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# **BUSINESS 61 DECAYSOR** Reynolds calls for hearing on south border crisis

DES MOINES – Today, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Tennessee Governor Bill Lee are joining with U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley's call to open a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing into the crisis on the American southern border. This call for action follows incidents of unaccompanied migrant children being transported into Iowa and Tennessee without any advanced notice or communication with state and local law enforcement.

"We are writing to support your continued calls for the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold an oversight hearing regarding the current border crisis," the governors wrote in their letter to Senator Grassley. "We believe this hearing should also address the Biden Administration's

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# **KEOKUK NEWS** K.A.R.E to hold Juneteenth event at Rand Park

Submitted article

KEOKUK - The Keokuk Association for Rights and Equality (KARE) and the Keokuk Concert Association will host a Juneteenth Celebration in Keokuk on Saturday, June 19, 2021, in Rand Park at the pavilion and the surrounding area. Activities for families and children will begin at 1:00 pm and the celebration will conclude with The Fantasy Band: Motown and R&B at 7:30 pm. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, began on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, with the arrival of Major General Gordon Granger. Although Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves effective January 1, 1863, it had little impact on the estimated 250,000 enslaved people in Texas. There

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Workers with Jones Contracting of West Point continue to tear up and prepare the base for the four-block section of Business 61. The work is happening between 6th and 10th Streets. On the left, workers from Meller work on the Pen City Parking lot at 8th Street and Bus. 61.

### **UNDER THE OH!**

# PAW holding different BINGO event Friday night

**TICKETS**: Get tickets early by calling shelter and save \$10

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – This one is under the OOOOOOOh. After raising close to \$30,000 "Jordan's Way in March, PAW animal shelter in Fort Madison is holding another unique and fun charity event Friday night at the LULAC Club.

PAW Animal Shelter Director Sandy Brown has got her





hands on some designer purses from such ballyhooed names as Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, and Liz Claiborne and instead of hording the much-sought-after handbags, she will be tossing them on the BINGO table for lucky winners.

"Instead of the standard BINGO prizes, the prize will be a high-end purse. My daughter said these events are huge in Pennsylvania and people love them, so we thought we'd give it try here," Brown said.

The group also held a matching fundraiser earlier this year with the help of an anonymous donor and raised almost \$28,000.

Fundraising is on an accelerated level at the animal shelter



as plans are underway to construct a new facility on land the shelter purchased just north of the current location. Initial estimates have the cost of that project at close to \$5 million. Friday's event starts at 5:30 with doors being open at the club located at 1424 36th Street, and BINGO will start to be called at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 if purchased in advance by calling the shel-

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### **Current-Lee**

#### **CURRENT-LEE**

#### Fort Madison Farmer's Market

The summer farmer's markets are back in Central Park each Monday through Oct. 4 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Interested vendors should call the Fort Madison Chamber at 319-372-5471. Visit @FMFarmers-Market for more information.

#### **Montrose Fireworks Fundraiser**

The Montrose Community Fireworks Commission's annual fish fry will be held on June 12 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ivor Fowler Community Center in Montrose. Catfish fillets and Buffalo Carp will be served with cole slaw, french fries, baked beans and a dinner roll. Coffee, tea, lemonade will be available or bring your preferred beverage. Carry out available by calling 319-463-7324. Free will donations accepted.

#### Party on the Patio

Lee County Bank and Merschman Seeds sponsoring the music and Scott's Miracle Gro Co. is the premiere patio sponsor for the first Party on the Patio of the year at Baxter Sports Complex on Thursday, June 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event go to the Fort Madison Beautification Foundation. Rob Hogan will be performing on the patio.

#### Florida of Iowa Golf Outing

LEE COUNTY – After being canceled due to COVID in 2020, the annual Jack Morris Memorial Florida of Iowa Golf Outing is set for June 11. Sponsorships are available and registrations are being taken by contacting the Chamber at 319-372-5471 or by email at chamber@fortmadison.com.

#### **FMCH Foundation Golf Classic**

LEE COUNTY – The Fort Madison Foundation golf outing will be held Friday, June 18 at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course with morning and afternoon flights. Sponsorship and Team opportunities are now available. All money raised benefits Fort Madison Community Hospital. Contact Carrie at 319-376-2747 or <u>cgreen@fmchosp.com</u> for more information.

#### **FMAAA** photo exhibit

The reception is Friday June 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the FMAAA center in historic downtown Fort Madison at 825 Avenue G. Works from Rebecca Williamson, Jordan Reynolds, Alex Huston and Beth Steeples will be on display sponsored by Connection Bank.

#### Love Lee County Tour

This year's tour will include 14 stops throughout Lee County with vendors open from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday June 12th and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 13th.

#### **Baxter Sports Complex Golf Outing**

The first ever event will be held July 17, 2021 with a 12 p.m shotgun start at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course. Live and silent auctions will be held and the event will feature 8" cups. Dinner and drinks will take place at Baxter Sports Complex after the event starting at 6:30 p.m. Teams are \$400 and hole sponsorships are \$150 each. For more information contact Jeff Woodside at 372-2932 or <u>baxtersportsdirector@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Pollinator Walk Series**

Lee County Extension and Lee County Conservation are hosting a three-day series exploring flowering plants and their role in pollination. The walks are free with an RSVP requested at 835-5116 and will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 June 26, and Aug. 28.

#### **Green Team Fundraiser**

The Fort Madison Green Team is soliciting funds for One Tree Planted, a non-profit whose mission is to plant trees in every corner of the world. To make a donation, click on the link provided: <u>https://www. bonfire.com/the-green-team-fundraiser/</u>.

#### **Preschool Story Time**

The Lee County Conservation hosts a preschool story time the first and third Fridays of the month at Wilson Lake Picnic Shelter from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The next story time is June 18th

#### **Read Across Iowa**

WEST POINT – Preschool story time through the Iowa State University Extension is being held on Mondays in March beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Point Public Library. This year's theme is agriculture.

#### Fort Madison Public Library

All Booked Up! is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This week discussion will focus on the Underground Railroad. At 3:30 each Thursday is Thursday Crafternoons at the library. Facemasks are required.

#### **Summer Downtown Markets**

This years downtown markets will be held June 10th, July 8th and Aug. 19th in historic downtown Fort Madison. Food, beer, wine, donuts, boutiques, home decor, signs, fresh garden plants, music and more from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m starting at 7th and Avenue G. Be a vendor by contacting <u>darlarae71@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u>.

#### **Pollmiller Fishing Derby**

Three Rivers Conservation Foundation will host a fishing derby at Pollmiller Park. There will be food for the whole family, fun activities and prizes and awards for kids ages 3 to 16. Saturday Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pollmiller Park Shelter.

# HARMONY BIBLE CHURCH





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### **Obituaries/Education News**

# Friday fundraiser to benefit PAW animal shelter

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ter before 3 p.m. on Friday. Otherwise tickets can be purchased at the door for \$40. There will be 14 games of BINGO. Brown said there will be other prizes as well for those not so enamored with the designer fair.

Wines, other alcohol, a full detail from Turbo Wash, a chinese auction and lottery tickets will also be among the prizes that are available for the games. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Brown said if you call BINGO and win you will have your pick of the available prizes. There will also be food available at the event.

"This is definitely an adult event," Brown said. "We've even got a couple bottles of Crown Royal Peach, which I hear is very hard to come by. So bring extra money. All of it goes to support PAW."

More information is available on the shelter's Facebook Page at <u>https://www.face-book.com/PAW-Fort-Madison-Animal-Shelter-179648212052707</u>.

The shelter is also in the middle of Park-Lane jewelry sale through June 28. 50% of all the sales during that time will go toward the shelter. More information on that is also available on the shelter's Facebook page.

### Hurley graduates with bachelor's degree

ORANGE CITY, Iowa—Tanya Hurley was among 248 graduates to receive bachelor's degrees at Northwestern College during commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 8. Twenty-nine students received Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees, while the rest of the graduating seniors were granted Bachelor of Arts degrees.

Glenn Van Ekeren, a 1974 graduate of Northwestern College who is president of Vetter Health Services, gave the commencement address. He is a prolific author and motivational speaker.

Hurley graduated with a major in early childhood.

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City, Iowa. Rated a top-10 Midwestern college by U.S. News & World Report magazine, Northwestern provides an education committed to standout academics and a Christ-centered worldview.





#### **OBITUARIES**

## LESTER F. CLARK

Lester Floyd Clark, 76 of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, June 10, 2021 at his home. He was born December 4, 1944 in Keokuk, IA the son of Floyd Wayne and Helen Atwater Clark.



Lester graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1962. On December 6, 1986 he was united in marriage to Jeanie Louise Walker in Wayland, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Michael Clark (Alexis) of Keokuk and Kevin Clark (Kate Sims) of Tiffin, IA, grandchildren, Ryder and Maggie Clark of Keokuk, father-in-law, Robert Walker of Wayland, MO, three brothers-in-law, Mike Winn of Keokuk, Robert Walker,

Jr. (Susie) of rural Revere, MO and Stuart Walker (Krista) of rural

Wyaconda, MO, sister-in-law, Peggy Engler of Keokuk and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Neoma Winn, mother-in-law, Wanda Walker and two brothers-in-law, Tom Hendricksmeyer and Tom Engler. Lester was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk.

In his younger years, Lester had been employed by Higgins Grocery Store and by Montgomery Ward. Lester later was employed by Sheller Globe/Henniges in Ke-okuk for forty-two years until his retirement in 2008.

Lester loved classic cars, watching car auctions on television and enjoyed car and motorcycle cruises. He grew up in the best years and with the best music and cars. After his retirement, Lester spent many hours mowing yards. He also enjoyed traveling to Florida and walking on the beaches. Lester was a loving husband, the best father, grandfather and his family was the most important aspect of his life.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, at the First Christian Church in Keokuk, IA with Pastor David Turner officiating. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m. Masks are required for those who have not been vaccinated. Memorial may be made to the First Christian Church or the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>www.vigenmemorialhome.com</u>.



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# Sports Lady Hawks down W-MU in bottom of seventh inning

#### BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

DONNELLSON – The Lady Hawks rolled a triple play Wednesday, but not really – but really they did.

The Central Lee girls recorded four outs in the top of the sixth, and would score on a bobbled ball at 1st with two outs in the bottom of the 7th for a crazy 4-3 win over Winfield Mt. Union Wednesday night in Southeast Iowa Superconference softball.

With one out in the top of the sixth and the scored tied at 3, Winfield Mt. Union (8-2) had Melina Oepping at 3rd and Josie Nelson at 2nd on a single and an error. Junior Carlee Sloan then lifted a fly ball to Abby Simmons in right field. Simmons closed on the fly, fired home to catch a sliding Oepping by a step for the double play.

But senior catcher Halo Arrowood, forgetting the double play ended the inning, fired down to third to get Nelson trying to tag from second for what would have been a triple play.

Even the base umpire called Nelson out at third, as the fans went wild at what appeared to be a quirky 9-2-5 triple play. Winfield's head coach even questioned the call at third until the umpire quickly reminded him that the third out was actually at home.

It was all part of a defensive clinic of sorts from Simmons who also had a sliding catch in right field in the top of the 3rd to rob Sloan of base hit.

Central Lee Head Coach Tiffany Woodruff said Simmons had a big night.

"She had a couple great catches and then that play to start what everyone thought was a triple play, that was a huge play to get us out of that inning," Woodruff said.

Sophomore Bailey Schwartz almost had another moment for the highlight reel when she laid out for a liner to left, but ended up trapping it with two outs in

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee's Bailey Schwartz (20), Sophie Turner, and Head Coach Tiffany Woodruff celebrate the Lady Hawks' 4-3 win when Schwartz scored on an errant throw to first off Macy Watkins' two-out grounder in the bottom of the 7th.

the top of the 2nd.

Two innings later Schwartz would run full on into the left field fence trying to track down Jobey Malone's double down the line. Schwartz would be tended to briefly for bloodied nose on the play.

Woodruff said Schwartz usually plays infield. "That's her first night playing left field. She usually plays third and I told her to just go for whatever she could – and she did," Woodruff said with a chuckle.

Central Lee opened the game with three runs in the bottom of the first. After Macy Watkins flied out to second to open things, Arrowood, Shanna Buford and Meghan Hopp all singled to load the bases. Makayla Morrison then flew out to left scoring courtesy runner Carlee Pezley on a tag.

Simmons would then hit a fly to left that was dropped for a 2-run error scoring Buford and Hopp, before a strikeout ended the inning.

Both pitchers would then dial in with Sophie Turner in the circle for Central Lee and Madie Anderson hurling for the Lady Wolves.

Turner would give up just three hits through four innings, but Winfield would get to her in the 5th.

Oepping led off with a single and then a couple errors cost the Hawks some runs. Buford fielded a sacrifice bunt off Josie Nelson's bat but the throw got in the dirt and past Morrison at first allowing Oepping to come all the way around to score, while Nelson moved all the way to third.

Nelson would then score when Arrowood tried to catch her leaning at 3rd and fired down the line, but the throw was offline and Nelson would come in to make it a 3-2 game.

Sloan would then single to right prompting a visit to the mound from Woodruff to try and settle the Hawks.

Turner would entice a couple of fly balls for two outs after the huddle, but then Malone would single to right advancing Sloan all the way to third before Winfield's Emma Haines singled up the middle to drive in Sloan and tie things up at 3.

The Hawks went 1-2-3 in the bottom half setting up the sixth inning dramatics.

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### Sports

# Hawks tally four outs in sixth on triple play

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With the score tied at 3 heading into the 7th, Turner gave up a single to open the top half. After a fly out from the next hitter, Malone would single to center to put runners at 1st and 2nd with one out. Haines then popped the first pitch up and back and it was Arrowood's turn for a gem as she tossed the mask and made the foul catch running into the backstop fence.

Turner would get Keeley Malone to fan for the third out.

With Central Lee at the bottom of the order in it's half of the 7th, Turner flied out to right. Schwartz would then reach on a fielding error on her grounder to short and moved to second on the errant throw. Alix Congdon would then move her over dropping a slide sacrifice bunt.

Macy Watkins then worked a full count before hitting a grounder to Oepping at third. Oepping's throw was at the feet of Jobey Malone at first who couldn't glove up the ball before Watkins reached the bag, allowing Schwartz to score the game winner unearned on the play.

Woodruff said it seems to be a season of games being decided in the 7th.

"We're just a 7th inning team. It's seems like every game we play into the 7th inning. We just have to eliminate that one inning of bad errors," she said.

She said players have been playing positions they aren't used to as the Lady Hawks try to find their identity.

"Right now we're moving things around and switching things up as we adjust and figure our field out," she said.

"Last night was not our game at all and then we come out here and do this. This kind of game helps us a lot. We have Highland tomorrow night which will be a pretty good team as well. So, hopefully we can transfer this over."

Buford was 2-3 with a run scored and Morrison had the only RBI for the Hawks. Arrowood and Hopp had the other two hits for Central Lee. Turner went the distance giving up nine hits and three runs, none earned, while striking out five and walking one.

Central improves to 6-3 on the year and hosts Highland in a 7 p.m. game Thursday night. They travel to Pekin on Friday night for a 7 p.m. game after playing the last four at home.

# **Central Lee boys stave off six** HR inning to down Wolves

BY PCC SPORTS

DONNELLSON - Winfield Mt. Union went back-to-back-to-back home runs twice in the third inning Wednesday at Central Lee, but the Hawks put up 16 runs to shake off the onslaught and take a 16-7 win in Southeast Iowa Superconference baseball action.

Freshman Cory Jones took the mound for Central Lee for his first varsity start of the year and gave up one run in the top of the first on a passed ball.

But the Hawks gave Jones a lot of breathing room in the bottom of the first plating six runs, three on passed balls and wild pitches to take a 6-1 lead before Kade Myhre struck out as the ninth hitter of the inning.

Jones would get through the second clean, giving up two singles, but two strikeouts and a ground out left two Wolves on the bases.

Central Lee would put up eight more runs in the bottom of the second highlighted by doubles from Jones and Dylan Stuecker scoring three runs combined. Central Lee would get three more runs on passed balls and wild pitches in the inning. Stuecker would add also add a single in the inning.

Winfield would go nuts in the top of the third starting with a lead-off inside-the-park homer by Nick Crow past Corbin Pohren in left field. Then David Nichols and Cole Milks went yard both on 0-1 pitches to cut into the lead 14-4.

Jones would get a pop out to second base for the first out and then Luke Pfeiffer, Jackson Woods and Noah Sparrow cleared the fence consecutively to make it 14-7. The Wolves worked two more singles to put two on with just one out. Jones then got a ground out to Alex Sandoval at short and pop out to short to get out of the inning.

Pohren would double with two outs in the bottom half and would come around to score on a single from Tommy Eschman to push the lead back to eight, 15-7.

Ryan Roberts came on the bump in the top of the fourth for Central Lee and got the Wolves three-up, three-down. Sandoval would stroke an RBI double to left with two out to give the Hawks a 9-run lead.

Roberts would hold the Wolves in check through the 6th and Gannon Wells came in to wrap things up in the 7th.

Jones went three innings to get the win giving up seven runs, six earned on 11 hits and struck out three. Roberts threw three innings of no-hit ball and struck out five. Wells pitched the final inning striking out one.

Jonny Snider had three hits to lead Central Lee. Sandoval and Pohren had two hits and two runs scored each.

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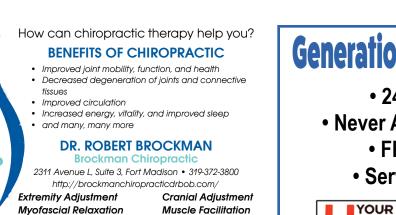
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If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull at (319) 372-2541 or email him at bhull@leecounty.org.

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If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull, at (319) 372-2541 or email him at <u>en-</u> <u>gineer@leecounty.org</u>.







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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. IPERS and benefits available. All applications should be received by the Auditor's office by 4:30 PM on Friday, June 11, 2021.

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### From the Front

## Activities at event for kids, adults

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were not enough Union troops available in Texas to enforce the proclamation. That changed on June 19th in 1865 with the arrival of Major Granger's regiment, who overcame the resistance and enforced the proclamation, thus freeing the slaves in Texas. The slaves were overjoyed and celebrations broke out that day. Thus began an organized celebration every year on June 19th with the name Juneteenth as a combination of June and nineteen for the month and day the word was received in Texas . In 1980, Texas recognized the day as a state holiday. By 2019, 47 states and the District of Columbia recognized Juneteenth in some form. The day is currently being proposed as a national holiday. Juneteenth today celebrates African American freedom and achievement, and is seen as a day to celebrate family.

The Juneteenth celebration in Keokuk will begin with activities for families and children from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. There will be games with prizes for children, and a cornhole game for adults. Food vendors sell a variety of food throughout the day. The Lee County Health Department will hold a vaccination clinic with the single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. A basketball free throw contest sponsored by Joystix Rockade begins at 3:00 pm for children and youth, with prizes awarded to the top three finishers in each age category. The Keokuk Fire Department is bringing both a water game and firetruck for an up-close look, and children will be able to speak with fire fighters. Children's books will be available at no cost, KMS cheerleaders will be on hand for face painting, and there will be drawings for gift cards from local restaurants. Fred Seay will have an African American history display for visitors to view. Vendors will include Muddy River Music, Crystal Younger hair products, Gez Athletic Equipment, Callie's Geodes, RKO Loco : The Crazy Archeologist, DeAirra Seay Stewart Paintings, and Abby Life. Local organizations Lee County Health Dept., Lee County Building Bridges Initiative, RVAP, Standing Bear Council, Sister Cities, KARE, and the Keokuk Concert Association will provide information and educational materials. Tom and Sandy Seabold, Howie and Amy Sutlive, and Trinity United Methodist Church are sponsors of the afternoon activi-

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failure to provide notice and transparency in their movement of unaccompanied migrant children into states."

Timeline of events in Iowa outlined in the letter:

On May 2, the State of Iowa became aware of an April 22 flight of unaccompanied minor children landing overnight at the Des Moines International Airport.

On May 6, the State of Iowa reached out to both DHS and HHS after reviewing surveillance footage showing what appeared to be a plane.

On May 7, and May 10, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) told State of Iowa officials that it was not an HHS flight.

On May 10 – and again in writing on May 11 – the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) told the State of Iowa that it was not a DHS ICE flight.

On May 14, Governor Reynolds reached out to Senator Grassley's office.

On May 17, ICE told Senator Grassley's staff it was not involved in the flight. On May 21, HHS ORR confirmed to Senator Grassley's office that it was an ORR flight and ORR ground transportation. According to HHS, 19 children were flown from Long Beach, CA, to Des Moines, IA, for unification with their sponsors. Two buses were used to transport the children from the airport to various locations to be unified with their sponsors.

"These experiences sow seeds of mistrust in our communities, and work to intentionally subvert the will of the people for a secure border and a clear, lawful immigration process," the governors wrote in their letter to Senator Grassley. "Additionally, the federal government's failure to provide advance notification to states places an undue burden on our law enforcement partners to determine whether these types of flights constitute a criminal act of human trafficking or the federally-sponsored transport of vulnerable children."





June 18, 2021 **Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course** Schedule of events 12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Tee Off 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Awards 6:30 p.m. Golf Ball Drop Fireworks to follow.

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