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Dog owners called out



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker works on the pergola in the downtown Pocket Park Saturday afternoon. Bowker is on a quest to get dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Doggie doo-gooders needed: Efforts underway to clean up downtown parks

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The city's downtown pocket park is a new beacon of the energy of downtown – along with new coffee offerings, toys, movies, and bangers and mash.

But it's also being treated as the town's doggie doo doormat – and Fort Madison City Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker has had enough.

"I was walking downtown (Thursday) with some engineers about a future project, and we stopped in front of the pocket park to brag about the improvements a bit," Bowker said.

"And just standing there I noticed nothing but dog doo everywhere. And I was just mortified that we have so many irresponsible pet owners here.

"We're trying so hard to come up with things to make our town beautiful and a place to be, but it's hard to do that when we can't even walk in our own parks."

Bowker has personally paid to have the park cleaned up, has put in the sweat equity, along with other members of the city's beautification foundation, by moving rock, scraping and painting, and applying for grants.

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CENTRAL LEE

Accident by Central Lee sends four to area hospitals

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON – Four people were sent to area hospitals Saturday just after noon when an SUV and a pick-up collided near Central Lee High School.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said

two people in each vehicle were taken to area hospitals by Lee County EMS following the collision.

All of those transported had suffered moderate, but non life-threatening injuries. AirEvac was on standby for the accident, but no one needed to be air lifted to another hospital.

Weber said people need to watch their speed and be careful with motorists turning in and out of the school at that section of Highway 218.

Lee County EMS, Donnellson Fire & Rescue, Lee County Sheriff's Dept, and the Iowa Department of Transportation assisted with the incident.

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Flag adorns top of Salem family barn

Randy Stewart and his son, Austin, had a brain storm one day. They are patriotic people and, wishing they had a flag pole for an American Flag (the 4th of July was coming up), they did the next best thing. They painted the American flag on their barn roof. Yep. They didn't realize how much work it was going to be, but once they got started, it was hard to quit. They went to work with scaffolding, and ladders, and chalk-lines, and paint brushes, and cans of spray paint. The result is an eye catching, 12' x 32' American flag on their barn roof, which faces the road at 1406 310th St., Salem, Iowa. It's known as Stewart Acres.

They painted the flag in 2016 with the help of Jessi Melvin. Since then, the flag has faded and been repainted, especially the 50 stars. Their neighbor, Brianna Wilkerson, helped with the repainting. They use the flag on their barn roof as a landmark when giving directions to their home. "It's on the south side of 310th St., look for the American flag on the barn roof."

The Stewarts have lived on the farm for seven years. Randy was born and raised here and went to school in Mt. Pleasant. His folks have always lived in Salem. When he was 19, he hopped a Trailways Bus for Omaha and went to work. At the age of 49, he was diagnosed with rectal cancer and decided to move back to be closer to family. Austin, his son, came with him. The cancer is in remission.

The Stewarts are handy people. They run a commercial mowing business, mowing cemeteries and nursing homes. The Forest Home Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant is one of their accounts. They also do roofing, concrete work, landscaping, res-

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WEATHER

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No excuse needed to fly Old Glory on top of barn

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toration, demolition, and odd jobs like hauling gravel and tree work. If a lot needs cleared, or a building taken down, the Stewarts are interested. They own the oldest commercial building in Salem. It's located at the intersection of Cherry St. and Main. It used to be a bank back in the late 1800's, and had a printing shop upstairs and a clothing store in the other half. As time went on it was the American Legion, and the post office for many, many years. The Stewarts use it now for a wood shop, and are looking into the possibility of procuring grant money to restore it. The town of Salem almost burned down once. When the town rebuilt, they used brick from Salem's brick yard. This building is built with that brick. The banker's name is still above the door: Bixler.

The Stewart farm is pretty close to being a petting zoo. They have two pigs, three goats, and four cows in the barn. In any given year there will also be a deer or two hanging around. When the Stewarts come across a fawn while mowing, they will bring it home and care for it if it's been abandoned. They've raised three and still see the deer after they've gone away. Last year, the one they raised three-or-four years ago was seen down in the pasture still wearing her pink collar. She had two baby bucks with her. Another year they found a fawn with a broken leg. Randy made a splint for her and she survived until she could make it on her own. The deer are always free to come and go as they please.

The Stewarts like to pick up deer sheds also. It keeps them in shape for mushroom hunting. Austin wants to train a Chocolate Lab to find and retrieve deer sheds. (He's also wondering if a dog can sniff out mushrooms.) The Stewarts used to have a lot more deer sheds, but Randy's Chocolate Lab steals them off the rack and chews them up.

When fall rolls around, the Stewarts go hornet-nest hunting. Yep. It's a race with the birds. When a cold snap hits, the hornets die and the nests are empty. Birds like to dig out the larvae. The Stewarts cut off the branch and coat everything with polyurethane. Bars and restaurants snap the nests up as fast as the Stewarts can find them.

It's been a tough winter with lots of snow and ice in February. The American Flag on their barn roof is fading again. They may have to touch her up some this summer, and keep Old Glory flying high. Stewart Acres doesn't need an excuse to display the American Flag.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

FM man arrested for alleged sexual assault of a minor

DONNELSON – The Donnellson Police Department arrested a rural Fort Madison man on a Felony Sexual Abuse charge.



JANNUSCH

Jonathan Thomas Jannusch, 26, of Fort Madison, was arrested on Friday at the Donnellson Police Department on a charge of sexual abuse assault 2nd. Sexual Abuse Assault second is a Class B Felony. If convicted, Jannusch faces up to 25 years

in a state correctional facility.

The arrest stems from an investigation by Officers of the West Point-Donnellson Police Department into allegations that Jannusch had committed sexual abuse to a minor victim in the Donnellson area.

The Iowa Department of Human Services and the Lee County Attorney's Office assisted the West Point-Donnellson Police Department in the investigation.

Jannusch is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

02/25/21 - 9:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Laura Denise Farr, 44, of Wever, in the 1200 block of 20th Street on a charge of driving under suspension.
 02/25/21 - 10:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 02/25/21 - 11:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Adam Ray Sutton, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 28th Street, on a warrant for trespassing. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/25/21 - 12:14 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue F.
 02/26/21 - 6:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5000 block of Avenue O.
 02/26/21 - 10:56 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 02/26/21 - 11:14 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue M.
 02/27/21 - 10:21 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 02/27/21 - 11:36 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue E.
 02/27/21 - 12:06 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of Formad Industries Drive.
 02/27/21 - 2:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal

injury accident in the 1200 block of 37th Street.
 02/27/21 - 7:51 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5100 block of Avenue O.
 02/27/21 - 10:04 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue F.
 02/28/21 0 1:34 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue H.
 02/28/21 - 9:16 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of 48th Street.
 02/28/21 - 5:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested John Robert Mead, 41, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/25/21- 6:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert Ronald Lynn Duncan, 31, of Keokuk, in the 1600 block of Morgan Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/25/21 - 12:34 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan Paul Markey, 42, of Wever, in the 1700 block of 358th Avenue, on warrants for failure to appear and charges of OWI and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 02/26/21 - 9:03 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brias William Carroll, 37, of West Point, at the

sheriff's dept. on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 02/26/21 - 4:56 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Daniel Russell, Philp, 36, of Montrose, on Hwy. 218 on warrants for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail and given a pretrial release.
 02/27/21 - 10:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Stephen Tyler Dye, 27, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Lake Road, on warrants for assault with bodily injury, trespassing with injury/damage and simple assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 02/27/21 - 12:08 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2600 block of Hwy. 218. According to the reports a vehicle driven by Sally Heckman Peck, 77, of West Branch, was headed southbound on 218. A vehicle driven by Dustin James Kramer, 44, of Donnellson, was headed northbound. The report indicates Heckman turned left in front of Kramer and the two vehicles collided. Three occupants in Peck's vehicle were injured and transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital. One individual in Kramer's vehicle was transported to FMCH by personal vehicle. Peck was cited for failure to yield upon a left turn.
 02/27/21 - 12:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Lee Dodson, 39, of West Point, in the 2000 block of Hwy 103, on a charge of domestic assault with a weapon. He was taken to

Lee County Jail and held.
 02/27/21 - 3:17 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Steven Wegat, 31, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's dept. on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 02/27/21 - 9:53 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Reginald Lamar Brown, 22, of Keokuk in the 3500 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on charges of failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/27/21 - 10:58 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dakota Wayne Jacobson, 24, of Keokuk, in the 2700 block of 340th Street on a charge of domestic assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 02/28/21 - 12:12 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 southbound near River Road, where, according to the report, a vehicle driven by Haley Christine Benson, 21, of Keokuk struck a large boulder in the road. No injuries were reported and the vehicle had to be towed.
 02/28/21 - 1:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tecora Tishana Anderson, 42, of Burlington, at Heron Bend North in Montrose, on a warrant for contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance.
 02/28/21 - 2:57 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Amber Jo Berry, 37, of Keokuk, in the 2400 block of 263rd Avenue in Montrose on a charge of OWI-2nd

offense. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance.
 02/28/21 - 1:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of 48th Street. According to the report, an unidentified vehicle was parked legally in the 2000 block of 48th Street when it was struck by a vehicle driven by Mark Allen Wise, 58, Fort Madison while leaving a parking lot. No citations or injuries were reported.
 02/28/21 - 2 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jayden Victor Untz, 20, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's department on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 02/28/21 - 3:10p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Reginald Lamar Brown, 22, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's department on a temporary hold. He was held in custody.

Hancock County Sheriff's report

02/22/21 - Isaac A Deshong, age 23, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Deshong was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/22/21 - Kenneth Z Campbell, age 52, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Campbell was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/22/21 - Billie M Fahnstrom, age 29, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Monroe County, Mo Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Controlled Substance. Fahnstrom was released to Monroe County Sherriff's Department.
 02/23/21 - Brock D Dunsworth, age 33, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Dunsworth was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/26/21 - Damion J Hanson, age 18, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Hanson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/26/21 - Kathie N Krogmeier, age 34, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Krogmeier was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/27/21 - Dalton S Royer, age 24, of Ft. Madison, IA was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Royer was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 02/28/21 - Hunter J Sorenson, age 24, of Burlington, IA was arrested and charged with Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, Aggravated Reckless Driving, Speeding, or more, and Disobeying a Traffic Control Device. Sorenson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

KYSON M.W. ECHOLS

Kyson Memphis William Echols, beloved infant son of Ryan and Stephanie Browder Echols, died unexpectedly Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, IA.



ECHOLS

Kyson was born on February 4, 2021 in Fort Madison, Iowa. In his brief life Kyson brought joy and happiness to everyone that knew him.

He leaves behind a family who loved him dearly, his parents and his brother, Zayden of Fort Madison, his grandparents, David and Georgia Browder of Walnut Shade, MO and Reba Cunningham of Longview, TX, step-granddad, David Sellers of Longview, TX, his great-grandparents, Ella Cohen of Peoria Heights, IL and MaryAnn Browder of Chillicothe, IL, three aunts, Stacey Browder (Ryan Frakes) of Galesburg, IL, Sarah (Matt) Wright and Becca (Troy) Parker all of Longview, TX, one uncle, Seth (Jasmine) Sellers of Longview, TX, two great-aunts, Alice Curry of Longview, TX and Rita (Terry) Kuster of Neponset, IL and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, William Echols and Roger Cunningham.

A private family service will be held.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

LARRY E. NOBLE

Larry E. Noble, 65, of Fort Madison passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:43 AM at the Keosauqua Health Care Center.



NOBLE

He was born on May 24, 1955 in Carthage, IL to Floyd and Opal Kirby Noble. On February 15, 1980 he married Kim Barnes in Montrose, they later divorced. Larry served in the US Navy. He loved being outdoors. He especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and his pets.

Survivors include one son, Travis Noble of Ft. Madison; five sisters, Holly Noble Todd of Ft. Madison, Beverly Noble of Ft. Madison, Mary Swinderman of Seyour, TN, Jo McFall of Independence, MO and Jeanne Saylor of IL; several foster siblings, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his foster parents, Mary & Dick Davis; several siblings and foster siblings.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

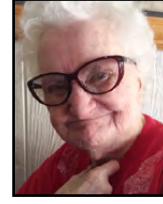


OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA GRAY

Virginia Gray, 93, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 1:47 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2021, at the Keosauqua Health Care Center in Keosauqua.

She was born on October 22, 1927 in Farmington, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Myrtle (Fixsol) Wixom. On October 17, 1945, she married Clarence Brown. He preceded her in death. On December 17, 1974, she married Donald Gray. He also preceded her in death.



GRAY

Survivors include her and Clarence's two children: Rebecca Jarvis of Farmington, Iowa and Randall Brown of Nauvoo, Illinois; her six grandchildren; several great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands: Clarence and Donald; brothers: Robert Wixom, Clarence Wixom, Allan Anthony and sister: Shirley Turner.

Virginia worked at the Fairfield Glove Company for twenty years and later at Riverside Plastics for twenty-five years.

Friends may call from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Pastor Nancy St. Clair officiating. After her funeral, the service will be posted on her obituary page under her "Tribute Wall" at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Greenglade Cemetery.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin and Garry Seyb.

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.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, February 8, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Public Input: Dan Miller, Jefferson County Environmental Specialist, spoke to the Board about a 28E Agreement for mutual coverage of environmental health services.

Supervisor Rich Harlow entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an offer of \$442,500.00 for Lee County EMS' buildings, content, durable and disposable medical equipment and one ambulance. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a 28E Agreement with Jefferson County for mutual coverage of environmental health services. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of County Engineer Ben Hull, it was moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a quote for a motor grader from

John Deere in the amount of \$341,400.00. Motion carried. One other quote was received from Caterpillar in the amount of \$372,913.00.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to set Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to set the maximum tax levy for the Fiscal Year 2022 County Budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-47. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION TO USDA TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE SERVICE VEHICLES Resolution #2021-47

WHEREAS, The Lee County Board of Supervisors intends to apply for USDA funds to grant money to purchase ambulances for the county's ambulance service

WHEREAS, In order to apply for these funds, it is a requirement of the USDA Community Facilities grant program that the county hold a public hearing in order for the public to be informed of the County's intention to make an application for these funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE

IT RESOLVED the Lee County Board of Supervisors shall receive written and oral comments on the following proposed resolution of the Lee County Board of Supervisors at the Board room of the Administrative Building, 933 Avenue H Fort Madison Iowa or by Go To Meeting

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Said hearing shall be held on the 22nd day of February, 2021, at 9:10 o'clock a.m. Following the hearing, the Board of Supervisors will determine what action to take on the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors, pursuant to its authority under Sections 331.301(10) and 331.443, Code of Iowa, hereby approves the application to the USDA Community Facilities Fund to provide grant money to purchase the of ambulances for the Lee County Ambulance fleet.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the chairman of the Lee County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized by the Board to execute the grant application and required federal documents on behalf of Lee County by affixing his

signature thereto.

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 16th day of February, 2021.

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

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve the third reading and publication of the Pioneer Cemetery Commission Ordinance. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve purchasing a table and four chairs, not to exceed \$500.00, for the breakroom at the Courthouse in Keokuk. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a change in ownership on Dollar General, Montrose's beer permit. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Class B Beer Permit with Sunday Sales for Tri State Gun Club, Montrose, for the period February 16, 2021

through February 15, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-47. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Seyb-aye and Pflug-aye. RESOLUTION #2021-47

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jerry and Katherine Palmer 2476 Johnson Street Road Keokuk IA 52632

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be

forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of February, 2021.

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

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for January 2021 and a Manure Management Annual Update for Pomberg Farms in Pleasant Ridge Township.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Seyb reported on an EMS Advisory Board meeting. He is also working with Central Lee on establishing a safer stop for buses at the open enrollment line.

Larkin reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting, a Community Action Board meeting and a Regional Mental Health Board meeting. Harlow reported on a Children First Board meeting.

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to

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adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be an electronic meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid February 16, 2021

Adv Crctnl Hlth, svs 10792.17
Alliant Enrgy, svs 12442.73
Amazon, splys 28.98
Andys Svs Ctr, svs.. 90.00
AT&T Mblty, svs 82.54
B&B Prpn, fuel 824.90
Bates Snttn, svs.... 760.00
N Booten, exps 41.40
R Bradley, svs..... 130.00
Burl Hwky, publ.... 656.57
CDW Gov, equip.... 843.89
Commerce Bank Amazon, splys 25.01
IA DNR, fee..... 180.00
Cmpss Mnrls, splys 8984.46
Culligan, water..... 117.16
H Curtis, svs 26.20
Democrat Co, pbl.. 166.84
Dly Gate Cty, pbl.... 67.90
Dvnprt Prntng, splys 298.63
Dnnllsn Tire, svs 75.95
Elctrc Eng, svs.. 4510.33
Fdrll Engrng, svs

..... 10000.00
Floyds, svs..... 54.50
FMCH, svs..... 736.00
FrnchRnkr, svs.... 2211.00
Gabel RI Est, rent 370.00
Galls, splys 1689.42
GRHS, svs..... 5550.00
GRRWA, svs..... 33.00
Griffin Mfflr, svs..... 67.93
TO Haas Tire, svs 130.93
Hnck Co Shrrf, svs.. 35.00
Heritage Med, splys 16.05
Hldy Terr Apts, rent 185.00
Hm Thrpy Sol, svs 937.80
Hffmn Wldng, equip..... 393.97
Ideal Rdy Mix, mtrl 1762.57
IA Brdg/Clvrt, mtrl 39143.57
IA Law Enfc, ed... 7100.00
IA St MedExm, svs 4413.00
IA Prison Ind, splys 670.30
IA Total Care, svs.... 20.09
ISAC, reg 300.00
J&S Elec Bus, splys 377.56
Jays Auto, svs..... 96.44
Jet Gas, fuel 19147.77
Jireh Inc, fuel 11113.20
Jim Jury, exps..... 500.00
Keo Hsng Ath, svs

..... 2296.31
Keo Water, svs 77.94
Khlmrn Hlg, svs .. 192.45
LeeCo Adtr, CtrlPur 1190.31
Liberty Util, gas... 2306.31
Madison Apts, rent 100.00
McFarlands, splys 1084.78
Mertens Frms, svs 962.50
Meyers Plmbg, svs 140.00
MidAm Enrgy, gas 1666.45
Mhrfld Elct, svs 564.62
Motorola Sol, equip 508302.90
Mncpl One, svs... 5796.00
JJ Nichting, parts.... 98.00
NTT Cloud, svs..... 57.40
OMG MW, svs 5325.50
Pen City Crnt, svs 652.50
M Pflug, exps..... 40.00
Prairie Farms, splys 419.84
Prvnt Chld Abs, svs 1838.00
Prtchrd Brdct, publ 350.00
Quill Corp, splys ... 119.70
R OHerron, unif 103.04
Red Lion Rnbl, svs 628.38
RicohUSA, splys... 203.30
RSM US LLP, svs 133.00

Shield Tech, svs.... 500.00
Sidwell Co, svs ... 2835.11
SnapOnTools, splys 1030.00
Solutions, svs 245.00
C Spann, svs 40.00
TriSt Crtr Rprt, svs 371.80
US Bnk Equip, equip 221.59
US Cell, svs 518.89
UntyPnt Clnc, svs 210.00
Wst Pt Utlty, svs.... 671.44

Windstream, svs ... 498.96

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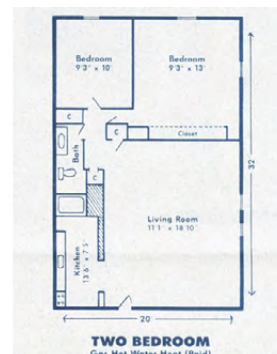
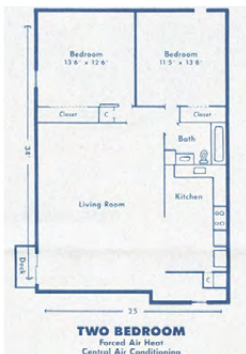
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Correctional Food Service Coordinator

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From the Front/Iowa News

Lee County not on list for first batch of J&J vaccines

DES MOINES - The state of Iowa will reach a milestone this week, with over 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine being distributed statewide. In addition to the Moderna and Pfizer allocations, Iowa will receive 25,600 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was approved for Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA and CDC on February 28.

IDPH will direct the Johnson & Johnson vaccine allocation to 17 Iowa counties (listed below) with significant Phase 1B, Tier 2 populations, who are frontline essential workers in food, agriculture, distribution, and manufacturing sectors and who live or work in settings that make social distancing unfeasible. This approach will ensure that local public health can coordinate with employers on the quick administration of COVID-19 vaccine to essential workforce

who have been disproportionately affected by the virus. Johnson & Johnson's vaccine requires only one dose and can be stored at normal refrigerator temperatures, making it less logistically complex to handle and administer.

Johnson & Johnson's vaccine was shown to prevent hospitalization and death in clinical trials 100% of the time, and 85% effective at preventing severe illness from the virus. IDPH will share details regarding the continued weekly allocation of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine when they are confirmed.

Allocation Numbers	State Total Allocation:
	91,100
Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership (Hy-Vee and CPESN):	27,830
Counties Receiving Johnson & Johnson Vaccine	Black Hawk, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Clarke, Crawford, Dallas,

Dubuque, Linn, Louisa, Marion, Marshall, Muscatine, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Sioux, Tama and Wright.

We encourage Iowans to remain patient as more vaccine arrives in the weeks and months ahead. It is also critical to continue practicing the mitigation measures that can slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

- Wear a mask or face covering
- Practice social distancing with those outside your household
- Clean your hands frequently with soap and water
- Stay home if you feel sick
- Get tested if you are exposed to, or have symptoms of COVID-19
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when you are eligible.

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The pergola is a new feature with updated lighting and free WiFi for park users. Bowker said the simplest answer is for social policing, but said she's just about ready for anything to 'stop the drop.' "Our police are doing everything they can with the staff they have and they have their hands full. I can say something to the chief, but we really have to take on responsibility here."

In November when Rita Hart had a campaign stop at the park, about 30 in attendance had to watch where they were stepping while she spoke. Bowker said there is even a doggie station at the park with bags to pick up the droppings and dispose of them properly.

"We want people to use it and for it to be a resource in the community. But it's hard to enjoy when you have to watch where you step and then deal with the smell," she said. "We've spent a significant amount of money in the park to make it enjoyable and we have to do a better job of caring for it."

She even suggested people using phones to self report or possibly start local public social media campaigns with tags like #StopTheDrop to create a buzz around helping keep the city's parks clean, possibly even moving to citywide campaigns.

Bowker said the foundation is considering purchasing hidden cameras to monitor that situation and other criminal situations around the downtown, but said really it's just overcoming laziness.

"It's not just the pocket park, even in front of my personal building it's a problem. Maybe businesses need to put out bag dispensers to create more awareness of the problem," she said.

"I'm so open to ideas about the best way to go forward to tackle this problem. But I think it comes to down simply to some people being just lazy."

To that end Pen City Current is asking for your best doggie do-good hazmat photo. Take a photo of a good doggie-deed use #StopTheDrop and tag us @PenCityCurrent. We'll pick one photo each month and award \$20 in Chamber bucks.



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