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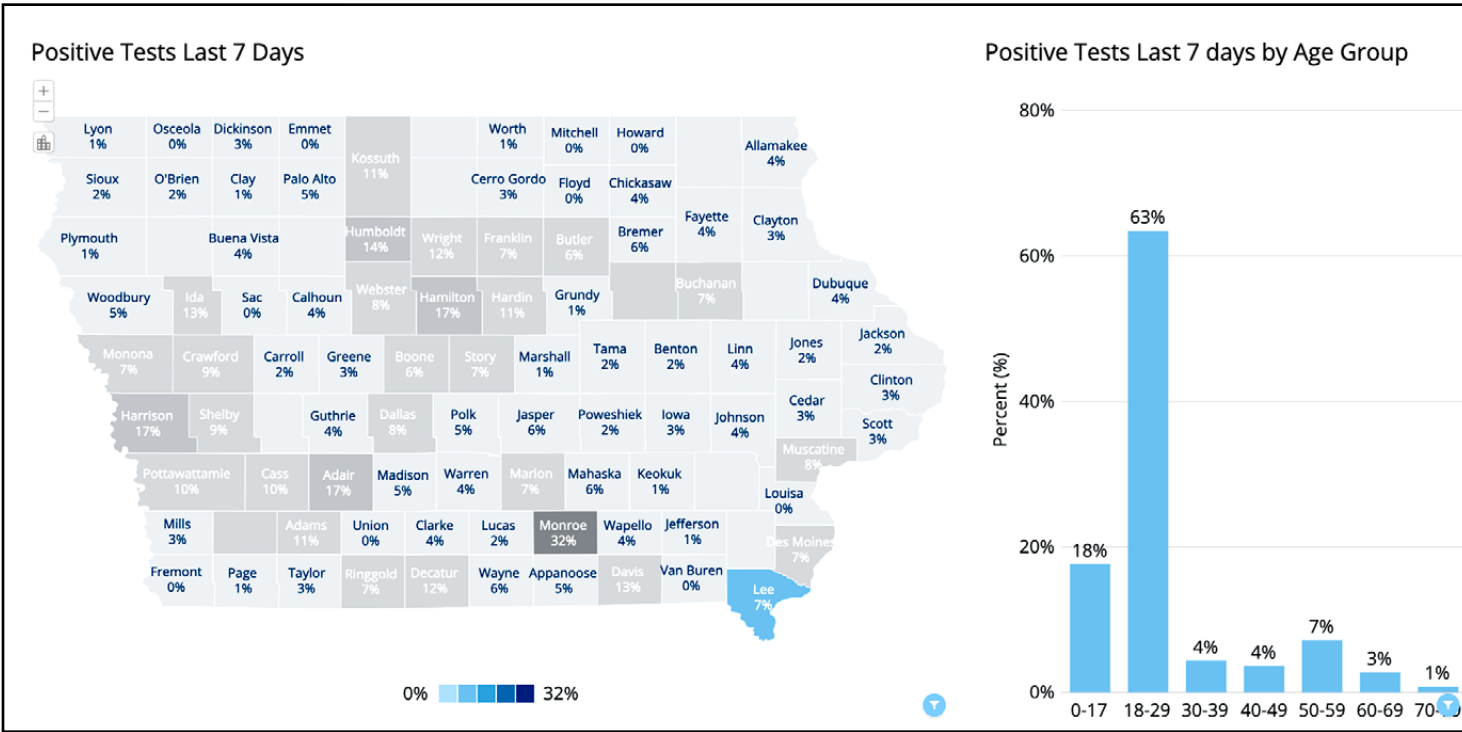
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COVID rates climbing



SUPERVISORS

County to consider wild cattle law

Proposed ordinance would create fines and even jail time for repeated violations

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A proposed ordinance that includes fines and possible jail time for allowing cattle to roam free in the county is in front of the Lee County Attorney.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber told the Lee County Board of Supervisors during a Monday workshop that his office put together the “bones” of the ordinance and sent it to Lee County Attorney Ross Braden last week.

Weber said the ordinance includes language governing wild roaming cattle, horses and sheep, but didn't include penalties for hogs because Iowa code is clear that free roaming swine are to be put down and tested for disease.

“Hopefully we'll get this to you in the next few weeks,” Weber said. “As far as penalties, our hands have been tied. This is happening in other spots of the state, but now since you've been hearing about it, you're feeling our pain. Some people are just not meant to have these animals, so they need to either get with it, or get out of the business.”

Supervisors were made aware of the problem of free roaming cattle, including bulls that were tearing up neighboring properties and intruding on the livelihoods of property owners about two months ago when Supervisor Garry Seyb brought the issue to the table.

Seyb said in June that the “wild” cattle are roaming about 3,000 acres or close to 12.5 miles of timber in Lee County. Tuesday he said he's still hearing from



WEBER

The most recent available data shows that Lee County's positivity rate is again climbing with 7% of all tests done in the last seven days coming back positive, the highest rate since March. The coronavirus.iowa.gov tracking website, which is now only updated weekly by state health officials, shows the county at 9.5%.

VACCINATIONS STATIC: County still under 40% of residents fully vaccinated

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County is now just a half a point from being in double digits again on 7-day positivity ratings.

As of Monday afternoon, the Iowa website for up-to-date information on the spread and impact of the pandemic at coronavirus.iowa.gov, Lee County has a 9.5% 7-day rate with 7-day rolling positive test numbers close to spring numbers. The 14-day average is 5.7%. Des Moines County has a current 7-day rate of 2.7% and a 14-day rate of 5.6%

Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross said despite the increasing numbers and the confirmed presence of the



ROSS

Delta variant of the COVID virus in the county, vaccinations are static at 38%.

Ross said people should reconsider getting vaccinated, and at the least should go back to engaging in public safety measures to help change the direction of the spread in and around the county, despite the reluctance to get vaccinated.

“No it's not moving, despite making the case that people should consider getting vaccinated if they are of age and medically can,” Ross wrote in a statement to Pen City Current Monday. “Public health, hospitals and (Centers for Disease Control)

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WEST POINT

Conservation District to host family fun night at Pollmiller

WEST POINT - Lee County Conservation District presents Family Fun Night at Pollmiller Park Campground in West Point on Saturday, July 31st from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The event features a free public paddle at the beach, as well as, a fun celebration of “Christmas in July” at the campground, where campers are invited to decorate their campsites with

Christmas lights and décor. Prizes will be awarded to the campers with the holly-jolliest of Christmas displays.

LCC staff will have kayaks and canoes available during the free public paddle at the beach from 7:00-9:00PM. The “Christmas in July” will take place in the campground until 10:00 PM. The public is encouraged to visit the campground on Saturday evening to enjoy all

of the displays.

Kayla Schleidt, the Pollmiller Campground host, says, “The campers that I have talked to about this event are really excited. I had some reserve their campsite as soon as they learned about the event to make sure they would not miss it. I think that everyone just likes

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

07/23/21 – 11:14 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Stephen Winn, 43, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue I, on a charge of driving while suspended.
 07/23/21 – 12:55 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 block of Avenue A.
 07/24/21 – 2:00 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Brett Traman, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2100 block of Hwy. 61 on a charge of 4th-degree criminal mischief.
 07/23/21 – 2:37 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2700 block of Avenue M.
 07/23/21 – 4:32 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of personal injury accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 07/23/21 – 4:33 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 07/24/21 – 9:24 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue M.
 07/24/21 – 12:17 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of Avenue M.
 07/24/21 – 2:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested William Paul Cochenour II, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 100 block of Avenue C, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 07/24/21 – 5:24 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Vincent Damico, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for voluntary absence of custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 07/25/21 – 6:50 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested David James Levins, 30, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 07/25/21 – 7:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Zella Rae Bowling, 30, of Fort Madison, at the police station on a charge of assault with bodily injury.
 07/25/21 – 12:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue B.
 07/25/21 – 12:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.
 07/25/21 – 1:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Shaqwanza Aviance Trotter, 30, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while suspended.
 07/25/21 – 3:31 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Joshua Edwin James Hartman, 36, of Fort Madison, in the 2900 block of Avenue K, on a charge of driving while suspended.
 07/25/21 – 5:37 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1300 block of 27th Street.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/25/21 – 7:34 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicole Marie Martinez, 41, of Fort Madison, at 165th Street and Hwy. 103 in West point, on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on their own recognizance.
 07/25/21 – 11:16 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dylan Patrick Hanson, 23, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County line in Wever, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

07/19/21 – Michelle L Lee, age 48, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While Suspended. Lee was released

after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/19/21 – Dantwan H Jackson, age 30, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Jackson was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/19/21 – Tony R Christ, age 41, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Christ was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/19/21 – Richard E Rhodes, age 36, of Wayland, Mo was arrested and charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Rhodes was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/19/21 – Steven L Booze, age 35, of Nauvoo, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass to a Vehicle. Booze was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/20/21 – Richard E Varner, age 58, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Varner was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 07/20/21 – Sierra M Barta, age 19, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Lee County, IA Warrant charging her with Burglary. Barta was released to Lee County, IA authorities.
 07/20/21 – Stephen M Crowder, age 39, of West Point, IA was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. Crowder was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/21/21 – Xavier A Hutchcroft, age 19, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended and Speeding greater than 35mph over. Hutchcroft was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended, Disobeying a Stop Sign, Improper Use of a Registration, No Proper Evidence of a Registration, and Uninsured Vehicle. Hutchcroft was also arrested on a Adams County Warrant charging him with Failure to Pay on original charges of a Seat Belt Violation. Hutchcroft was released after posting the required bond and given future court date.
 07/21/21 – Ja'Shawn T George, age 23, of Denmark, IA was arrested and charged with No Valid Driver's License. George was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/21/21 – Joseph A Akers, age 37, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Illegal Transportation of Cannabis. Akers was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/22/21 – Alexis R Gay, age 33, of Quincy, IL was arrested on a Brown County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Deceptive Practice. Gay was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/22/21 – Geoffrey L Francis, age 31, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Pay on original charges of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, and Aggravated Fleeing. Francis was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Francis remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/22/21 – Mary F Blanchard, age 42, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While

License Revoked. Blanchard was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/22/21 – Candi I K Medina, age 27, of Burnside, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence. Medina remains lodged in the Hancock County jail awaiting her next court appearance.
 07/23/21 – Tyler L Creasy, age 35, of Plymouth, IL was arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear. Creasy was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 07/23/21 – Kody M Saar, age 27, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Saar was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Saar was also arrested on Lee County, IA Warrants charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Forgery and Failure to Appear on original charges of Domestic Abuse Assault. Saar remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/23/21 – James M Mason, age 30, of Mendon, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Mason remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/24/21 – Robert J Harris, age 44, of Springfield, Mo was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked and Possession of Cocaine. Harris remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/24/21 – Christina R Fipps, age 48, of Eagle Rock, MO was arrested on a Christian County, MO warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Tampering with a Motor Vehicle.
 07/24/21 – Aaron M Ilkanic, age 29, of Blue Island, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Ilkanic remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/24/21 – Edward L Steele, age 35, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Steele was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of domestic Battery. Steele remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/24/21 – Jonathan D Scoville, age 41, of Quincy IL was arrested on a Hancock County warrant charging him with Failure to Appear, Failure to Pay on original charge of Driving While License Suspended. Scoville was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.
 07/25/21 – Lori A Hale, age 40, of Augusta IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Hale remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting her next court appearance.
 07/25/21 – Michael B Thorton, age 40, of Quincy, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Thorton remains lodged awaiting his next court appearance.
 07/26/21 – Brook N Malmgren, age 23, of Hamilton IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Malmgren remains lodged awaiting her next court appearance.
 07/26/21 – Timothy N Malmgren, age 48, of Hamilton IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Malmgren remains lodged awaiting his next court appearance.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

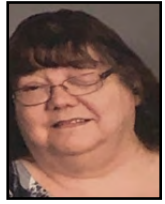
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OBITUARIES

SANDRA BRIGGS

Sandra Briggs, 77, of Keokuk, passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk.

Sandra was born on May 26, 1944, in Keokuk, the daughter of Russell and Alma Cady Steele. On July 20, 1968, she was united in marriage to her husband of fifty-three years, Robert "Bob" Briggs. Bob survives.



BRIGGS

Sandra retired from Eagle Summit to open Grandma Sandy's Little Loveable Christian Day Care. She was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk, where she sang in the choir and taught "The King's Kids" Sunday School. Every baby born at the church received a Christmas stocking made by Sandra. Her entire life revolved around her family and her church family.

Sandra is survived by her husband Bob of Keokuk; her daughter Brenda Best of Keokuk; ten grandchildren: Tiffany McKinna (Charlie) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sean Best of Pennsylvania, Chelsi Huppert (Peter) of Keokuk, Lydia Best of Keokuk, Caleb Best (Katlyn) of Keokuk; Lexie Best (Quay) of Keokuk, Alex Best of Keokuk, Landan Best of Keokuk, Ashlea Tadlock (Carl) of Warsaw, and Cody Briggs of Salem, Iowa; ten great-grandchildren: Devin, Dakota, Jacoby, Robert, Padraic, Carson, Tyler, Oliver, Kaynian, and Dixie; and two siblings: Mildred Wagner and Leland Steele, both Keokuk. Other survivors include many nieces, nephews, cousins, foster grandchildren and anyone that called her "Grandma Sandy".

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents; her son Robert Briggs; and six siblings: Chuck, Junior, Liz, Esther, Dick and Lois.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk, with burial to follow at Keokuk National Cemetery in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 2 to 7 pm, with family meeting friends from 5 to 7 pm.

Memorials may be directed to First Christian Church or to the family in care of Robert Briggs for funeral expenses.

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

OBITUARIES

LILLIAN BRAY

Lillian Bray, 96, of LaHarpe, Illinois passed away on the morning of July 24, 2021 at Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst.



BRAY

Lillian was born on February 17, 1925, near Raritan, Illinois. She was the daughter of George and Mary (Gunter) Brokaw. She married Donald Bray on March 5, 1946. He preceded her in death on December 10, 2000.

Lillian graduated from Media High School. She then attended the College of Commerce in Burlington, Iowa, and was employed by Farmers and Merchants Bank until her marriage. She worked part-time for the LaHarpe Telephone Company for 25 years, retiring in 1995. Lillian was a member of the LaHarpe Christian Church, where she taught in the primary department and served on many committees. She was also a member of the LaHarpe Senior Citizen, and enjoyed delivering meals. She was a volunteer at the LaMoine Nursing Home. She enjoyed reading and for many years went to the school to listen to the children read. She served on the election board for several years.

She is survived by four sons, Phillip Bray and Melvin (Suzie) Bray all of Burlington, Darrell (Sha-

ron) Bray and Wayne (Susan) Bray all of LaHarpe, three daughters, Nadine Allen of Donnellson, Iowa, Cheryl (Mike) Hopwood of East Peoria, Illinois and Marlene (Brad) Eskridge of Industry, Illinois, 14 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandsons.

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband, one grandson, Nathan Bray, son-in-law, Keith Allen, one sister, Lois Campbell (Oscar Dowell, Norman Campbell) and three brothers, Jack (Pat) Brokaw, James (Marie) Brokaw and John (Marjorie) Brokaw.

The funeral service for Lillian will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe with Pastor Nate McCarter officiating. Burial will follow in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

Friends may call after 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Bank & Beals where the family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. A memorial fund has been established for the LaHarpe Christian Church, LaHarpe Fire Department or the Campus Students for Christ (WIU).

To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Lillian's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Veterans to benefit from Riverfest Sunday breakfast

FORT MADISON - The fifth annual Riverfest Charity Breakfast will take place from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon Sunday August 8th under the big tent in Fort Madison's Riverview Park. 100 percent of the proceeds raised on the day of the breakfast will be used to send Tri State Area Veterans on the Great River Honor Flight to Washington DC in order to visit the Military Memorials.

American Legion Post 82 in Fort Madison is staffing this year's breakfast and will be doing the cooking and serving on the 8th. Dan Vice is the Commander of the local post.

"Each year raising funds for the Honor Flight is our number 1 Community Project. It was rough last year having to cancel due to Covid concerns but it was the right decision because of how many seniors normally attend our breakfast. This year we are gladly back to help launch our annual campaign for the Honor Flight".

The 2019 breakfast raised a little more than \$4,000.00, enough to send 10 vets on the trip.

The menu for this year's breakfast will feature Sausage Patties, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits and Gravy, Pancakes, Coffee, Orange Juice and Milk. The cost of the breakfast will be a free will donation to The Great River Honor Flight. In addition Shuttle Service will be available from the Riverview Park parking lots to the breakfast site.

According to Vice, sponsors for the breakfast will cover the actual cost of the event.

"We would like to thank Fareway Food Stores, the American Legion and the Fort Madison Elks Lodge for getting involved. Because of their support 100 percent of the money raised at the breakfast will help send up to 15 Area Veterans on the Honor Flight. We are hoping for a big crowd and would like to invite everyone to stop in and support our Veterans."

Riverfest is the largest 4 day Rock Festival in Iowa celebrating music and family fun on the Fort Madison Riverfront August 5th through August 8th.

Alliant battery storage project underway in Decorah

DECORAH, Iowa – July 21, 2021 – Alliant Energy's new battery storage project in Decorah, Iowa, makes room on the grid for rooftop solar and maintains reliable electrical service across the community. Recently put into service, this project is jointly supported by Alliant Energy, U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity, Sandia National Labs and the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

"Whether it's ethanol, biodiesel, wind, or solar, Iowa is a renewable energy powerhouse and it's because of innovative companies like Alliant Energy," said Gov. Reynolds. "This battery storage project in Decorah will create jobs, spur local investment and serve as a model for America's growing energy sector. Iowa will continue to harness the power of public-private partnership to further Iowa's reputation as a leader in renewable energy production while also creating a more efficient and resilient electric grid."

"Iowa has a proud history of supporting renewable energy," said Lt. Governor Gregg. "Alliant Energy's battery project is the latest public-private partnership to strengthen our energy portfolio, and I applaud their efforts."

Alliant Energy's commitment to battery storage is part of its Clean Energy Blueprint to accelerate the transition to renewable energy and enhance the economic and environmental health of the communities it serves.

"We see an exciting future for creative energy storage projects that provide cleaner energy for our customers," said Terry Kouba, president of Alliant Energy's Iowa energy company. "Our batteries store solar power created when the sun is the brightest and then release that energy later in the day. This is an innovative way to both manage the grid and deliver more renewable energy to customers."

The Decorah battery project's 2.5-megawatt, 2.9-megawatt-hour battery connects to a circuit in the town with a high concentration of customer-owned solar systems. The battery will absorb much of the excess energy these customers generate at the brightest parts of the day and release it onto the grid when customers need it most. This solution provides low-cost renewable energy at peak times of the day. It also relieves the load on the circuit and avoids the cost for rebuilding the grid to accommodate the excess electricity from the solar panels.

"What is happening here in Decorah will soon become a model throughout the country," said Dr. Imre Gyuk, Director of Energy Storage Research, DOE Office of Electricity, "As more and more renewable energy comes online, more and more storage will be needed for balance."

"Battery storage technology strengthens our state's diverse energy resource mix and makes full use of our renewables even when the sun isn't shining and the wind isn't blowing," said Debi Durham, executive director of the IEDA and Iowa Finance Authority. "IEDA is pleased to support this unique battery storage project, which will serve as a catalyst for other innovative projects in Iowa."

The Decorah project is jointly supported by a \$250,000 cost-share from the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Electricity (DOE-OE) and a \$200,000 grant from the IEDA. Sandia National Laboratories provides technical support for the project and will collect operational data. This critical data informs DOE's national research as part of the DOE-OE Stationary Energy Storage Program under the direction of Dr. Imre Gyuk. Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA), through its contract with Sandia National Laboratories, plays a coordinating role in project development, reporting and documentation, and Iowa State University's Electric Power Research Center will use the project to study power quality challenges on circuits with customer-owned generation. The battery sits on land Alliant Energy leases from the City of Decorah.



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Sports/From the Front

Quincy duo wins Lake Cooper Bass Tournament

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – A team from Quincy won the Lake Cooper Open Bass Tournament held this weekend in Pool 19 of the Mississippi River.

The team of Daniel and Dylan Curless of Quincy came in with 15.54 lbs of fish with the largest being 4.36 which qualified them for the big bass award.

Fort Madison's Jeff Eaves and Richie Eaves from Nauvoo came in third place with 13 lbs of fish. The Curless team won the top prize of \$546. Darin Olin of Macomb and Tim Kipling of LaHarpe came in 2nd place with 13.48 pounds earning them a \$250 prize.

The Eaves team won \$166 for 3rd place. The tournament was held out of Riverview Marina in Fort Madison.



Courtesy photo

From left to right: First Place Team Daniel and Dylan Curless, Quincy. 2nd Place Darin Olin, Macomb, Ill and Tim Kipling, LaHarpe, Ill. 3rd Place Jeff Eaves, Fort Madison and partner Richie Eaves, Nauvoo.

Christmas in July set for Pollmiller campground

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the idea of a fun activity in the park. We are such a family-friendly park and Christmas to me is all about family, so it's a perfect combination."

All reservable campsites in the campground are booked for the weekend, but non-reservable sites will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. The campground is expected to fill-up, so people are encouraged get their spots early. Lee County Conservation hopes to see everyone at Pollmiller to help fill the park with some warm Christmas cheer!

About Lee County Conservation: Lee County Conservation manages 29 individual parks, wildlife areas, historic sites and water recreation access points - encompassing some 2634 acres across the county. The mission of the Lee County Conservation Board is to promote conservation of local natural resources and to provide parks and conservation areas, outdoor recreational opportunities, and environmental education for the public.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
June 7, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building, on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler 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 with an addition to Item #5-approval to fill a full time position in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Breana Kramer-Riesberg from the Health Department gave the Board an update on the Lee County Resilient Community Project.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to replace a full-time and a part-time position in the Treasurer's Office. Motion

carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve an additional part-time employee in the Treasurer's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve an agreement with The Master's Touch for tax statement mailing services. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-75. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.

2021-75

**LEE COUNTY
BRIDGE EMBARGO
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.236

Sub. (8), 321.255, and 321.471 to 321.473 to prohibit the operation of vehicles or impose limitations as to the weight thereof on designated highways or highway structures under their jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS: The Lee County Engineer has completed, or has caused to be completed, the

Structure Inventory and Appraisal of certain county bridges, in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and has determined, or it has been determined, that they are inadequate for two-lane legal loads at allowable operating stress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors that the following vehicle and load limits be established and that signs be erected advising of the permissible maximum weights thereof on the bridges listed below and supersedes all

previous resolutions on specific bridge postings.

Bridge No. FHWA No. Location Feature crossed Posted Limit (Tons)

Harrison 126 219290 26-68-07 Little Sugar Creek 10 & 1 lane

Passed and approved this 7th day of June, 2021.

Recommended: /s/ Benjamin Hull, P.E., Lee County Engineer. Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member, /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to table approval of the location for County Board of Supervisor meetings. The motion carried with Harlow voting nay.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Cigarette Permit Applications for Wever Junction, Denmark Jet Stop, Garner One Stop and the Montrose Dollar General. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the Tuesday, June 1, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve a step increase for Peggy Peterson, part-time records clerk in the Treasurer's Office, from \$15.17/hr. to \$15.58/hr., effective 5/31/21; a step increase for Chad Wells, Engineering Technician, from \$25.28/hr. to \$26.04/hr., effective 5/31/21; a merit increase for Darrick Bielser, Assistant Engineer, from \$82,151.76/annually to \$93,887.73/annually, effective 6/7/21; promotion for Becky Gaylord, from Driver's License Deputy \$52,258.31/annually to Driver's License and Motor Vehicle Deputy \$56,330.39/annually, effective 6/1/21 and a step increase for Jason Mott, Building and Grounds Maintenance Tech, from \$19.29/hr. to \$20.22/hr., effective 7/1/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Squeal Inn in Harrison Township, the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2021, the Treasurer's Report of

Fees Collected for the month of May 2021 and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of May 2021.

Committee Reports: Seyb reported on a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting.

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Rich Harlow, Vice-Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid June 7, 2021

AC Contracting, svs	32489.00
Agrineed, splys	323.75
Alliant Energy, svs	5055.11
Amazon, splys	165.22
Archtechnics, svs	1569.56
AT Conf, svs	56.78
Blades/Grn, svs	1804.00
Brightree, svs	2413.50
Brozene Hydrlic, svs	158.04
Building Materials, splys	28.39
CenturyLink, svs	0.35
Child Care Res, svs	500.00
Commerce Bank	
Amazon, splys	326.00
Amococ, fuel	45.76
ISU, reg	125.00
Trimble Printers, warranty	1835.00
US Postal, pstg	8.25
Community Action, svs	861.00
Cullen Pest, svs	272.00
H Curtis, svs	18.50
Dodd Printing, splys	72.15
Donnellson Tire, svs	74.95
Ebert Sply, splys	52.50
EMSLRC, edu	42.50
Family Res, svs	793.05
Federal Engineering, svs	14217.59
Floyds, svs	60.00
FM Water, svs	165.18
Galls, splys	2852.25
N Granaman, svs	1301.76

Gray Quarries, splys	329.40
Group Benefit Partners, svs	3168.00
Guaranteed Clean, svs	2048.00
Hancock Co Health, svs	180.00
Health Solutions, svs	3762.50
Home Therapy Solutions, svs	1613.20
Huffman Welding, equip	555.89
IA Assoc/Edu, svs	1350.00
IA DOT, splys	1562.00
ISAC, reg	210.00
T Jacobsmeier, exps	400.00
Jays Auto, svs	104.44
Jet Gas, fuel	2373.86
Jireh Inc, splys	607.12
John Deere, equip	243.49
Kempkers, splys	176.89
Keokuk Housing Authority, svs	6233.63
King-Lynk Funeral Home, svs	1200.00
Lawson Products, mtrl	283.38
LeeCo Auditor, deposit	2000.00
LeeCo Auditor, transfer	18542.81
LeeCo Auditor, transfer	483.41
Lee Co Treasurer, exps	3172.88
Tri-State Construction, svs	343825.00
McKesson, splys	600.00
Mohrfeld Electric, svs	1902.11
L Mullins, exps	38.70
Mutual Whl, parts	46.32
JJ Nchting Co, parts/equip	1433.20
IA State Auditor, svs	70916.00
IA State Auditor, svs	1813.00
On Target Ammunition, equip	1800.00
Matt Pflug, exps	35.10
Pilot Grove Savings Bank, splys	198.00
Postmaster, svs	122.00
Prairie Farms Dairy, splys	326.40
Quadient Finance c/o Lee County, lease	4000.00
Quality Plus Feeds, splys	215.76
Rathbun Reg Water, svs	127.90
Kayla Schleidt, splys	234.78

Schneider Corp, svs	5010.00
Shottenkirk Inc, misc	99.99
SIADSA, svs	9622.50
Snap-On-Tools, splys	227.00
SO-LOW Environmental Equip, equip	12390.00
Christine L. Spann, svs	40.00
T-Mobile, svs	76.14
West Point Lumber, splys	39.02
Wex Bank, fuel	278.72
Windstream, svs	498.96

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Conference Board
Meeting
Thursday, Aug 12, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CDT)**

Lee County Conference Board Chairman, Matt Pflug has scheduled

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Agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approval of February 25, 2021 minutes
4. Reappoint Assessor Kandie White for a 6 year term 1/1/2022-12/31/2027
5. Roll call vote
6. Adjourn

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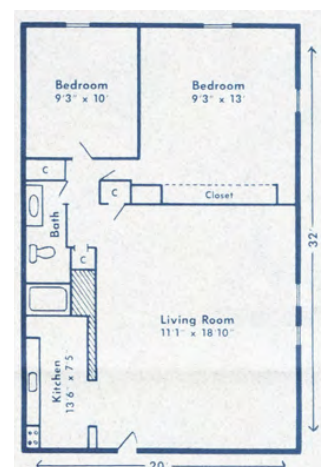
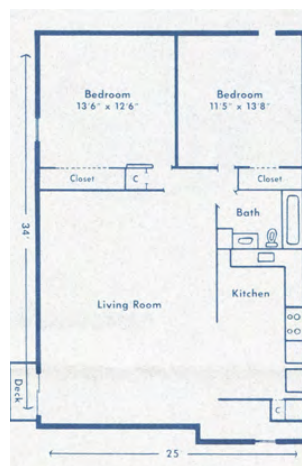


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From the Front

Ordinance would give up to 3 warnings for isolated incidents

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additional property owners about the loose herds and it's time for the county to do something.

"That means pass this ordinance when we get it to you and then we'll do that," Weber said.

The sheriff said the ordinance is about 10 years late.

"We've been hearing these stories for the past 10 years. It's a shame it's gotten this far, but it should have been done 10 years ago," Weber said.

"This is generational. That's how they've learned to do it. An ordinance like this is aimed at getting better at what you do so no one gets hurt."

Preliminary penalties in the proposed ordinance would allow for three written warnings for cattle owners who's cattle have escaped. After that, fines of \$250, then \$500, then \$750 could be imposed before a possible jail sentence of up to 30 days.

Seyb said the idea is not to make money off fines, but get people to take ownership of their property.

"The idea that there are several people out there that have consistent issues of animals getting out, or owners for whatever reason saying, 'Oh, they'll find their way back in' is not an appropriate answer, especially when the adjoining owners are suffering the costs," Seyb said.

Supervisor Rich Harlow asked what would happen if after the fines and threat of jail, the cattle are still out and about.

Weber said there is language proposed that would allow the county to contract with someone to go in and get the animals and charge the owners. And if the owners decline to accept responsibility for the cattle, then a neighbor could claim the animals, get them checked by a veterinarian and keep them. If the original owner then steps up with proof the animal is their's, the party keeping the animals could then file for a claim for costs against the original cattle owners before turning the animals back over.

Seyb said the Lee County Sheriff's office has received more than 30 calls about the loose cattle since the beginning of the year.

Weber said the jail time is the attention getter.

"You get stuck in the pokie for a couple days when you're used to getting up to go to work... now you're getting up and not going anywhere. That's the attention getter."

Several clinics coming up for additional vaccinations

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have not stopped encouraging vaccinations and this will continue in Lee County!"

Ross said she has no specific data from health experts in the state or across the country as to why people aren't choosing to get vaccinated other than it is a personal choice.

"People have their own opinions formed for their reasons why they are not getting vaccinated," Ross said.

"It is not about shortage, it's about their personal choice and what they believe to be true. If people are in between deciding to get vaccinated or not - we encourage you to talk to your health care provider about your concerns."

At Tuesday's Lee County Board of Supervisors meeting, Ross said that there are several vaccination clinics coming up in the county, but if people choose not to be vaccinated, they should at least engage again in health safety measures to help curb the increasing spread.

Those measures include:

- a strong recommendation to get vaccinated if eligible
- consider avoiding large indoor crowded areas or events or groups of people, especially if you haven't been vaccinated, are immunocompromised or are more vulnerable to a serious reaction to the virus.
- use social distancing strategies when and where you can.
- where a mask in indoor public places where there may be unvaccinated people, especially in poorly ventilated areas.
- Wash hands frequently
- stay home when ill and seek medical consultation for symptom management and isolation recommendations.

Ross also said people should research positivity rates in any destinations if travel is planned.

The CDC has released guidelines for those fully vaccinated at the following link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>, but Ross said now is the time for people to be choosing basic and effective mitigation strategies and tools.

"We do not want to become the next hot spot," she said.

She said LCHD has requested additional guidance documents from the state health department and state department of education on guidelines to share in preparing for school to start.

"We have not received anything yet except what the CDC released on July 7 <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>. I would encourage families to discuss/plan for mitigation strategies before school starts and consider what they can do to eliminate risks for their children. Check in with your local school districts to see what they are planning for reducing risks," she said.

Ross said she believes the best way to get out of this latest uptick in positive cases and to stem off future strains from taking hold is to increase vaccination rates locally, nationally and globally.

"We need community champions and leaders helping public health promote vaccinations and use of effective mitigation strategies in our communities. We need strong voices to make that happen," Ross said.

"Let's turn this in the right direction!"

Ross said 63% of the new cases in Lee County are in the 18 to 29 years of age range, with an additional 18% of recent positive cases in the 0-17 years of age range.

Supervisor Garry Seyb asked if Ross had any data on the number of people who are fully vaccinated, but still contracted COVID.

Ross said she didn't have those numbers for Lee County. She said hospitals may be tracking that data, but she doesn't get access to that information.

"What they are telling us is that 93% of the people testing positive and becoming hospitalized with serious effects have not been fully vaccinated," Ross said, "There have been a few breakthrough cases, but it's like the flu. When you are fully vaccinated people can still come down with the flu bug."

Supervisor Ron Felder said he's understanding is that you can still get the virus if you are fully vaccinated, but you are much more likely to survive the effects if you are vaccinated.

"That's why it is so important to get vaccinated. You have a much better chance of surviving it," he said.

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