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## LCCD plans keep moving



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Works continues on the new equipment shed on the grounds at the Lee County Conservation Center at Heron Bend. The Lee County Conservation District is involved in several projects including adding new playground equipment at Wilson Lake.

### NEW PLAYGROUND: New playground equipment planned for Wilson Lake

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Plans continue to unfold in an active Lee County Conservation District.

At Wednesday's regular meeting of the LCCD Board of Directors, County Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth gave the board a plan to build a playground on northeast side of the lake near the large shelter house and parking lot.

The new playground will be funded out of out of the Conservation board's budget.

Unsworth said some additional work may need to be done in preparing for the new equipment.

"They will actually see it from the shelter house well, and we're going to probably have to clear out some trees there to allow for an easier walk for the kids," he said.

"It will be nice to be able to sit there and see the kids playing. This is probably the better location, but I would prefer it on the hillside," said board president Liza Alton.

Unsworth said there is potential to have another small playground near the campgrounds in the future. The conser-

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### MEXICAN FIESTA

## Committee may look to a Cinco de Mayo event

*100th Fiesta exceeded group's expectations*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With the 100th Mexican Fiesta in the books and everyone getting in a siesta after all the work, some are thinking that maybe a Cinco De Mayo event might be coming.

Jamie Mesecher, a member of the Fiesta committee, said there has been some talk, nothing official, but people are looking at the possibility of putting together an event.

He said if an event is organized it would probably be held the Saturday following May 5, which would be May 7, 2022 at the village shelter house.

"We'd do it right down there in the shelter house because that's where it needs to be," he said.

Mesecher said several city officials have approached him about possibly hosting the event to celebrate the Mexican and American cultures. The actual date commemorates the victory of the Mexican army over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862 under General Ignacio Zaragoza. Zaragoza would die shortly after the victory and the French would overwhelm the smaller Mexican forces at the second battle for Puebla.

The Mexican Fiesta held over the past weekend exceeded expectations even with some last minute cost increases, Mesecher said.

But he said the event wouldn't have happened if it weren't for volunteers, sponsors, and donors.

"Our sales were good and we were very happy with the carnival," he said. "I'm hearing the vendors were also very happy with sales and attendance. We did have a little bit of rain that might

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### LIBRARY NEWS

## FM, Keokuk libraries partner to bring in train historian

BY SARAH CLENDINENG  
Fort Madison Library Director

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison and Keokuk Public Libraries have received funding from Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the

Humanities, to host two presentations about trains and the railroad by Sioux-

city based author Dr. Rudy Daniels. "Trains Across Iowa" will be presented at the CB&Q Depot building in Fort Madison at 3:00 pm on October 1. The CB& Q depot is located on the south side of the 900 block of Avenue H. On

Saturday, October 2, at 3:00 pm, he will give the presentation "The Great Railroad War" at the Historic Keokuk Union Depot, 100 S. Water Street Drive. A cultural resource for Iowans since 1971, Humanities Iowa offers many

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## For the Record/Obituaries

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

09/21/21 - 3:44 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of Avenue G.  
 09/21/21 - 5:40 p.m. - Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 400 block of Avenue F.  
 09/21/21 - 9:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Michael Steven Crook, 67, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of 35th Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 09/21/21 - 11:36 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Trenton Jamar Hawkins, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

09/19/21 - 6:17 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 3500 block of Mississippi River Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Lori Christine Cannon, 34, of Keokuk attempted to make a U-turn when a vehicle driven by Clifford James Seay, 70 of Keokuk struck the passenger side fender. Cannon was cited for making an unsafe turn. No injuries were reported.  
 09/20/21 - 7:43 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of West Point Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Suzan Lynn Jeffries-Menke, 63, of West Point slowed to allow a county truck to backing out of a private

lane and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Teagan Lee Snaadt, 15, of West Point. No citations or injuries were reported.  
 09/21/21 - 9:38 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident. According to reports, a vehicle driven by Dennis Don Wilkins, 80, of West Point, was left in drive when he got out to gather mail from the post office in West Point. The vehicle rolled back and struck a fence causing no damage. No citations or injuries were reported.  
 09/21/21 - 7:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Dean Derr, 34, of Keokuk, in the 3600 block of Argyle Road in Keokuk, on a charge of violation of a

no contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
 09/22/21 - 1:23 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Leah Nicole Houghton, 29, of Nauvoo, at the sheriff's office on a warrants for fraudulent practice and tampering with records. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
*Those listed above are charged with suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

09/20/21 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.  
 09/21/21 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls, and small brush fire.

### OBITUARIES

## ALPHIA M. LANG

Alphia Mae Lang, 78 years, of Donnellson, Iowa got her wings and went to walk with the angels on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. She was born November 12, 1943 in



LANG

Arkansas, a daughter of Lowell and Estella (Sisk) Sisk. She first married Ronald E Forsythe Sr. They later divorced. She married Gregory Lang on May 7, 1979. He survives.

She started her education at the Montrose Township, Galland One Room Schoolhouse, and was in the first class to graduate from the newly established Central Lee High School, graduating in 1961. She worked for 30 years at Dial Corporation, retiring from the Quality Control Department. She was of the Methodist faith, loved to read, was a great cook, and had a big garden. She and Greg enjoyed many Hawkeye games and watched NASCAR. Alphia loved taking vacations with her children and their families, and of course spoiling the grandkids with love and kindness.

She is survived by her husband, Gregory Lang of Donnellson; four children: Pam Forsythe Kelso and Angie (Vince) Pardall, both of Donnellson; Joe (Linette) Lang of Fort Madison, Iowa; and Jason (Juliet) Lang of Alabama; two siblings: Linnie (Hilda) Sisk of Davenport, Iowa and Betty (Mike) Carle of Fort Madison; nine grandchildren: Harley Damico, Derek Kelso (fiancé Cassie), Quentin Kelso, Kristine Forsythe, Nicole Forsythe, Richie (Jamie) Pardall, Paige (Kyle) Martinson, Phoenix Lang, and Luna Lang, six great grandchildren: Kegan, Gabriel, Sawyer, Lyra, Ezra, and Nathaniel; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three siblings: Charles Sisk, Alice Picton and Gene Sisk, and one son Ronald Forsythe Jr.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 - 6:00 pm Monday, September 27, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Due to concerns of Covid, her family will not be present during the visitation. A private family graveside service and burial will be held at a later date at Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison with Reverend Kayla Lange-Carney officiating. A memorial has been established for Diabetes Foundation, contributions may be left at Barr Memorial Chapel.

Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Lang family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### DANNY L. BURGESS

Danny Lee Burgess, 76, of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Southeast Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

He was born March 29, 1945 in Keokuk, IA the son of Elmer Grandin and Mildred Viola Thompson Burgess.



BURGESS

On February 13, 1968 Danny was united in marriage to Linda Lou Stroud in Quincy, IL. She survives.

Other survivors include six children, Cassie (Mike) Westermeyer of Keokuk, Brenda (Robbie) Smith of Luray, MO, David (Jeni) Burgess of Wayland, MO, Danny (Kim Steele) Burgess of Keokuk, Kyle Burgess of Canton, MO and Terri Lynn (Dave) Lorenz of Omaha, NE and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by six siblings, Rick (Sue) Burgess of Keokuk, Sally Bennett of Keokuk, Kim (Phil) Korschgen of Keokuk, Jessie McGee of Ft. Madison, IA, Bob (Wanda) McGee of Wyoming, and David (Rebecah) Burgess of Keokuk, one half-sister, Annie (Earl) Vermeesch of Keokuk, one brother-in-law, Butch Stroud of Davenport and special friend, Earl Hoskins of Keokuk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Spike Burgess, John Burgess, Ellie McGee, Kevin McGee, Elmer Ray Burgess, John Burgess and Thelma Sherrill, step-son Kenneth Couchman, grandson, Nathan Cook and brother-in-law, Ralph Bennett.

Danny had been employed at several businesses through the years, including, City of Keokuk, St. Louis Die Cast in Keokuk, Service Rubber in Rock Island, IL, IBP in Columbus Junction, IA and most recently by Feinburgs Metal Recycling in Ft. Madison, IA.

Danny was a baseball enthusiast and was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. In his younger years, Danny enjoyed horseback riding. He loved watching western movies and especially enjoyed watching his favorite actor, John Wayne "The Duke". Danny treasured the time he spent with his family and loved celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with good times and great food. Danny loved the companionship of his two dogs, Poppy and Sadie.

A Gathering of Remembrance will be held from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery following the visitation.

Memorials made to the family.

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

## OBITUARIES

### BRIAN K. STRUNK

Brian Keith Strunk, 47, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Brian was born on June 22, 1974 in Ft. Madison, Iowa, the son of Lester and Doris (Lair) Strunk. On July 5, 1997 he married Kimberly Briggs in Lomax, Illinois. She survives.



STRUNK

Brian was a 1993 graduate of Dallas City High School. Following graduation he served in the U.S. Army before returning home to Dallas City. Brian worked at Shearer Foods in Burlington for the past 23 years, working in maintenance for the past 12 years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He loved being a grandfather to Mark and Aubrey.

Survivors include his wife: Kim; three daughters: Angelina (Justin) Lox of Palacios, Texas; Clarissa (fiancé Tyler Korn) of Dallas City, and Justine Strunk of Dallas City, his mother and step-father: Doris and Leon Krogmeier of Argyle, Iowa; two grandchildren: Mark Lox and Aubrey Piles and his father and step-mother: Lester (Christine) Strunk of Donnellson, Iowa. Also surviving is one sister Stacey (Jeremy) Good of Burlington, two nephews and his former step-father: Ron Donaldson. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.



Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City where the family will receive friends from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cremation will be entrusted to Banks & Beals following the visitation. A memorial fund has been established in his memory and will be designated at a later date. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Brian's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
September 2, 2021  
501 Main Street  
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 2, 2021 at 501 Main Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda

Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, John Helenthal, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Susan Dunek were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, and Sewer Manager Michael Clark. **MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Mayor Richardson welcomed

everyone to the new City Hall. Read & signed the 2021 National Recovery Month Proclamation and heard from Nicole Tate regarding Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services in Keokuk. Thanked Sue Dickson upon her retirement for her many years of service as manager of Keokuk's Channel 9 TV station, involvement on boards/commission and volunteer projects. Motion made by Dade, second by Altheide to approve the agenda, including the consent

agenda. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.  
• Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of August 19, 2021:  
• **RESOLUTION NO. 300-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Dollar General Store #2385, 300 Main Street, effective September 21, 2021 – Class C

Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit & Sunday Sales;  
• Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5227-5228; Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. on the implementation of franchise fees on natural gas and electric utility services. A public hearing notice

was published in the Daily Gate City on Friday, August 27, 2021. **COMMENTS:** O'Donnell explained gas and electric franchise fees. Dorothy Cackley asked questions on the fees, revenue purpose statement, length of franchise and impact on industries. O'Donnell said he has been in contact with

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

industries. He said an amendment needed to be made from 25 to 20 years on the gas franchise title due to an oversight. Councilperson Marsden said much consideration was given on impact to citizens and industries.

Councilperson Garcia said all the franchise fees will stay in town, unlike L.O.S.T. which is divided among other county entities. Councilperson O'Connor said he would like to correct overspending before approving franchise fees. Gabe Rose stated Ft. Madison recently went through this process. He said the

manufacturing portion of usage is tax exempt. Marsden also noted we will be losing backfill revenue.

No further comments were received, Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

**Old Business:**  
Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to remove from the table a resolution setting fire service fees. (8) AYES, (1) NAY-O'Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 301-21: "A RESOLUTION SETTING FIRE

SERVICE FEES." (8) AYES, (1) NAY-O'Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Helenthal to remove from the table approval of two ad hoc committees, one being the Personnel Committee and the other being ARPA Committee. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dade, second by Helenthal to approve two ad hoc committees, one being the Personnel Committee and the other being ARPA Committee. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**New Business:**  
Motion to amend the term of gas franchise from twenty-five to twenty years due to a misprint in the

title of the resolution by Helenthal, second by Bryant. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dade to approve initial reading of an Ordinance repealing

Ordinance No. 1998, and granting to Midstates Natural Gas, its successors, and assigns, a nonexclusive

twenty-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate a natural gas utility

in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell natural gas to the city and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
(9) AYES – O'Connor, Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden,

Bryant, and Dunek. (0) NAY. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Marsden to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance

repealing Ordinance No. 1830, and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors,

and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain

and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
(9) AYES – O'Connor, Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden,

Bryant, and Dunek. (0) NAY. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve Amendment No. 2 to the City

Administrator's employment contract.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Motion to approve appointment of Terry Twitchell to the Grand

Theater Commission, term to expire 11/05/23 by Altheide, second by Helenthal. (9) AYES, (0)

NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**  
O'Donnell reported moving city hall from 601 Main to 501 Main is in progress and should be completed on schedule.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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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).

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Application form, background check documents and job description can be downloaded at [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) or may be obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H Fort Madison Iowa or by calling the Auditor's Office at 319-372-3705

Completed application and background check documents should be sent or delivered to Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor, 933 Avenue H, P.O. Box 190, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or emailed to [dfraise@leecounty.org](mailto:dfraise@leecounty.org). IPERS and benefits available. All applications should be received by the Auditor's office by 4:30 PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, August 16, 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 Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Melissa Mace, Coalition Coordinator, gave the Board an overview of the Lee County The Best You Coalition.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the Final Plans for FM-C056(112)--55-56, HMA Resurfacing and Cold-in-Place Recycling on J62. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion with Health Department Administra-

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# Classifieds/Public Notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

for Michele Ross on the Covid-19 situation in Lee County.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Monday, August 9, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports: Harlow reported on a breakfast held at Central Lee School, a Conservation Board meeting and a meeting with the Lee County Farm Bureau. Seyb reported on the Farm Bureau meeting

also. Pflug reported on the Assessor's Conference Board meeting.

At 9:50 a.m. a motion was made by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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.....41672.23  
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Am Hm Fndng, svs .....513.15  
Bates Sntn, svs.....225.00  
J Beskow, exps.....45.00  
E Biddenstadt, exps .....39.15  
R Bradley, svs.....130.00  
L Cadwallader, exps .....546.30  
A Cook, exps .....126.00  
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Dly Gate City, publ .....104.00  
ES&S, svs.....4070.00  
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Floyds, svs.....60.00

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Henry Co Adtr, svs .....173.06  
Hffmn Wldng, equip...4.79  
iconnectyou, svs ... 128.00  
IA Off/St ME, svs .....7727.29  
S Jeffries, exps ..... 117.00  
J Johnson, exps..... 54.90  
Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ .....200.00  
Khlmrn Hlg, svs ..595.15  
B KrRiesberg, exps .....49.95  
LeeCo Adtr, CtrlPur .....8330.08  
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McFarlands, splys ..... 1476.46  
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M Pflug, exps.....40.00  
Piper Jaffray, fees .....1250.00  
Prtchrd Brdct, publ .....350.00  
Proforma, splys.... 118.99  
Rainbo Oil, oil .....362.20

Road Mach, svs ..... 11805.81  
M Ross, exps..... 67.50  
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From the Front/Iowa News

# Daniels to talk about Iowa's railroad history

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cultural and historical programs and grants to Iowa's communities.

Rudolph Daniels received his Ph.D. in Russian and Soviet Studies from the Pennsylvania State University in 1971. He has taught at colleges and universities in the United States and in Germany and written numerous articles and five books. His book, "Trains Across the Continent", a complete history of U.S. and Canadian railroads, was written at the request of the railroad industry and is considered the official account of our nation's railroads. He has also published "Sioux City Railroads". He has just finished another book, "The Great Railroad War".

Join conductor Rudy Daniels on Friday and learn about "Trains Across Iowa" as he describes the past, present and future of the Hawkeye state's railroads. The program explores Iowa's unique position in the construction of the first transcontinental railroad and Iowa's great contribution to railroad safety. The talk also describes the famous streamliners that rode Iowa's rails. All aboard for an Iowa rail adventure! Due to construction, you will need to follow a detour to get to the CB&Q depot building. Traveling east on Avenue H/Business 61, turn right onto 11th street and then follow the signs toward the historical center. The CB&Q Depot building is the one closest to the road, on the north side of the railroad tracks. If you are coming from the west, take 11th street south, across Avenue H/Business 61.

On Saturday his presentation "The Great Railroad War", will explore U.S. railroad history during World War I in both its civilian and military aspects. Domestically, the federal government took over the Class I railroads until 1921. Overseas, the United States Army operated its own trains with American equipment in France. The Army also sent soldiers to north Russia and to Siberia to operate and to protect American locomotives and freight cars. It is a little-known fact that the U.S. railroad operations in France brought the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918!

This program is free and open to the public, no registration is required. For additional information or questions about anything related to the library, contact Sarah Clendineng, (319) 372-5721, [SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us](mailto:SarahClen@fortmadison.lib.ia.us) at the Fort Madison Public Library. If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please contact Sarah Clendineng in advance.

# Playground added to projects at Wilson Lake

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vation group already erected a new playground in Pollmiller Park earlier this year, and they are working on upgrading camping facilities at Chatfield Park near Keokuk just south of Moor-Powdertown.

Conservation efforts have heated up in that area now that contamination efforts have been instituted to clean up the lake at Chatfield with septic systems at neighboring homes.

The LCCD is also investigating the possibility of adding a pond to the Wilson Lake northwest of the current lake between the park and Hinterland Dairy. The board is looking at that as an additional fishing spot with Wilson Lake because the lake has some natural hurdles to being a productive fishing habitat.

That pond could be anywhere from one to three acres in size.

Unsworth said he hopes to get funding for the pond through state grants either this year or next, but would consider other alternatives if grant funding isn't secured.

# Fiesta committee offers thanks for volunteers, sponsors

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have scared people off on Friday."

He said the committee wanted to thank all the vendors, and the carnival company, and said the sponsors and volunteers are what made the event memorable.

"We really appreciate all they did and all the city did. Without those people this wouldn't continue. Hopefully, the 101st Mexican Fiesta will be bigger and better."

He said an appreciation day to honor those that sponsored and volunteered was in the works as well.

# Reynolds joins 25 other governors in letter to President Biden

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Kim Reynolds and 25 other governors issued a joint letter urging President Joe Biden to meet with them to discuss the crisis at the U.S. Southern Border. The governors' letter can be found here.

"My first responsibility is to the health and safety of Iowans, and the humanitarian and national security crisis at our nation's southern border is affecting all 50 states," said Gov.

Reynolds. "Our immigration system may be complicated and complex, but the solution to ending the border crisis is simple and straightforward. President Biden has the ability and the duty to take action to protect America, restore security, and end the crisis now."

Border apprehensions are up nearly 500% compared to last year, totaling over 1.3 million people, more than the populations of nine U.S. states. Approximately 9,700 illegal

apprehensions have prior criminal convictions. Cartels and traffickers are making \$14 million a day moving people illegally across the border. Nearly 10,500 pounds of fentanyl have been seized this fiscal year, more than the last three years combined. To put that into context, only 2 milligrams of fentanyl can prove fatal, meaning that this amount is enough to kill seven times the U.S. population.

The crisis at the border does not stay at the border. In Iowa, law enforcement officials are seeing an uptick in major narcotics crimes. Iowa law enforcement seized roughly 6,136 grams of fentanyl between January and June of this year, which marks a 1,070% increase from the same period last year. Methamphetamine seizures are also on the rise, increasing 122% in the first half of this year, where officers seized 133,444 grams.

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