to support.

Four of the five Lee County Supervisors were in the room.

"I would like the budget director to at least tell us

how we're going to make this adjustment if it's the full amount we have to approve," asked Supervisor Rick Larkin.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said barring any unforeseen large expenditures, the sheriff's budget may be able to absorb the higher pay structure.

Compensation Board member Ernie Schiller said Lee County Supervisors have never taken the compensation board's recommendations seriously.

"I think the whole compensation board would probably agree with me, but the compensation board has been a joke to the board of supervisors forever," Schiller said.

He said the board should either make a decision or postpone action until Renstrom has compiled all the necessary data for them to make a decision.

The board did table the discussion until two weeks after Renstrom provides data to satisfy the new law. Any changes in salary would be retroactive to July 1.

"The writing's on the wall. It's the law. There's not a lot of back and forth on this. That's my opinion. If it's the law, it's the law." said Matt Pflug, Lee County Supervisor Chairman.

Supervisor Garry Seyb, Jr. said it was the compensation board's job, and not the supervisor's, to come up with a figure that fits the new law. In prior years the law stated that the compensation board should consider setting the salary comparable to other similar size municipal police chiefs, but didn't mandate it. The new law says the compensation board 'shall' set the salary

"I'm only one member, but I really don't think that's our place. I don't think the (supervisors) should be giving you a number. The state's given you a formula to use," Seyb said.

Board member Larry Kruse said the compensation board should document which salaries they are using to calculate a figure and then turn it over to the Board of Supervisors to approve.

"Put that together and give that to them, that's basically following the law, and they have no choice but to approve that," Kruse said.







Sports/From the Front

Miller's scrutiny has kept spotlight on dioceses

EVANS - Continued from Page 1

Should the best-known Catholic lay person in the U.S., President Joe Biden, be able to receive communion because of his position on abortion?

Talk about misplaced priorities. Talk about lousy timing.

Members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops voted 168-55 earlier this month to begin drafting a document to address many bishops' concerns about prominent Catholic politicians receiving communion while opposing the church's position that all abortions should be illegal.

Biden has said he opposes abortion personally but supports the right of pregnant women to obtain legal abortions if they choose.

No one is questioning the authority of the bishops. Those pushing to exclude Biden and other pro-choice Democrats from receiving communion certainly have the right to decide who does, and doesn't, qualify for communion in the dioceses they oversee.

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is blunt about Biden: "Our new president has pledged to pursue certain policies that would advance moral evils."

To be clear, however, many Americans, Catholics and non-Catholics, have been sickened by the shameful conduct of church leaders in the United States — and in Rome, too — who have turned a blind eye toward the moral evils represented by the likes of two Iowans, Father Jerome Coyle and Father George McFadden.

When Coyle admitted in 1986 that he had sexually abused about 50 Iowa boys, the church did not report him to law enforcement for prosecution for his crimes. Instead, the church continued its longtime practice — moving him quietly to a different community, where no one would suspect anything nefarious about the new priest in town. First it was to a treatment center in New Mexico, then to a care center in Fort Dodge across from a Catholic school and, finally, to another state where his past likely will not catch up to him.

McFadden's story was similar to Coyle's — assignment to a parish with unsuspecting boys and parents who had been taught to respect and trust the priest. The church finally concluded — after too many years and too many victims— that McFadden had sexually abused at least 48 boys. He was removed from the priesthood but was not handed over to law enforcement.

Coyle's and McFadden's victims had parents who were probably more concerned about their children's safety and well-being and were less concerned whether the president of the United States is worthy of receiving communion.

Miller's scrutiny of the abuse problem in Iowa has answered many questions and kept the public spotlight on the dioceses to ensure they do not backslide.

Nationally, one of the questions involves another Catholic political leader, former Attorney General William Barr. These questions go to the U.S. bishops' silence as the federal government, with Barr's approval, executed more federal prison inmates during the Trump administration than during any administration in the past 120 years

Amid all of the discussion and debate over communion, one Anglican priest, the Rev. Daniel Brereton of Mississauga, Ontario, offered his take on the U.S. bishops' conflict with Biden:

"I don't understand withholding communion," he said in a social media post. "It's not a prize for the best performance. It isn't a gold star for top marks.

"It's grace, and we're not the ones giving it. But what if someone 'unworthy' receives it. Uh, that would be 'everybody'.

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West Burlington hands Hawks, Lady Hawks losses Thursday

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON – West Burlington got the best of Central Lee in Southeast Iowa Superconference baseball and softball matchups Thursday night in West Burlington.

The Hawks fell to West Burlington 7-4 in the boys game, while the Lady Falcons shut out the surging Central Lee girls 12-0 on the girls diamond.

In the boys' game West Burlington jumped out to a 3-0 lead when Gabe Zurita pulled one over the left field fence with two on and two out in the bottom of the first off starter Corbin Pohren.

The Hawks would come back to tie things after putting up a run in the second on Tanner DeMoss' homer off Ty Hill to lead off the second, and then two in the third.

Corey Jones would get plunked to lead off the third and move to second on Tommy Eschman's groundout fielder's choice to Hayden Vandenberg at third. Kade Myhre would draw a walk on four straight and then Alex Sandoval would single to center to load the bases.

DeMoss then slapped a grounder that was mishandled at short allowing Jones and Myhre to come around to score tying the game. Denning then grounded out to third to end the threat.

West Burlington would get a two-out double from Vandenberg to left and Zurita would wear on to put two on in the bottom of third, but Ty HIll would fly out to center for the third out.

Central Lee would break the tie in the top of the fourth. The Hawks would load the bases with two outs on Zurita's second error at short. Then a passed ball allowed Jones to come around to score before Myhre lined to center to end the top half.

West Burlington would get a little breathing room in the bottom of the fourth with three runs. Then Vandenberg would come on in relief in the sixth and strike out four of six hitters while not giving up a hit in preserving the win.

The Hawks fall to 8-8 on the year, 5-7 in the Superconference. They travel to Eldon to take on Cardinal (9-7) on Tuesday. The Falcons slip over .500 on the year at 10-9 and are 5-6 in SEISC South play.

In the girls game, the No. 4 ranked Lady Falcons shutout Central Lee 12-0.

West Burlington's Lauren Summers stymied the Lady Hawks in three innings giving up three hits and fanning one. Summers also homered twice in the game going 3 for 3 with 4 RBI and a run scored. Lyndsey Kelley also went 3 for 3 for the Falcons.

Central Lee surrendered five runs in the first, four in the second and gave up 3 runs in the third invoking the 12-run rule after three innings.

Turner took the loss for Central Lee going 1 2/3 giving up nine runs, eight earned on nine hits.

The girls play a double header with Burlington today at the Bubble in the Burlington Rec Plex. The game was moved due to poor field conditions at Central Lee.

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- 2. Pick a card out of the basket. The game piece has a business name on it. Match it to the bingo card. Head on over to another business, repeat. (Only 1 card per day from each business).
- 3. \$5 space of your choice can be filled by spending at least \$5 at a participating business.
- 4. Try to match and get a BINGO. Bingo consists of horizontal, vertical and diagonal. Play for as long as you like to get as many Bingo's as you can. At the end of the game, your name will be entered into a grand prize drawing consisting of goodies from each business.

1 Bingo = 1 Chance
2 Bingo's = 2 Chances
Blackout = 5 Chances

5. Return your card with the game pieces to: Under the Sun, Griffin Muffler & Brake Center, the YMCA or the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce.

Your all-American adventure happens June 28 – July 3, 2021 Cards must be returned no later than July 7, 2021 Winner will be drawn by July 9, 2021