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## County may extend ARPA deadline

**APPLICATIONS:** Funding request applications are online at [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org)

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Requests for funding out of Lee County's \$6.5 million American Rescue Plan Act coffer could be getting an extension Monday.

A panel overseeing the allocation of the ARPA funds is recommending that the deadline for applications be extended from Sept. 30 to Nov. 1.

The panel has changed recommended allocations on several occasions and just recently got an application put together for organizations to access on the county's website at [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org).

The move will go in front of the full board of supervisors at Monday's regular meeting in Fort Madison.

The applications should include the organization name, address, contact person, requested funding amounts and project information.

The panel is accepting applications for projects that focus on broadband, housing, child care, and tourism. Thirty percent of the funds have already been allocated as matching funds for a Lee County broadband fiber optic backbone to be built in the county by Danville Telecom.

The county has until Dec. 31, 2024 to allocate all of the

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## Spontaneity no longer eludes me

I have a very "Squirrel!!!" mind.

My wife was chuckling at me the other day because in about a 90-second span I hit her with five different topics of conversation options.

"You gonna be like this all day," she said. She's pretty dry in her humor.

When I'm in a good mood, I get that way. I love talking with her because most of the time we're not on the same page and that makes for very interesting time-killing conversations on the way to St. Louis or Cincinnati.

Lee and I have been taking more brief trips lately – overnights if you will, just to breathe and break some chains of loneliness.

By the way, if you haven't stayed at the Axis Hotel in Moline. It's a really nice Hilton property on a corner that overlooks the Mississippi and a modernized downtown. It's in walking distance of the Tax-Slayer Center where we watched Michael Buble (Buble) last week. (see – Squirrel!)

I'm a huge Buble fan. I was very impressed with his relaxed approach and I loved the 30-piece band. It was a raspy, growling backdrop to the best crooner the world has right now.

Anyway, I jump around in conversations because you never know when an idea will pop up that impacts your life in a big way.

That happened to the two of us in our living room the day we were ushered off the property of the local newspaper.

It resulted in me being able to write this piece for you on a Sunday morning.

But the weekend trips have been fantastic and full of oxygen. One of my favorite things is discovering new urban settings. I love walking through tall buildings and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison's Tate Johnson (13), Jakob McGowan and another Hound defender swarm to a loose ball in the first half of Friday's 42-7 win over Mt. Pleasant. The No. 9 Hounds are 5-0 on the year.

### HOUND FOOTBALL

## Efficient first half moves Bloodhounds to 5-0

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – "Just imagine... Just imagine."

Those were the thoughts of Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty after Friday night's 42-7 Bloodhound win

over Mt. Pleasant.

The Class 4A ninth-ranked Hounds put together a spectacular first half that including four touchdowns, three through the air and one on the ground, and held a historically tough Panther program scoreless on the way to a 28-0 lead at halftime.

Quarterback Landes Williams was generous with the ball finding Kane Williams, Tate Johnson and Gavin Wiseman all with touchdown throws, after Jakob McGowan scored on a 2-yard plunge off tackle to open the

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### WEATHER

MON 27 Sep.....Hot and Sunny, 94° F/ 71° F  
TUE 28 Sep.....Hot and Sunny, 89° F/ 61° F  
WED 29 Sep.....Hot with Light Rain, 91° F/ 65° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

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LUCKY FOR LIFE 09/25.....6 16 24 33 34, Lucky Ball: 5  
MEGA MILLIONS 09/24.....17 21 27 43 56, Mega Ball: 15 Megaplier: 3  
PICK 3 09/23, 09/24, 09/25 MIDDAY.....799, 275, 334  
PICK 3 09/23, 09/24, 09/25 EVENING.....889, 776, 870  
PICK 4 09/23, 09/24, 09/25 MIDDAY.....4459, 1392, 5919  
PICK 4 09/23, 09/24, 09/25 EVENING.....5580, 3636, 2052  
POWERBALL 09/25.....22 23 37 62 63, Powerball: 19, Power Play: 3

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# Obituaries/From the Front

## OBITUARIES

### JOANN C. THOMPSON

Joann Carol Thompson, 74, of Mt. Hamill, Iowa, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2021, at Aspire of Donnellson (formerly Donnellson Health Center) in Donnellson, Iowa.



THOMPSON

She was born on December 3, 1946 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Zenas and Arlene (Herdrich) Haeffner. On August 27, 1977, she married Fred Thompson at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Franklin, Iowa.

She is survived by her husband of forty-four years: Fred; two sons: Robin (Celisa) Willson of Dallas, Texas and Tim (Mendy) Thompson of Keokuk, Iowa; three grandchildren: Gavin, Abigail and Gracie; one brother: Gary (Janet) Haeffner of Donnellson, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Joann worked for ten years at Winegard in Burlington, she then did childcare out of her home where she had an affect on so many young lives over a period of forty years. The joy Joann shared with all of them when she could watch them grow, graduate high school, college and get married to raise the next generation meant so very much to her. Along with this, her grandchildren were the light of her life and she enjoyed attending their school events. Joann will be missed by so very many!

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Monday, September 27, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Michael Bennett officiating.

Burial will be at Clay Grove Cemetery, rural West Point, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Houghton Fire and Rescue or Clay Grove Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com). Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

## OBITUARIES

### SHEILA L. JACKSON

Sheila Lee Jackson, 68, of Keokuk, passed away at 9:07 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Blessing Health Keokuk.

She was born on January 4, 1953 in Keokuk, IA. She graduated from Keokuk Senior High with the Class of 1971. She has been a resident of Keokuk her entire life.



JACKSON

Shelia loved football and politics, but most importantly her kids. She was grateful for all of her friends that stood behind her. She served as an advocate for the residents at Mississippi Valley Healthcare and cared graciously for them all.

She is survived by her children, Myron Jackson of North Carolina, Bill Davis (Brandy) of Keokuk, Krystal Jackson (Chuck) of Quincy, IL and Wil Davis of Carbondale, IL, one sister, Hazel Dohman (Bobbi) of West Point, IA, two grandchildren, Ella Jackson and Deliah McIntosh-Davis and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents and two siblings.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in October.

Memorials may be made to Iowa Care Givers, 939 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, IA 50265 and web address is [www.IowaCareGivers.org](http://www.IowaCareGivers.org).

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

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## Non profits can still apply for ARPA money

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remaining \$6.5 million, and then they have an additional two years, until Dec. 31, 2026 to spend down the funds.

Forty-two percent of the funds have been allocated for county projects, 10% has been allocated to child care projects and 10% to housing projects, 30% already was allocated the broadband work, and 3% will go toward the cost of an administrator/grant writer.

Non profits were originally allocated 5% of the funds, but those funds were moved to cover the administrator costs, with 2 percent going into county projects. Non profits are still encouraged to apply but funds must be used for COVID-related projects under the other categories, and not to replenish lost funds due to the pandemic.

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## Opinion/Iowa News

# Ottumwa Class of '54 Swings! - Empty Nest by Curt Swarm

"Seventeen, hot rod queen, cutest girl you've ever seen, tell the world I'm really keen on my hepcat doll of seventeen. Now, sloppy shirt, old blue jeans, dirty shoes, by all means, patch of blonde, peroxide hair, jukebox, baby, ain't no square." Boyd Bennett & His Rockets

The music lifted the spirits of the Class of '54 and they forgot about their lumbago and trick knees. They were toe tapping and goading each other to dance, because "Fame and honor we restore, we're the class of '54!"

They met at the Hotel Ottumwa on Friday, September 17. Do the math and that comes out to be 67 years after graduation, and 85 years young. As a group, they look healthier and more lively than a room full of 65-year olds. They're fit and trim, for the most part, and have a refreshing attitude of, "Let's have some fun!" And they did.

Out of an original class list of 371 students, about 35 attended the 67-year class reunion. But they're hard to count. Get'em all together for a group picture is harder than herd'n cats. They all wanted to talk and tell stories.

One couple who now live in Denver: "You can take the man out of Iowa, but you can't take Iowa out of the man. We've been to the Canteen twice. I graduated from high school, came back and the same lady is still there."

Looking through the class year books, newspaper clippings and memorabilia, a lady pointed out: "This is Carol Morris, she was Miss Universe and Miss



USA in 1956, and Miss Iowa and, I believe, Miss Ottumwa in 1954. She is the only Miss Iowa to win the Miss USA contest. She was a minister's daughter and taught Sunday School right here in Ottumwa. The kids loved her. She played the violin and was a beautiful synchronized swimmer, like Esther Williams."

Two former classmates meeting each other for the first time in many years: "George, your suspenders are getting longer." George, "Your teeth are too."

The mic was turned over for story telling: "My girl friend wanted to learn how to drive. I took her out. We got on a gravel road. It started to rain. The gravel turned to mud. The mud got thicker and thicker. We were in so deep the doors wouldn't open. I had to crawl out a window to get help. I walked to a farm house and a farmer pulled us out. He said, 'I know what you been doing. You were making out.' I said, I was teaching her to drive. He said, 'You taught her awright.'"

A woman: "The whole chorus got on a bus and

went to Davenport. We were going to stay overnight. As soon as we got there we all went to the bathroom. I put my purse down. When I came out my purse was gone. The others offered to lend me money. I said, 'Nope. My grandma sewed twenty dollars into my bra. I've got plenty of money, honey? I still sew money into my hems.'"

Another man: "Eddie and I were running track. I was running the 100-yard dash. I went to take off my sweat pants and didn't have any shorts on. I said, 'Eddie, gimme your shorts.' We went under the bleachers and he gave me his shorts. I won the 100-yard dash wearing Eddie's shorts! Eddie said, 'They should have given me that ribbon.' Ha!"

The announcement was made for all who wanted another class reunion in five years (they would be 90) to stand up. Most everyone (who could stand up) stood up.

It was only fitting and proper that the 67-year Ottumwa Class Reunion of '54 was brought to a close with everyone singing, "God Bless America."

"God bless America, land that I love, stand beside her and guide her through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home."

Class of '54 and so much more!

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, find him on Facebook, email him at [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com), or visit his website at [www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com](http://www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com).

## State opens up new funding arm for arts

DES MOINES – Governor Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs today announced a new effort focused on promoting the safe reopening of arts and cultural organizations and remarketing of creative and cultural experiences for Iowans.

"The return of arts and cultural events, festivals and daily museum visits is lifting our spirits and the livelihoods of our creative workforce, along with the broader

tourism, leisure and hospitality industry that depends on our arts and cultural attractions," said Governor Kim Reynolds.

Governor Reynolds designated \$1 million of federal Coronavirus Relief Funds - awarded to the State of Iowa through the CARES Act - to the department, consistent with the Office of the Governor of Iowa's authority to provide economic relief to small businesses impacted by the public health emergency.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**September 27, 2021**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**(CDT)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**933 Avenue H**  
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Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input  
 Consider Approval of Agreement with Public Consulting Group for GEMT Services Consider Approval to Amend County Procurement Policy

Consider Approval of an Updated 28E Agreement for Private Wells Between Lee County Health Department and Iowa DNR  
 Consider Approval of Resolution Transferring Funds from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads  
 Consider Approval of Amendment to ARP A Funds Application Extending Deadline

Consider Approval of Monday, September 20, 2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims Personnel Actions:

A. Correction to Pay Raise-Secondary Roads  
 B. Step Increases (2)-Recorder's Office  
 C. Wage Increase- Veteran's Affairs  
 D. New Hire- Sheriff's Office  
 Reports:  
 A. Manure Management Annual Update for Ball Family Enterprises in Charleston Township  
 Commission or Committee Reports  
 Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

**PUBLIC MEETING**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LEE COUNTY BOARD**  
**OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 23, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb and Rick Larkin. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to keep

the current mask policy for County Buildings in place. The policy states that a mask is required for all unvaccinated people and strongly recommended for vaccinated people. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to approve the following Focus Areas for the American Rescue Funds. Roll call: Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

County Projects (40%) Approximately \$2.65M  
 Broadband (30%) Approximately \$1.9M  
 Housing (10%) Approximately \$650,000  
 Child Care (10%) Approximately \$650,000  
 Non-Profits (5%) Approximately \$325,000  
 Tourism (5%) Approximately \$325,000

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-86. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

**Resolution #2021-86**

**RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of a certain mobile home from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in its material part: If the Treasurer deter-

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**Administrative Assistant/Biller**

Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time experienced Administrative Assistant/Biller. High School graduate or equivalent. Three to five years in Administrative Assistant experience. One year experience in medical office preferred. Highly sufficient in all Microsoft Office applications, especially Excel. Clinical billing experience preferred. Please send or email resume to Tammy Wilson, Finance/Operations Director at LCHD, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or to [twilson@leecountyhd.org](mailto:twilson@leecountyhd.org) by September 27, 2021. LCHD is an EOE.

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Please send your resume and cover letter to:  
 United Way of the Great River Region  
 PO Box 251, Keokuk, IA 52632  
 or email it to [director@unitedwaygrr.org](mailto:director@unitedwaygrr.org)  
 before October 1, 2021  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

mines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount due through tax sale and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly, NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby by this

Resolution abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following mobile home. The mobile home shall be removed from the county

### HELP WANTED

#### LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS HELP WANTED ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER III

Lee County is taking applications for a Road Maintenance Worker III, to work at the West Point Maintenance Shop. Duties will include the operation of light and heavy equipment and trucks to perform road maintenance and construction projects, plowing snow, and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability. This is a union position with a starting pay range of \$19.83 to \$22.85 per hour.

For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org), or you pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to [bhull@leecounty.org](mailto:bhull@leecounty.org) and copy it to [shartson@leecounty.org](mailto:shartson@leecounty.org). Applications will be accepted until September 27, 2021.

If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull at (319) 372-2541 or email him at [bhull@leecounty.org](mailto:bhull@leecounty.org).



system. Owner: Manuel Santiago Martinez 1980 WIR mobile home Title No #56ab45272n Vin: ZW1701411550

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 23rd day of August, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman, /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member, /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Property Management Contract with Fort Madison Housing Authority for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Harlow, to approve a Property Management Contract with Keokuk Housing Authority for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

HR Generalist Michelle

### HELP WANTED

#### CIVIL SERVICE HIRING NOTICE Police Officer

The City of Fort Madison is seeking applicants to fill Police Officer positions. Starting- \$42,700. After 1 year - \$46,840. After 2 years - \$55,965. Benefits include, longevity pay scale; shift differential, paid training; Uniform allowance; paid vacations, holidays, personal & sick time; Education incentives & reimbursement, health, life, and supplemental insurance.

LE certified applicants are eligible for lateral entry and hiring bonus. DAQ.

Candidates must minimally be 20 years of age and have a high school diploma. Must also have an acceptable background history and valid driver's license. Will be required to successfully complete a POST exam and physical agility test in Fort Madison to enter the process. Testing standards can be found on the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy website at [ileatraining.org](http://ileatraining.org). Noncertified applicants must attend the four-month academy paid for by the department.

TO APPLY: Contact [jgray@fortmadisonpd.com](mailto:jgray@fortmadisonpd.com) or pick up an application packet at our lobby M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Application deadline is October 22, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

Reed gave a Safety Update.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve posting the Lee County Multi-Hazard Plan for a 30 day public comment period. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve \$10,000 in matching funds towards a CAT Grant for the Fort Madison Marina Renovation Project. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Harlow-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Class C Beer Permit for Garner One Stop, Montrose, for the period August 27, 2021 through August 26, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, August 16, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on a

### HELP WANTED

#### NOW HIRING Lee County

Lee County is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of American Rescue Plan Act Funds Administrator/Grant Writer. Work involves oversight of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") funds, planning and coordinating County grant functions, including grant management and reporting for departments. Seek, identify, and research available grant resources. Work closely with County departments/offices to develop, write, and submit grant proposals.

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RUSS Board meeting. Seyb reported on an American Rescue Funds Committee meeting. Harlow reported on a Farm Bureau picnic he attended. Larkin reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting and a Landfill Committee meeting.

At 10:00 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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## From the Front

# It's good to take a gander at the other people's grass

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looking for a bite to eat.

Architecture just blows me away. People have infinite capacity to create – and destroy. In my prayers I ask God regularly to remember his blessing in our capacity to create wonderful things – and to forgive our capacity for destruction. How patient that entity must be with us – and with me.

And I'm a huge people watcher. I try to picture who they are and what their lives must be. Most people nowadays have their neck craned down over a phone that is full of the day's communication. Most also have headsets in. It makes saying 'Hi' to people difficult, but I can't help but smile at them as they walk by in their social vacuum.

How different their lives must be than mine – full of daily adventures in big cities, while I wake up and access my emails

with a cup of coffee in a home that's 121 years old and made of bricks. Make no mistake, I love the trees, and fall, and neighborhood walks around rural history. I love being able to wave to the people I know and have brief, but non-intrusive, conversations.

Speaking of intrusive, I'm watching the Ryder Cup on Hulu and NBC-Sports is doing this "play through" thing where they split screens, shut off the audio to my favorite golf event, and play commercials. BOOOO! It would be fine if those were the only commercials, but they do it like every six minutes and then go to full commercials every nine minutes. One or the other please. All about the Benjamins.

I guess the point of this week's musings is this – don't be afraid to take the left turn when the road says go right. Spontaneity is a good thing, some-

thing that, in my first 52 years, didn't really appeal to me.

A short jig with my daughter on Navy Pier a couple weekends ago with Lake Michigan slapping in the background confirmed it. That followed a 10-minute siesta in a lounge on the same pier. I opened my eyes squinting to the cityscape behind and wondered how I would live if I were a billionaire. Just like that.

The world is a gorgeous place and, although we love our small town full of street improvements, growing parks, increasing retail, and a burgeoning and overdue look back at our riverfront, it's wonderful to get away and see how the rest of the world does it – But that's Beside the Point.

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# First half propels Bloodhounds

**FOOTBALL** - Continued from Page 1

scoring.

After shutting Mt. Pleasant down on its first series, a 4-and-out in the mist that produced minus 14 yards, Fort Madison sent a quick message of tempo and control. After the punt, Fort Madison went 54 yards in 12 plays where Williams hooked up with four different receivers, highlighted by Xander Wellman's 13-yard catch for a first down at the Mt. Pleasant 24. Williams would run a keeper for 7, and then call McGowan's number two plays later for a 7-0 lead with Wellman's PAT.

The Hound defense held again forcing another punt. The snap was mishandled by Lincoln Henrickson and he took off with the ball and threw downfield incomplete. A defensive holding call nullified the play. Fort Madison was penalized 10 yards on the 4th and 15 play and the punt was replayed.

The Hounds took over at their own 37 and methodically went 63 yards in nine plays with the Williams-to-Williams line fully functional. The two hooked up for 50 yards on three catches in the series including a 26-yard scoring strike to make it 14-0. Wellman was six for six in PATs on the night.

Mt. Pleasant showed a spark when quarterback Carson Coleman found Carter Amos behind the secondary down the Panther's sideline on 1st and 10 following the kickoff. Despite the bend, the defense didn't break, and Mt. Pleasant would lose five yards in the next three plays forcing another punt.

Taking over deep in their own territory at the 14, Fort Madison showed it can put together a long drive as well. After the Panther's defense held Fort Madison to minus 1-yard forcing a 3rd and 11 at their own 13, Williams went to Wiseman in the middle for 14 yards and a first down.

Then Williams would turn to senior Tate Johnson who finished with 186 yards on 13 receptions on the night. Johnson would make catches of five on a jet screen to Williams' left and 20 more two plays later to the right to set up 1st and 10 at the Panthers' 42.

Williams would take off on a 22-yard run to the right before finding Wiseman again in the left side of the endzone for a 21-0 lead.

A Panther four-and-out gave Fort Madison the ball back at their own 37. Williams went right back to Johnson for eight more yards as part of 7-play, 63-yard score, the fourth of the half. The drive culminated with a 33-yard pass to Johnson streaking behind the secondary down the Panther's sideline to the north.

Mt. Pleasant picked up a first down on 1st and 10 of the final series of the half after the kick off, but the clock ran out ending any momentum.

"That was a lot of fun," Doherty said of the first half. "Maybe we should have stayed out here instead of going into the locker room. That showed what we're capable of, and it was the message to the kids at the end of the game. Just imagine... Just imagine."

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