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# Almost 10K absentees



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Local and state election officials and workers were at the North Lee County Administration building Monday processing some of the almost 9,500 absentees already received in Lee County.

## CORONAVIRUS

# COVID-19 activity still on the rise

*Lee County loses 13th resident to effects of coronavirus; 14-day rolling total close to all-time high*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Coronavirus activity is almost at an all-time high in Lee County since data began being collected in March.

Over the weekend, 49 new positive cases were identified and on Monday 24 more new cases were discovered for a total of 73 new cases since the last report from Lee County Health Department on Friday at 3:30 p.m.

There was also an additional death reported bringing the county total fatalities attributed to COVID-19 to 13.

The county's 14-day positivity rate now stands at 13.1% with 1,104 positive cases and 688 of those reported as recovered, leaving 416 residents still fighting the affects of the virus.

The state, as of today, is at it's second highest 14-day rolling total of positive cases at 23,641. The high was 23,698 on Sunday.

Lee County's rolling 14-day total stands at 224, with a high of 260 on Aug. 31. Women account for 51% of the positive cases, while 48% are male. The county's total positive rate as of Monday was 12.8%. On Sunday 20.3% of those tested from Lee County were positive.

Des Moines County has now reported 1,647 positive cases and a 16.1% 14-day positivity rate with 12 deaths. Henry County has a current rate of 17.5% positivity rate with 1,191 total cases.

## ELECTION: Almost 500 county absentee ballots have still not been turned in

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – About 10 county election workers were busy processing absentee ballots at the North Lee County Courthouse Monday morning.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said due to the coronavirus and the large number of absentee ballots counties are allowed to begin counting the ballots prior to election day.

According to the Secretary of State's office, 9,962 absentee ballots were requested in Lee County and to date 9,428 have been received as of Monday morning at 9 a.m.

That number represents 57% of the total votes case in the county in the 2016 general election.

Two election officials observed the counting process at the North Lee County Administration Building just before noon, while a small line waited to have their temperatures taken before being allowed in to vote in person or for other county business.

Voters who haven't voted absentee will go to the polls Tuesday in Lee County with ballots being cast in races for President, U.S Senate, U.S. Congressional District 2, Iowa House Districts 83 and 84, Iowa Senate District 42, and County

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## NO PARKING

# City Council debates parking limits on Avenue E

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City officials took a first step toward removing parking on the south side of Avenue E from 2nd to 24th Street in Fort Madison Monday.

The move will require two additional readings and could become a reality in December.

Discussion of the parking limitation centered on possibly reducing the no parking nine block to just 15th Street.

Councilman Rusty Andrews said he wasn't in favor of eliminating the

parking. But with Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff advocating for the move, Andrews voted in favor on the first reading.

The move approved unanimously 5-0. Two seats on the council are still

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

10/29/20 – 8:36 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.  
 10/29/20 – 8:55 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue H.  
 10/29/20 – 7:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Heather Stiegowski, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 23rd Avenue and Avenue J, on a charge of driving while suspended.  
 10/29/20 – 8:48 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Catherine Lynn Talton, of Columbus, Ohio, in the 5000 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for perjury. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 10/30/20 – 12:25 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2800 block of Avenue L.  
 10/31/20 – 10:25 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2000 block of 35th Street.  
 10/31/20 – 11:03 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3200 block of Avenue L.  
 10/31/20 – 11:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue F.  
 11/01/20 – 1:09 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Dylan Martin, 25, of Burlington, in the

1100 block of 23rd Street on charges of public intoxication, interference, and 4th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/01/20 – 1:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chase Paul Beach, 24, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for willfull injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 11/01/20 – 4:08 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism on Richards Drive.  
 11/01/20 – 9:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2800 block of Avenue N.  
 11/01/20 – 11:33 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2200 block of Avenue F.  
 11/01/20 – 1:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cody Alexander Briggs, 31, of Fort Madison in the 2000 block of Avenue M, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/29/20 – 9:01 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2500 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Robin Harrison, 59 of Wever, changed lanes striking a vehicle driven by Michael Anthony Bollin, 71, of Keokuk. Harrison

was cited for improper lane change. Medical attention was declined at the scene.  
 10/29/20 – 9:14 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bradley Michael Dettmers, Jr., at the sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 10/29/20 – 2:54 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Charles Joseph Lozano, 42, of Fort Madison, no location given, on charges of failure to appear and driving under suspension.  
 10/29/20 – 4:39 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of 213th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Christine Rae Williams, 41, of Ellsworth, lost control and swerved off the right shoulder headed southbound, overcorrected and entered the left shoulder before heading into the ditch. Upon investigation, the driver was not located, but Williams contacted sheriff's deputies later in the day to report several deer had run in front of her causing the accident. No injuries or citations were reported.  
 10/29/20 – 7:00 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the Sinclair station in Denmark. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Penny Jean Lloyd, 59, of West Point, was cited for backing into a parked vehicle. No injuries were reported.

10/30/20 – 8:47 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jacob Michael Vawter, 27, of Quincy, at the Marion County Jail, on warrants for failure to appear and violation of parole. He was held in custody.  
 10/31/20 – 10:41 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Amanda Sue Dresser, 36, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of 4th-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.  
 11/02/20 – 7:44 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Le'Terrius Darrell Carter, 30, of Burlington, near the intersection of Hwy. 61 and Hwy. 16, on charges of driving while barred and possession of a controlled substance.

### Hancock County Sheriff's Report

10/28/20 – Zachary R Miller, age 18, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Disorderly Conduct. Miller was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 10/28/20 – Jonathan WK Newlon, age 22, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear I Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving Under the Influence, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an

Accident, Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Newlon was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.  
 10/28/20 – Ryan R Yelton, age 36, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked and Illegal Transportation of Cannabis. Yelton was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 10/30/20 – Douglas G Evans, age 59, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence Probation Violation on original charges of Burglary and Criminal Trespass to Real Property. Evans was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 10/30/20 – James M Faulkner, age 48, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear I Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended and Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Faulkner was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 10/30/20 – Mary C Grove, age 60, Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Grove was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 10/30/20 – Ryan A Brewer, age 31, of Quincy, IL was arrested on an Adams County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Retail Theft. Brewer was released after posting the required bond

and given a future court date.  
 10/30/20 – Valerie J Zimmer, age 54, Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Driving While License Suspended. Zimmer was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Operating Uninsured Vehicle, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Driving in the Wrong Lane and Driving While License Suspended. Zimmer was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 10/31/20 – Stephen M Crowder, age 38, of West Point, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Domestic Battery. Crowder was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 11/01/20 – Todd K Smith, age 53, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence. Smith was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
 11/01/20 – Drake M Huffman, age 19, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Violation of Bail bond for original charges of Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance. Huffman remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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## Obituaries

### BETTY B. BIDDENSTADT

Betty Bernice Biddenstadt, 91 of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born July 16, 1929 in Farmington, IA the daughter of William Edgar and Bertha Irene Doud Parke.



BIDDENSTADT

On June 4, 1950 she was united in marriage to Richard Biddenstadt in Keokuk. He preceded her in death on February 28, 2007.

Betty graduated from Farmington High School with the Class of 1948. She furthered her education at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, IA and graduated with a teaching degree.

Betty was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk.

Over the years, Betty had taught school, worked at Schlotter's Greenhouse in Keokuk and was the co-owner and operator of Rich's Country Store and Rich's Welding Shop.

Betty enjoyed cooking, country music and crafts. She had a special love for flowers, and had made beautiful wreaths and also made floral arrangements for several weddings. Betty also loved birds, especially penguins.

She is survived by one son, Dennis B. Biddenstadt (Linda) of Independence, IA, one daughter, Nancy B. Stephenson of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Paul Stephenson of Keokuk, Peter Biddenstadt (Emily) of Ft. Madison, IA, Sarah Barnes (Brandon) of West Point, IA and Megan Weber (Marshall) of Toddville, IA, eight great-grandchildren, Aria Stephenson of Keokuk, Margaret and Archer Biddenstadt both of Ft. Madison, IA, Sterling, Spencer and Cooper Barnes all of West Point, IA and Lilly and Emmy Weber both of Toddville, IA, one brother, Richard Parke (Peggy) of Shellsburg, IA and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Sandra Forde and Patricia Wagner and one brother, Roger Parke.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend Milo VanVeldhuizen officiating. Burial will be in in Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m., Sunday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 4-6 p.m. Social distancing requirements will be in place and masks are strongly encouraged. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

### KEVIN W. FUGET

Kevin W. Fuget, 58, of Donnellson, IA, passed away at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on March 25, 1962 in Fort Madison, IA to James & Beverly Shacklett Fuget. He married Theresa Edholm and they



FUGET

later divorced. He worked at Fruehauf until it closed and then he worked for Iowa Bridge & Culvert after that. He enjoyed hunting, his home in the country and spending time with his sons.

Kevin is survived by: 2-sons: Andy (Jamie Dennison) Fuget of Fort Madison, IA & Brad (Christin) Fuget of Fort Madison, IA; 7-grandchildren: Nevaeha, Paige, Conner, Ava, Norah, Kenzie & Victoria; his parents: Jim & Bev Fuget of Fort Madison, IA; 2-brothers: Curt (Dana) Fuget of Streator, IL & Shawn (Deb) Fuget of Fort Madison, IA & his good friend: Dave McVeigh of Montrose, IA. He was preceded in death by: his maternal grandparents: Dorothy & Floyd Shacklett, his paternal grandmother: Estella Fuget & 1-uncle: Jimmy Shacklett.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of Kevin's life will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at his son Brad's house at 1999 303rd Avenue, Fort Madison, IA. Online condolences to Kevin's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Sports

# Shiverfest puts wrap on Lee County Speedway season

**BY BRIAN NEAL**  
Pepsi Lee County Speedway

DONNELLSON – Midwest Performance & Power and Donnellson Tire & Service helped to present the 22nd Annual Shiverfest event at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa on Saturday, October 31st. The strong brisk wind blowing from the south would help to keep temperatures in the 50's most of the night. And when the final checkered flag of the season waved, three driver's landed in victory lane for the first time this season at the track, while two others were no strangers to the winner's circle.

One hundred forty-four cars signed in on the final night of racing for 2020, with 23 qualifying races being run to help determine the starting line ups for the five feature events. And once all those were completed it was time to bring the first feature to the track, which was the 20 lap Donnellson Tire & Service Stock Cars. Erick Knutsen and Jason Cook drew the front row, with Knutsen jumping out front to lead lap 1 over Todd Reitzler and Cook. The lead for Knutsen only lasted for 1 lap, as Reitzler got under him to take over the top spot on lap 2. Dustin Griffiths, who was working the top of the track, used the momen-

tum off the top to take the lead away from Reitzler on lap 4. Dallon Murty, who started 7th, entered the battle for the lead on lap 6, and on lap 11 he slid past Griffiths to take over the top spot. While Murty paced the field out front, John Oliver Jr. and Griffiths battled for the runner up spot. And just when it looked like the feature would go green to checkered, disaster would strike the second and third place runners. Contact would send Oliver Jr. spinning in turn 2 on lap 16 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Murty moved back out front, with Eric Arneson and Reitzler following. With Arneson and Reitzler

battling for the runner up spot, this allowed Murty to go on to claim his first win of the season at the track. Reitzler edged out Arneson at the line for 2nd, Cook was 4th, with Knutsen holding on for 5th.

The 15-lap Discount Tire & Services Sport Compact feature had troubles getting going, as three cautions in the first 4 laps slowed the action. But once it stayed green, Jason Ash paced the field out front. He would hold off Kimberly Abbott's challenges earlier, before Chuck Fullenkamp moved in on lap 9 to challenge him. Ash would hold on to pick up his seventh win of the season at the Pepsi

Lee County Speedway. Fullenkamp settled for 2nd, Cody Staley charged from his 13th place starting spot to finish 3rd, Craig Bangert finished 4th after starting in 9th, with Jeffrey DeLonjay charging from 23rd to come home in 5th.

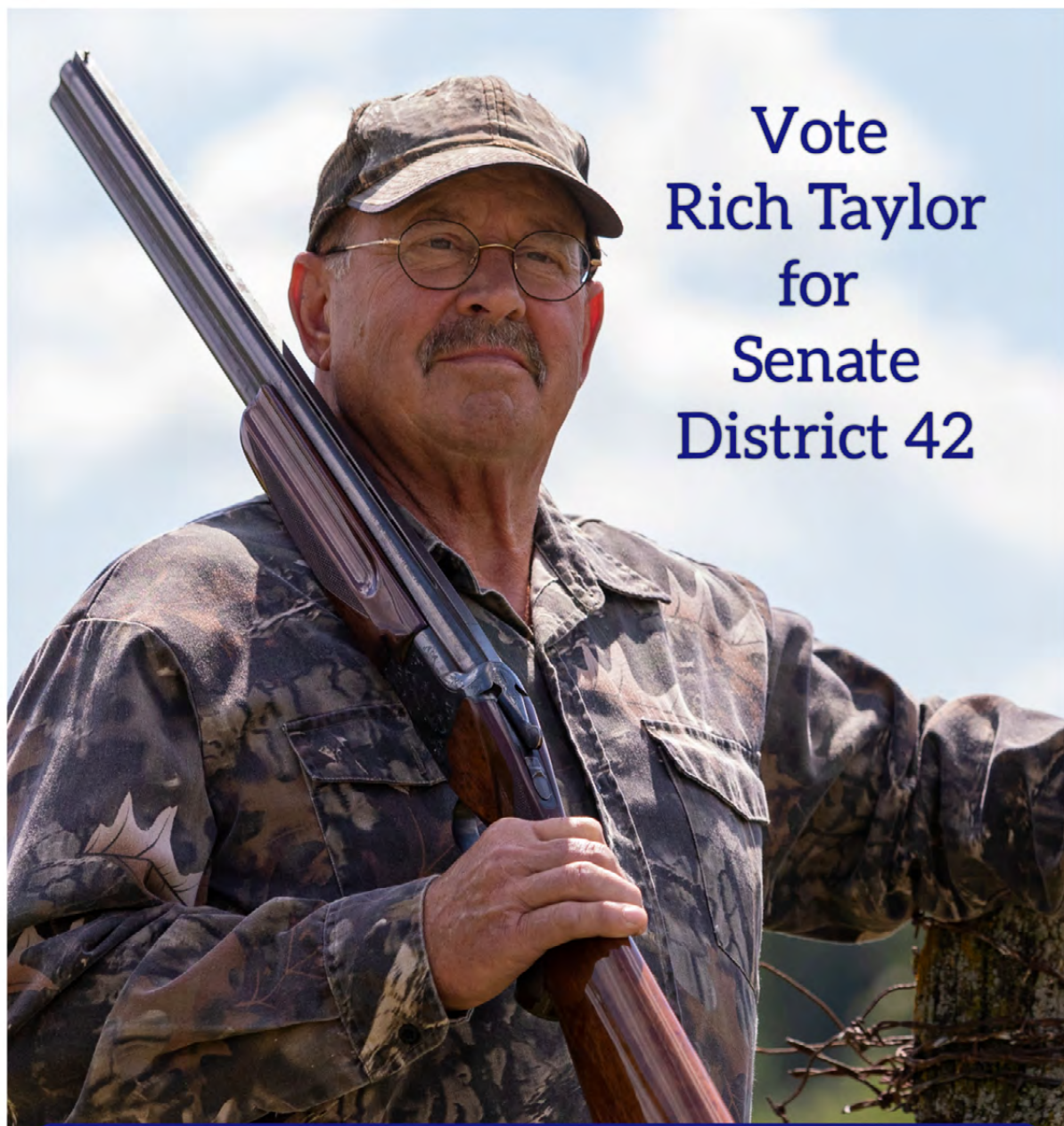
Up next was the 20-lap Sonny's Super Market Modified feature, with Daniel Fellows and Kory Meyer leading the field to green. Fellows took advantage of his draw to grab the lead on lap 1 over Ethan Braaksma and Meyer. The lead for Fellows lasted for 1 lap, as Braaksma slid past to take the top spot on lap 2. While Braaksma paced the field out front, Michael Long, who started 8th, was working his way towards the front. On lap 7 Long took over the runner up spot and then went to work on Braaksma for the lead. Lap traffic on lap 14 allowed Long to close in on Braaksma, and on lap 15 Long used the lap traffic to grab the top spot. Then just after the lap was scored complete the first and only caution of the race appeared, as fourth place running Josh Most spun in turn 3 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Long moved back out front, with Jeff Aikey over taking Braaksma for second. Long was too strong on this night,

as he pulled away for his tenth win on the season at the track. Aikey was 2nd, Braaksma was 3rd, Kelly Shryock started 12th and finished 4th, with Mark Burgtorf rounding out the top 5.

Tyler Soppe and Austin Schrage drew the front row for the 20 lap Roberts Tire Center SportMod feature, with Soppe grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Schrage and Austin Paul. Paul, who was running the bottom of the track, used it to take the top spot from Soppe on lap 8. On lap 14 Paul would enter lapped traffic, which allowed Soppe to close in on him. But Soppe wasn't able to mount a challenge on Paul over the final laps, as Paul held on in a caution free race to score his first win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Soppe settled for 2nd, Sean Wyett came from 8th to finish 3rd, Brayton Carter finished 4th, with Schrage holding on for 5th.

The final feature to take to the track was the 25 lap Shottenkirk Parts Express Late Models, with Gunner Frank and Darrel DeFrance leading the field to green. Frank used his starting spot to his advantage by grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Jeff Aikey and DeFrance.

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## Sports

# Aikey wins season final Late Models feature

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Aikey would slip past Frank on lap 2 to take over the top spot. And just after the lap was scored complete the first caution appeared for Frank Mason's spin in turn 4. On the restart Aikey jumped back out front, with DeFrance slipping past Frank for the runner up spot. The second and final caution of the race slowed the action on lap 11, when Jill George slowed down the frontstretch from a blown right rear tire. Aikey once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Tommy Elston over taking DeFrance for the second spot. Elston tried to keep pace with Aikey over the next 9 laps, when Aikey got into heavy lap traffic on lap 22. Elston was able to close within a couple of car lengths, but Aikey would hold on to claim his first Late Model win of the season at the track. Which was also worth \$1,000. Elston settled for 2nd, DeFrance was 3rd, Matt Strassheim came from 8th to finish 4th, with Frank coming home in 5th.

With Shiverfest put into the books, that will bring an end to the 2020 racing season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. We would like to say THANK YOU to every fan, driver, their families and crews, track employees, and sponsors that supported us during this crazy season. We are already in the planning stages for the 2021 season, so stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for more information.

For more information about the Pepsi Lee County Speedway you can visit their website at [www.leecountyspeedway.com](http://www.leecountyspeedway.com), like them on Facebook, or call Brian Gaylord at 319-371-6744.

### OFFICIAL RESULTS

#### Shottenkirk Parts Express Late Models

A-Feature: 1. Jeff Aikey, Cedar Falls, IA; 2. Tommy Elston, Keokuk, IA; 3. Darrel DeFrance, Marshalltown, IA; 4. Matt Strassheim, Yarmouth, IA; 5. Gunner Frank, Montrose, IA; 6. Mark Burgtorf, Quincy, IL; 7. Chuck Hanna, Port Byron, IL; 8. Don Pataska, Miles, IA; 9. Kelly Pestka, DeWitt, IA; 10. Joel Bennett, Hortonville, WI; 11. Todd Frank, Montrose, IA; 12. Ray Raker, Burlington, IA; 13. Larry Fitzsimmons, East Bethel, MN; 14. Brandon Queen, Keokuk, IA; 15. Eric Doran, Clinton, IL; 16. Frank Mason, Cedar Rapids, IA; 17. Jill George, Cedar Falls, IA; 18. Shane Watts, Burlington, IA; 19. CJ Horn, Cedar Rapids, IA. Heat 1: 1. Tommy Elston; 2. Jeff Aikey; 3. Don Pataska; 4. Ray Raker; 5. CJ Horn; 6. Shane Watts; 7. Brandon Queen. Heat 2: 1. Chuck Hanna; 2. Matt Strassheim; 3. Mark Burgtorf; 4. Gunner Frank; 5. Larry Fitzsimmons; 6. Jill George. Heat 3: 1. Todd Frank; 2. Darrel DeFrance; 3. Kelly Pestka; 4. Joel Bennett; 5. Eric Doran; 6. Frank Mason

#### Sonny's Super Market Modifieds

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#### Donnellson Tire & Service Stock Cars

A-Feature: 1. Dallan Murty, Chelsea, IA; 2. Todd Reitzler, Grinnell, IA; 3. Eric Arneson, Oconto Falls, WI; 4. Jason Cook, Mt. Pleasant, IA; 5. Erick Knutsen, Cedar Rapids, IA; 6. Shawn Ritter, Keystone, IA; 7. Chris Wibbell, Dallas City, IL; 8. Chad Krogmeier, Burlington, IA; 9. Tom Schmidt, Independence, IA; 10. Eric Knuston, Slater, IA; 11. Curtis Kline, South Amana, IA; 12. Jerry Jansen, Plainville, IL; 13. Dan

Mackenthun, Hamburg, MN; 14. Duayne Herb, Hiawatha, IA; 15. Kyle Boyd, Ottumwa, IA; 16. Patrick Phillips, Macomb, IL; 17. Hannah Chesmore, Rowley, IA; 18. Tyler Moore, Lockridge, IA; 19. BJ Thompson, Colchester, IL; 20. Pete Stodgel, Fowler, IL; 21. Howard Gordon, Oskaloosa, IA; 22. John Oliver Jr., Danville, IA; 23. Dustin Griffiths, Hedrick, IA. Heat 1: 1. Jason Cook; 2. Dustin Griffiths; 3. John Oliver Jr.; 4. Eric Knuston; 5. Tyler Moore; 6. Duayne Herb; 7. Hannah Chesmore; 8. Tom Schmidt. Heat 2: 1. Todd Reitzler; 2. Dallan Murty; 3. Erick Knutsen; 4. Jerry Jansen; 5. Patrick Phillips; 6. Shawn Ritter; 7. Dan Mackenthun; 8. Howard Gordon. Heat 3: 1. Eric Arneson; 2. Kyle Boyd; 3. Chad Krogmeier; 4. Chris Wibbell; 5. Curtis Kline; 6. BJ Thompson; 7. Pete Stodgel.

#### Roberts Tire Center SportMods

A-Feature: 1. Austin Paul, Monroe, IA; 2. Tyler Soppe, Sherrill, IA; 3. Sean Wyett, Danville, IA; 4. Brayton Carter, Oskaloosa, IA; 5. Austin Schrage, Cresco, IA; 6. Austen Becerra, Bowen, IL; 7. Tyler Heckart, Ottumwa, IA; 8. Dylan Van Wyk, Oskaloosa, IA; 9. Brian Schrage, Cresco, IA; 10. Justin Becker, Cascade, IA; 11. Hayden Hillgartner, Harlan, IA; 12. Kevin Goblen, Sherrard, IL; 13. Brandon Dale, Arbela, MO; 14. Logan Anderson, Eddyville, IA; 15. Dennis LaVeine, West Burlington, IA; 16. Chris Burke, Altoona, IA; 17. Barry Taft, Argyle, IA; 18. Torey Fischer, West Fargo, ND; 19. David Engelkens, Morrison, IL; 20. Nathan Lynch, Hillsboro, IL; 21. Tom Lathrop, Ottumwa, IA; 22. Tony Johnson, Oskaloosa, IA; 23. Dakota Girard, Moberly, MO; 24. Mike Garland, Morrison, IL; 25. Colton Livezey, New Sharon, IA. B-Feature 1: (Top 2 to A) 1. Barry Taft; 2. Nathan Lynch; 3. Brandon Lambert, Carthage, IL; 4. Chance Titus, Baxter, IA; 5. Dakota Anderson, Basco, IL; 6. Brandon Symmonds, Keokuk, IA; 7. Tom Ruble, Ft. Madison, IA; 8. Richard Hurlbut, Lone Tree, IA; 9. Ryan Moore, Kahoka, MO; 10. Mike Heister, Andrew, IA. B-Feature 2: 1. Dylan Van Wyk; 2. Tony Johnson; 3. Torey Fischer; 4. Nicholas Profeta, Keokuk, IA; 5. Michael Parcel, Bondurant, IA; 6. Rayce Mullen, Pearl City, IL; 7. Colton Bowman, Burlington, IA; 8. Marshall Cramer, Greentop, MO; 9. Matt Tucker, Lomax, IL. Heat 1: (Top 4 to A) 1. Brayton Carter; 2. Brandon Dale; 3. Chris Burke; 4. Tyler Heckart; 5. Dakota Anderson; 6. Dylan Van Wyk; 7. Tom Ruble; 8. Rayce Mullen. Heat 2: 1. Austin Schrage; 2. Brian Schrage; 3. Justin Becker; 4. David Engelkens; 5. Tony Johnson; 6. Brandon Symmonds; 7. Colton Bowman; 8. Chance Titus. Heat 3: 1. Sean Wyett; 2. Dennis LaVeine; 3. Logan Anderson; 4. Mike Garland; 5. Barry Taft; 6. Nicholas Profeta; 7. Ryan Moore; 8. Marshall Cramer. Heat 4: 1. Austin Paul; 2. Hayden Hillgartner; 3. Kevin Goblen; 4. Dakota Girard; 5. Michael Parcel; 6. Brandon Lambert; 7. Matt Tucker; 8. Richard Hurlbut. Heat 5: 1. Tyler Soppe; 2. Austen Becerra; 3. Colton Livezey; 4. Tom Lathrop; 5. Mike Heister; 6. Torey Fischer; 7. Nathan Lynch

#### Discount Tire & Services Sport Compacts

A-Feature: 1. Jason Ash, Burlington, IA; 2. Chuck Fullenkamp, West Point, IA; 3. Cody Staley, Muscatine, IA; 4. Craig Bangert, Golden, IL; 5. Jeffrey DeLonjay, Quincy, IL; 6. Kimberly Abbott, Camp Point, IL; 7. Jay Crabill, Cedar Rapids, IA; 8. Christian Grady, Cedar Rapids, IA; 9. Jake Dietrich, Keokuk, IA; 10. William Michel, Columbus Junction, IA; 11. Darin Weisinger Jr., Mendon, IL; 12. Barry Taft, Argyle, IA; 13. David Prim, Hamelton, IL; 14. Chevy Barnes, Keokuk, IA; 15. Timmy Schnathorst, Burlington, IA; 16. Ashton Blain, Burlington, IA; 17. Austin Nelan, East Moline, IL; 18. Brandon Pickney, Ottumwa, IA; 19. Garrett Porter, Libertyville, IA; 20. Wayne Noble, Wapello, IA; 21. Darin Smith, Wapello, IA; 22. TJ Weyls, Burlington, IA; 23. Jared Heule, Keokuk, IA; 24. Kaycee McGregor, Ft. Madison, IA; 25. Luke Fraise, Houghton, IA; 26. Brandon Schneider, Mechanicsville, IA. Heat 1: 1. Jason Ash; 2. Craig Bangert; 3. Chevy Barnes; 4. Kaycee McGregor; 5. Cody Staley; 6. Timmy Schnathorst; 7. Darin Weisinger Jr.; 8. David Prim; 9. Wayne Noble. Heat 2: 1. Christian Grady; 2. Kimberly Abbott; 3. Jake Dietrich; 4. Austin Nelan; 5. Jay Crabill; 6. Luke Fraise; 7. TJ Weyls; 8. Jeffrey DeLonjay. Heat 3: 1. Jared Heule; 2. Chuck Fullenkamp; 3. Darin Smith; 4. William Michel; 5. Ashton Blain; 6. Brandon Pickney; 7. Barry Taft; 8. Brandon Schneider; 9. Garrett Porter



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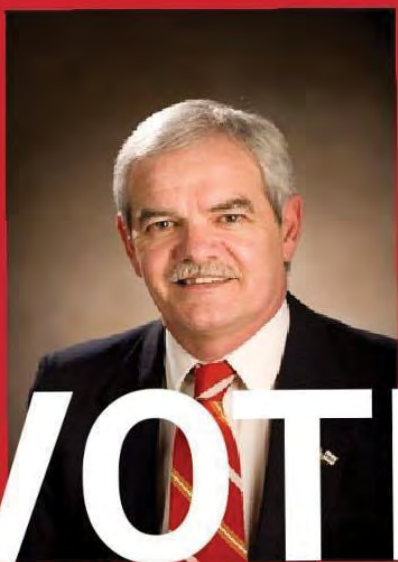
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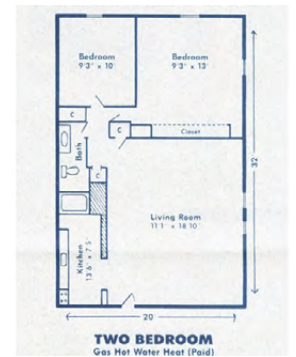
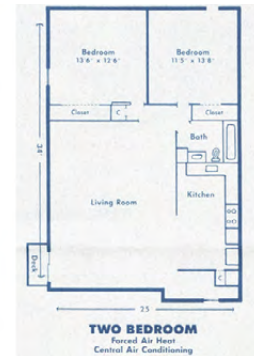
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## Iowa News/From the Front

# Newest polls show Republicans gaining ground across Iowa

**BALLOTS** - Continued from Page 1

Supervisor. Uncontested ballots include two supervisor races, Lee County Auditor and Lee County Sheriff.

Contested local races are District 4 Supervisor between Gary Folluo (D-Keokuk) vs. Garry Seyb, Jr. (R-Donnellson). For state positions, Jeff Reichman (R-Keokuk) is putting up a stiff challenge to incumbent Rich Taylor for State Senator for the 42nd District. Martin Graber (R-Fort Madison) is challenging incumbent Jeff Kurtz (D-Fort Madison) for the Iowa House District 83, while Jeff Fager (D-Mt.Pleasant) is challenging Joe Mitchell (R-Wayland) for the House District 84 seat in extreme north Lee County. Mitchell won that seat two years ago at the age of 21.

At the federal level, a Des Moines Register/Mediacom Poll released Oct. 31, shows President Donald Trump with a 7-point lead over democratic challenger and former Vice President Joe Biden.

The poll was conducted by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines and interviewed 814 Iowans by phone who are 18 or older and said they will definitely vote or have already voted in the 2020 general election.

U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst and challenger Theresa Greenfield are entangled in one of the closest and most watched races in the country. The Iowa poll also showed Ernst with a slight lead in that contest 46% to 42%. Rita Hart (D-Wheatland) and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Ottumwa) are battling in another close race for the 2nd District Congressional seat being vacated by Dave Loebsack who is retiring at the end of this term.

On Monday, Hart met with a couple dozen voters in the pocket park on Avenue G in Fort Madison.

Hart gave her stump speech about being raised with eight other children on farm and graduating from a community college before getting her teaching degree. She was previously a state senator in the 43rd district from 2013-2019.

Miller-Meeks was in town last week at the Lee County Republican party headquarters along with Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg.

# Police chief advocates for no parking on south side of Ave. E

**COUNCIL** - Continued from Page 1

open and with plans to fill the vacancies by appointment at the Nov. 17 meeting, unless a petition is filed for a special election.

Rohloff said Avenue E is an arterial road and it was not designed to have parking on both sides. He said collisions on Avenue E have doubled with the increased traffic due to Hwy. 61 being closed from 2nd to 6th streets.

"We did our studies and as we dug into it a bit deeper we saw the standards of the roadway are not being met," he said. "2nd to 24th is an arterial and the standard is to only allow parking on one side."

He said at this point the city can't really look the other way.

"That's not possible and

the city council does need to take some action," Rohloff said.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld said he wanted the council to consider two things before voting – the safety of motorists and Rohloff's comments.

"Chief Mark does a pretty damn good job for us and if he's giving us this recommendation we should give it some consideration," Mohrfeld said.

In opposing the move, Andrews said people he spoke with supported the move didn't live on Avenue E, and were looking for a quicker trip home.

"People have to stop, think and drive their cars," Andrews said.

Rohloff said the decision to remove parking on the south side as opposed to the north side was because the volume of traffic coming from the south to the north was heavier and removing parking on that side is safer for those motorists turning on Avenue E or crossing Avenue E.

Councilman Chad Cangas, who sits on a public safety committee that came up with the recommendation, sug-

gested ending the restriction at 15th.

Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker said she used to live in that western stretch and said there aren't as many parking issues out that way, however the ordinance reading was called for a vote and it passed as written.

In an unrelated issue, Mohrfeld said he had a conversation with Bryan Humphrey, the owner the downtown building on 8th and G. Humphrey has ignored several court-ordered deadlines on shoring up the building and communicating with city officials.

"I met with Bryan at his building and opened some dialogue with him," Mohrfeld said. "Wish there was more forward motion, but I did get the chance to meet with him."

In other action, the council approved Mohrfeld signing a letter to the Lee County Board of Supervisors encouraging the board to create an oversight board of the Lee County Emergency Medical Services, and offered to place Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herren on the board.



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# Van Buren County Hospital gets USDA loan for ER expansion

KEOSAUQUA - Congressman Dave Loebsack announced today that the Van Buren County Hospital will receive a \$5 million loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Community Facilities Grant program. The Van Buren County Hospital will use this loan to help finance a 1,200 square foot addition and major renovations to the emergency department.

"Residents of rural communities, such as those in Van Buren County, deserve to have access to the same medical care and technology as someone living in a larger community," said Loebsack. "I am pleased the Van Buren County Hospital is receiving this competitive funding to expand and make necessary renovations to their facility."

This investment will be used to assist with a 1,200 square foot addition and a 4,100 square foot major renovation of the emergency department to improve safety, security and privacy. Additional internal renovations within the critical access hospital's existing footprint will allow the rural health clinic to expand by moving the physical therapy/rehab department. Food and Nutrition Services will be enlarged to accommodate storage and address compliance issues and critical infrastructure will also be replaced including boilers, chiller, domestic hot water and sprinkler systems. This project will allow for efficient, updated medical facilities that provides the necessary health care services to the community of Keosauqua and the surrounding area.

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## Sports

# Water temps slowly dropping but fishing still good

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for southeast Iowa

### Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature has dropped down to 50 degrees. Few anglers out this week, may pick up if the weather warms up as forecast. Bluegill - Fair: Look for bluegills out in 8 to 12 feet of water. Work the flooded timber or the big brush piles at the upper end of the lake past the beach. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Find bass in shallow trying to get one last meal before winter. Use soft plastics or weedless jigs tipped with crawdad trailers. Black Crappie - Fair: Look for the crappies to stay out in deeper water with the big drop in water temperature. A water temperature around 50 degrees normally means they are getting ready to settle down for the winter.

### Lake Belva Deer

Water temperature trying to hang onto 50 degrees. Water is nice and clear. Few anglers out because of the weather. Bluegill - Fair: Bluegills are out deep, 10-15 feet down in the trees, and look to be staying there. Black Crappie - Fair: Most crappies have moved out to deeper water. Try vertically jigging or drift or troll small jigs. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Work your way back into the trees in the shallow water. Soft plastics, rigged weedless and good heavy test line helps.

### Lake Darling

Water temperature is in the upper 40's in the morning and getting up to just over 50 degrees during the day. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Most bass have moved out to 6-8 feet of water. A warm sunny day might bring them back in shallow briefly. Bluegill - Slow: Cold weather has pushed bluegills back out to deep water. Try vertical jigging in 10-14 feet of water over the habitat. Black Crappie - Slow: Go deep for crappies; 10-12 feet of water over the habitat. Try over popular spots during ice fishing to see if they have moved out there.

### Lost Grove Lake

Water temperatures was 49 degrees Wednesday (10/28) shortly before noon. Water is very clear. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Bass fishing has slowed; most have moved out to a little deeper water (6 to 10 feet). Bluegill - Slow: Bluegills are out deep. Work the habitat in 12-16 feet of water. A few more anglers are needed to get a good idea on the trend as to where these fish are headed with the rapidly changing weather.

For more information on the above lakes, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

### Cedar River (La Porte City to Cedar Rapids)

Walleye - Fair. Black Crappie - Fair: Try a minnow and bobber in the backwaters. Some big fish were reported this week. Northern Pike - Fair: Target backwater areas.

### Coralville Reservoir

The lake is at fall pool of 686.3 feet. Black Crappie - Fair: A few fish are being

caught off rock banks. White Bass - Slow: Look for schools on windblown rock or sand banks.

### Diamond Lake

Park facilities are closed for the season. The boat ramp is open and the dock stays in year round. Bluegill - Fair: Try small jigs tipped with worms around brush piles. Black Crappie - Fair: Use small jigs tipped with worms around jetties and brush piles. Most fish are 8-9 inches.

### Lake Macbride

Any sized motor may be used at a maximum of 5 mph. Water temperature is 50 degrees. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) - Fair: Try in 10-20 feet of water during the day and on windblown shallow banks towards evening. Walleye - Fair: Try trolling crankbaits or jigging in 7-13 feet of water or windblown banks, especially towards evening. Black Crappie - Fair: A few fish are being caught over brush piles or suspended over/along deeper rock. White Bass - Fair: Try in 10-20 feet of water during the day and on windblown shallow banks towards evening.

### Liberty Centre Pond

You need a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. Rainbow Trout - Good.

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