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Tripp named next ISP warden

CHANGES: Department of Corrections announces three warden position changes

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Current Iowa State Penitentiary deputy warden Chris Tripp has been named the new warden at the Fort Madison facility.

The announcement was part of a larger release from the board of the state Department of Corrections naming two other wardens with the department.

The Iowa Board of Corrections voted Friday to also name Shawn Howard as the Warden of the Newton Correctional Facility (NCF) and Marcy Stroud as the Warden of the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility (MPCF).

Tripp has served as the Deputy Warden of the ISP since 2017, and has been serving as the interim Warden since April

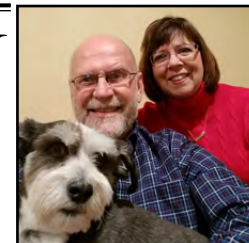
of this year. He started his career in Iowa Corrections at the ISP in 1990. Over the course of his career, he has held multiple positions including Correctional Officer, Correctional Supervisor, Food Service Coordinator, and Food Services Director.

Howard, who will serve as Warden of the NCF, is the current Deputy Warden of the Clarinda Correctional Facility (CCF), where he has served in this position since August of 2019. Howard has had over 29 years of experience in the field of corrections. He has held such positions as Juvenile Court School Liaison Officer and Probation and Parole Officer in the 5th Judicial District Department of Correctional Ser-

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EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Derecho scarecrow does its job

Part of our garden this year is doing spectacularly, part of it isn't. The peaches-and-cream sweetcorn, Indian corn, "punkins" and tomatoes are doing great, with the tomatoes looking to be the best we've ever had. The bush beans, peas, and cucumbers are not doing so well, with the peas practically non-existent.

This is the polar opposite of last year when we had so many beans we were overwhelmed, and the tomatoes and corn were struggling. I've never had any success with peas in our garden so their lack of production doesn't surprise me. But how can the green beans be so great one year and not the next; and the corn and tomatoes do so well when they were an embarrassment last year? It's a mystery to me. I asked a farmer friend and he said, "It depends on the year." So many things fall into that bucket.

I took one of my sculptures, named "Derecho" (after the direct force wind that just about blew Cedar Rapids away last year) and stuck it out in the garden as a scarecrow. No one seemed to appreciate it except me, so I thought I'd put it to use in keeping the birds and rodents out of the garden. It may be working, and it may also be keeping the deer away from our little Garden of Eden. I also think it brings luck.

One day when I was mowing, a lady stopped on the road and was mouthing some words. I shut the mower down and took off my noise suppressors. She hollered, "I like your scarecrow!" I tried to explain that it was Derecho, after the big wind, but I don't think she understood. Which was okay, I just appreciate someone liking my artwork, even if they think it's a scarecrow.

When we got back from Yellowstone,

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Four-year-old Aaron Monroe, left, of Alexandria, Mo, flexes his squishy muscles as part of the Kids' Celebration Family Show on the grounds of the Lee County Fair this week in Donnellson.

Trip to Brewers game was just what this guy needed

I think this weekend may have been the most beautiful July weather I've experienced in many, many years.

The fact that I was sitting at American Family Park in Milwaukee when the Brewers' Craig Counsell and Christian Yelich both got ejected in the Reds' 4-3 win over the Brew Crew in the race for NL Central, made it a little sweeter.



Counsell got thrown out for arguing balls and strikes (so did the Red's Joey Votto in all transparency) and Yelich

was run for making a baseball move to second after beating out an errant throw at first.

The ball caromed off the wall back onto the field to second baseman Jonathan India who picked it up and walked casually down the line and smiled, touching Yelich with the ball. The um-

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL G. DIAZ

Russell Gordan Diaz, 64, of Newton, Kansas formerly of Fort Madison passed away at 9:49 pm June 9th at Paramount Community Living in Newton, Kansas.

He was born August 7th 1956 to Gordon F. & Shirley A. Crull Breen. He was later adopted by Jose S. Diaz Sr. He was a 1974 graduate of Fort Madison High School. He enjoyed painting, Elvis Presley, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by 1 sister, Debbie Ratzlaff of Moundridge KS; 1 brother, Bob (Tammy) Diaz of Moundridge, KS, 1 sister-in-law, Jessica Diaz of New London, Iowa. He had 5 nephews; Ron (Cate) Sharp, Nathan (Amy Hamilton) Sharp, Micheal McCombs, Jordan(Kelsey Skender) Diaz, & Jonah (Samantha Crowell) Diaz, he also had 3 nieces Laura (Brock) Delaney, Jennifer Epstein, & Nicole Rouser, several great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, adoptive father, and youngest brother Joe S. Diaz Jr.

Cremation has been entrusted to Baker Funeral Home in Wichita Kansas. King-Lynk Funeral Home will assist with the family's needs in Iowa with burial in Oakland Cemetery.

The family will have a private burial at a later date.

OBITUARIES

LAROY E.A. MORTIMER

Laroy "Jack" Eugene Alford Mortimer, 88, of Keokuk, Iowa passed away surrounded by loved ones on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Jack was born in Alexandria, Missouri on February 16, 1933. He was the son of Thomas Martin Alford and Violet May Davis Mortimer. He married Nancy Ellen Clark in 1952. Nancy passed away during the birth of their child, Rebekah Mortimer of Ottumwa. Then, Jack married Sharon Jean Varner on October 11, 1953, and they had eight children together.



MORTIMER

He had been employed at Dryden's - Sheller Globe for thirty-five years until his retirement in 1995. Jack took great pride in being able to work, so he took a job at Hy-Vee that lasted over ten years.

Jack enjoyed spending his free time bowling with friends and family, dancing wherever there was music, traveling out west on family vacations, and playing his favorite game, Bingo. Jack was also an active member of the Keokuk community, and was a member of the Elks Lodge #106, Moose Lodge #704, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters; first wife, Nancy and his second wife, Sharon; two children Penny Sue Hale, Sidney (Christine - she survives) Lewis Mortimer and one grandson; Nathaniel Mortimer.

He is survived by a brother Robert Dean Mortimer and a Sister, Peggy Conover of Alexandria, MO.

His surviving children are Rebekah Mortimer of Ottumwa, IA; Larry (Carol) Mortimer of Keokuk, Marty (Rosey) Mortimer of Ainsworth, IA; Rick (Debbie) Mortimer of Donnellson, IA; John (Wendy) Mortimer of Sheboygan Falls, WI; Karen Dietrich of Concord, NC and Diana (Scott) Mead of Fletcher, NC. One of his greatest joys was being a grandpa. Here is the beginning of his legacy - Renea Glenn of Keokuk, who, along with her partner, Bubby Hauff, provided great support to her grandpa for many years; Mike (Crystal) Mortimer and Larry Jr. Mortimer; Kenneth Mortimer and Steven Mortimer; Gordon Rajaniemi and Katie Mortimer; Lance Mortimer and Dana (David) Zumdom; Jake (Kassie) Mortimer, Jack (Rissa) Mortimer, Bobbie Cloyed and Brooklyn Mortimer; Nicolas (Holly) Henkens, Kara (William) Parker, Tyler Prewitt and Lexi Gossage; Delanie (Jordan) Daugherty. There are numerous great-grandchildren as well.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. Jack will be laid to rest at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Summitville, Iowa. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11 am to 1 pm on Tuesday directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk, IA is serving the family. Condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.



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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL C. MENKE

Michael C. "Cisco" Menke, 67, of Mt. Hamill, Iowa, passed away at 10:22 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021 at the Henry County Health Center emergency room.

Mike was born on August 14, 1953, the son of Jim H. and Rita T. (Veith) Menke. On June 3, 1972, he married Mary Lu Meierotto at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.



MENKE

He is survived by his wife of forty-nine years: Mary Lou; three daughters: Angie (Jeff) Lackie of Sequin, Texas; Wendy (Tim) Vonderhaar of West Point, Iowa and Kerri (Jeff) Phelps of Stockport, Iowa; eight grandchildren: Eric, Luke, Judd and Dirk Daniels, Trenton and Meggie Meyer and Emma and Dean Phelps and one brother: Marty (Kathy) Menke. Also surviving are several in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son: Paul Menke.

Mike was a 1972 graduate of Marquette High School. He farmed, raised cattle and drove a semi for J.J. Niching until his retirement. After retirement, he hauled rock for Don Wall-jasper Trucking. Mike enjoyed tractor pulling with his "Houghton Mafia" and early on received "Cisco" as his CB handle for communications between his tractor pulling convoy. Cisco seemed rugged on the outside but his gruffness was a facade for his soft heart he held right beneath the surface, it was just a matter of getting to know him. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church and the Houghton Knights of Columbus. Mike enjoyed owning a cabin with neighbor and friend, Jerry Sanders, their families had some of the best times on the Des Moines River. Mike also enjoyed playing euchre with friends, leaning on his truck while enjoying the fresh air and teasing his grandkids. He loved his family and he will be forever missed by all! Friends may call after 12:00 noon Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. that evening.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant. Mass will be live streamed on the church Facebook page and posted on his obituary "Tribute Wall" on our website following the service at: www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Houghton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in his memory for Houghton Fire and Rescue or Laplanders Tractor Association.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with local arrangements. On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Burlington exec tapped for new Iowa travel group

DES MOINES - Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iTIP), a newly formed statewide organization set to represent the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry, has hired Chelsea Lerud as its Interim Director. Lerud has served as the Executive Director of the Greater Burlington Iowa Convention & Visitors Bureau since 2014.



LERUD

"This is an important step in the foundation of iTIP," said Rebecca Peters, iTIP President and Director of Okoboji Tourism. "Chelsea has a terrific understanding of the travel industry in Iowa and maintains the trust and respect from leaders across the state. She will be ready to lead on day one."

As part of an industry-wide strategic sector plan in 2015, a goal was outlined to improve collaboration, partnerships, and expertise amongst stakeholders. These stakeholders have worked for the last several years to mold this concept into the Iowa Travel Industry Partners Association and Foundation. This new association aligns with the recommendation from the Governor's Economic Growth Subgroup of Hospitality and Tourism industry professionals to develop a public/private organization to represent the interests of Iowa's tourism industry as part of a statewide strategic plan for tourism, including investment strategy. "Our industry, now more than ever, needs a unified voice for advocacy and brand promotion," added Peters. "iTIP aims to

work closely alongside the Iowa Tourism Office, Iowa Lodging Association, Iowa Restaurant Association and many others to better advance this important \$9.26 billion industry in Iowa. We couldn't have found a better first leader than Chelsea Lerud.

"I'm excited for the future of tourism in Iowa. Our industry has needed a more unified voice for a long time. I've been a part of the planning process for this organization since the beginning. I'm honored the Board of Directors, my peers, believe in my abilities and share my vision for the future. I'm ready to partner and help lead our industry," said Lerud.

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For the Record/From the Front

Three new wardens picked by IDOC

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vices. He has worked at the CCF for the past 16 years in the positions of Treatment Director and Deputy Warden.

Stroud, who will serve as the Warden of the MPCE, is the current Deputy Warden of the MPCE. She has worked with the Department of Corrections since she started her career as a Correctional Officer in 1989. Over her career she has held many positions within the department to include Activities Specialist, Counselor, Treatment Director, Forensic Hospital Director and her current position of Deputy Warden.

Attempts to reach the Department of Corrections about the status of former warden Randy Gibbs were unsuccessful.

Commenting on the approval of these new wardens, Department Director Beth Skinner said the following: "I am grateful for the opportunity to appoint these wonderful leaders to their new positions as wardens. The decades of service these individuals have given this state and department will serve them well in their new roles as wardens. Throughout their careers they have had the opportunity to not only prove their devotion to our mission as an agency but to exercise the level of leadership required to guide the amazing team members at their respective prisons which they will now lead. I thank them for their willingness to lead, and the Board for their support of these new wardens."

2-day getaway a bit of a history lesson

MILWAUKEE - Continued from Page 1

pire was watching the action the whole time and called Yelich out.

Yelich lost his mind over the call, but the replay showed he moved toward second and the correct call was made to the dismay of about 30,000 fans who were already revved up by Counsell's ejection.

Then Eugenio Suarez belted an opposite field dinger off Josh Hader to give the Reds the win.

It was a good day in Milwaukee. I'll see the same two teams next weekend in Cincinnati, hopefully with the Central Division lead on the line.

And as much I love to see a good baseball game, the real joy of the weekend came sitting in the historical district of Platteville, Wis. with new friends.

I enjoy meeting new people. A Jameson in a glass full of ice helps smooth the process a little bit, but being a barfly is nothing new to me.

Sitting in the center of a historical district looking at the character and age of the downtown and discussing the politics and path the town has taken is always an interesting topic of conversation.

Platteville is a college town so it has the full gauntlet of town bars in the district. And during the non-pandemic school year the sidewalks and streets are packed toward the end of the week as students look for release from the pressures of college life... while creating more pressures of college life.

It reminded me of years gone by, but I was fine with those years being gone by.

I watched kids play cornhole and darts and doing shots, and pounding the bar after each shot. I don't

know that move.

It's not the season for this part of town, but the locals still find places to hang out and spend their money.

I don't make this trek very often... once every couple years. I usually make a stop in Dubuque. I like the downtown area and what they've done with their Main Street District. A former warehouse district that has been transformed into upper floor apartments and a lively retail presence.

I also like to get to Galena occasionally and get some steps in while finding seasonings and interesting food.


It's neat to see the commitment to customers in these places. Things are little pricey, but the environment is worth the extra spend.

I could see Fort Madison getting to that point if things continue to progress the way they are with new business owners taking the risk of starting out on their own and hoping for big returns.

But the weekend is coming to an end and so is the gorgeous temperatures that we've enjoyed in this part of the country.

I received several texts on Friday with damage done in Fort Madison, including an Iowa Fertilizer Co. building that was toppled in strong winds that accompanied Friday's thunderstorms. It seems as though every time I leave town, a storm hits Fort Madison. We hope everyone was safe, property can be replaced - people cannot - But that's Beside the Point.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
07/08/21 - 3:00 p.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue F.
07/08/21 - 3:52 p.m.
- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a 2700 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
07/08/21 - 8:03 p.m.
- Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nathan Edward Wollam, 34, of Kahoka, Mo., 1100 N. Main Street, in Donnellson, on suspicion of alcohol consumption in a public place. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/09/21 - 2:40 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Jonathan Taylor Tracy, 26, of Oquawka, at Hwy. 61 and 201st Street in Wever, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

07/08/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call.
07/09/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls, and one report of gas odor.
07/10/21 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to four medical calls, one false report, one assist, one burn complaint, and one report of a deer stuck in a fence.



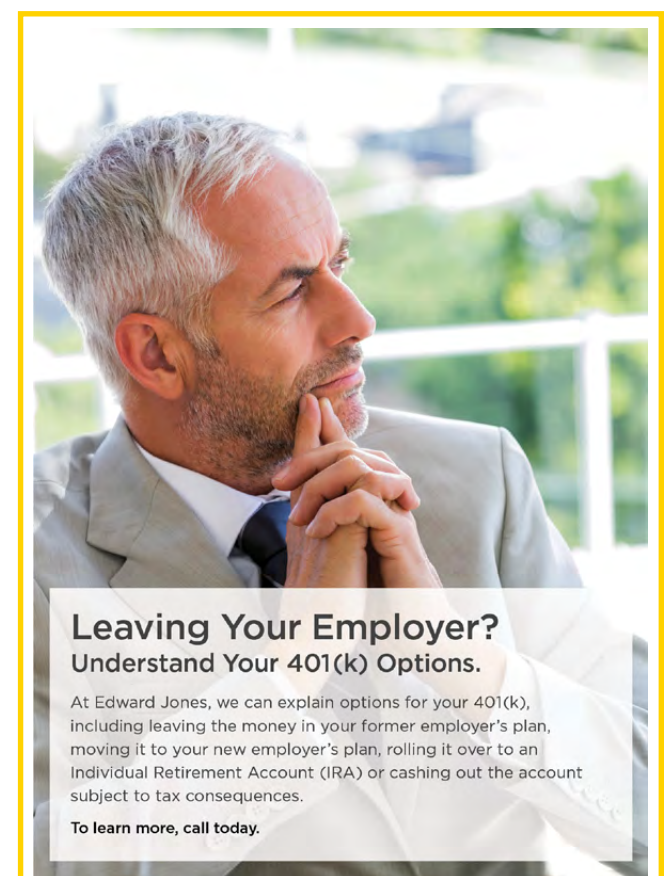
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Fort Madison Farmer's Market

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 @FMFarmersMarket for more information.

Iowa Works Job Fair

IowaWorks, in partnership with Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board, is holding an outdoor regional job fair July 15 at Heartland Harley-Davidson in Burlington, 117. S. Roosevelt from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. New businesses are welcome to set up a booth

Fort Madison Partner's Annual Dinner

This year's event is a Luau at the Baxter Sports Complex on July 16th. For more information contact the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce at 319-372-5471.

SCC Annual Alumni Golf Outing

The 26th annual outing takes place at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course. Early registration deadline is July 9 and teams are limited to the first 40. Rain date is July 19. Entry is \$90 per person or team sponsorships start at \$600. For more information contact Val at 319-208-5065.

Party on the Patio

Baxter Sports Complex is hosting a Party on the Patio from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 29 with Caleb Booten performing. Free live music, and food and beverage specials offered with proceeds headed toward the Community Beautification efforts.

FMAAA Kids Art Camp

Two camps are being held this year. Ages 5 to 7 is July 12 and 13th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$70 per student. Ages 8 to 12 is July 14-16 from 9 a.m. to noon and the cost for that group is \$100 per student. Snacks are included and instruction from local artists and art

professionals. Space is limited. Call 319-372-3996 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

The Salvation Army of Lee County is sponsoring a Vacation Bible School July 19-23rd for children ages 4 years old through 6th grade.

"Music in the Park"

The Old Settlers Park associations annual summer concert series continues on Friday, July 23 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50s" performing Buddy Holly tributes and other hits from the era. Pen City Cruisers will also be there with classic cars and "Pink Ladies". Food and beverages will be available. To help sponsor, contact Sheryl Decker at 372-7813.

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 baxtersportsdirector@gmail.com.

Pollinator Walk Series

Lee County Extension and Lee County Conservation are hosting the final of their pollinator walk series featuring flowering plants and their role in pollination. The walk is free with an RSVP requested at 835-5116 and will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 28.

Summer Downtown Markets

This year's remaining downtown market will be held 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 darlarae71@yahoo.com.

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.

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.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will meet in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, at 5:30 PM on July 20, 2021, at which time and place a hearing will be conducted concerning the sale of City property in Outlot 1078, located in the southeast corner of 17th Street and Avenue D, described as follows:

Beginning at a point 288 feet north of the southwest corner of Outlot 1078, thence North 55 feet, thence East 110 feet,

thence South 55 feet, thence West 110 feet to the place of beginning in the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.

You may appear at the hearing to express your views concerning the above. Written statements may be submitted to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 or mblind@fort-madison-ia.com, no later than 4:30 PM on July 20, 2021 or delivered before the hearing is closed.

Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. D-075**

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE PLATTED AVENUE C WEST OF VICA LANE

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Fort Madison does hereby plat the Avenue C from between the west line of Vica Lane to a point approximately 115 feet west, described as:

Part of Avenue C, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot Ten (10) Innsbrook Subdivision Plat III, then south 30 feet, then west 115 feet, then north 30 feet, then east 115 feet to the place of beginning in

the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.

And Part of Avenue C, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot Nine (9) Innsbrook Subdivision Plat III, west 115 feet, then north 30 feet, then east 115 feet, then south 30 feet to the place of beginning in the City of Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 6th day of July, 2021.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,

Mayor
City of Fort Madison,
Iowa
ATTEST:
/s/Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda
DATE: Monday,
July 12, 2021
MEETING
CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
(CDT)
LOCATION:
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Board. Please keep your microphone muted to cut down on background noise. If you are participating by phone, press #6, this will mute your phone.

Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input
Consider Approval of Air Travel to Hospice Financial Management Academy Consider Approval of Tuesday, July 6, 2021 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Personnel Actions:
A. Merit Increase-Sheriffs Office

B. Step Increase-Health Department (3)

C. Promotion-Health Department

D. Step Increase-Community Services

E. Step Increase-Secondary Roads

F. New Hire-Treasurer's Office (Replacement)

Reports:
A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected

B. Treasurer's Semi Annual Report

C. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected

Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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To be considered, send your cover letter and resume with three references, on or before July 30, 2021 to: United Way of the Great River Region, PO Box 251, Keokuk, IA 52632 or email director@unitedwaygr.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Lee County Conservation Board Agenda July 13, 2021
Lee County Conservation Center
2652 Hwy 61
Montrose, IA 52639
4:00 p.m.

1. Call To Order
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Pollmiller Disc Golf Course
3. Presentation by Summer Externs
4. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2021 and June 29, 2021
5. Public Input
 This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.
6. Approval of Bills
7. Approval of Financial Report
8. Approval of Administrative and Outreach Coordinator Hire
9. Discussion and Possible Action On Matching Donations for Chatfield Playground Project
10. Staff and Director Reports
11. Board Members Comments
12. Adjournment
 Workshop Following the Meeting
 Next regular meeting will be August 10, 2021
 Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 1, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
 Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin and Garry Seyb. Present electronically was Rich Harlow.
 All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.
 The Board opened the meeting by reciting the

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to allow the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum to display a turbine from the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam in Estes Park. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Byrne Jag Grant Application for the Lee County Drug Task Force in the amount of \$34,000 for Fiscal Year 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Statement of Work with Blessing Keokuk Clinic for post offer pre-employment physicals beginning July 1, 2021. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Larkin-aye and Harlow-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to renew a Maintenance and Support Agreement with IDEMIA for the Livescan Fingerprinting Machine at the Sheriff's Office for the period June 22, 2021 through June 21, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve hiring an Assistant to the Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve replacing the Election Administrator in the Auditor's Office. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-74. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2021 - 74
 WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer currently distributes interest into the General Fund, Jail Bond Fund, Debt Services Fund, County Conservation Land Acquisition Fund, E-911 Surcharge Fund, E-911 Contribution Fund, Cash Bond Fund, Board of Health Memorial Fund, Records Management Fund, Emergency Management Fund, Neff Memorial Trust Fund, REAP Fund, Electronic Transaction Recorders Fund, Self- Insured Fund,

Early Childhood Program Fund, School Ready Children Services Fund, and the Drug Task Force Forfeiture Fund, Capital Project - Jail Remodel 2013, Capital Project - Conservation Building Fund monthly, Capital Project - Countywide Communication Project Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors will now include the American Rescue Fund into an interest bearing account monthly, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors direct the Lee County Treasurer to distribute interest into the American Rescue Fund monthly, beginning June 1, 2021.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Monday, May 24, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the following new hires for EMS:

Full-time EMTs, \$15.82/hr., effective 6/7/21-Rocky Azbill, Russell Dyer, Toby Evans, Ray Essex, Keith Gilman, Michael Hellige, Andrew Patterson, Tiffany Sink and Dustin Sperry
 Full-time Paramedics, \$20.16/hr., effective

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6/7/21-Louann Bruster, Heather Fraise, Daniel Jannusch, Krista McGinn and Mark Kennedy

Full-time Lead Paramedics, \$21.66/hr., effective 6/7/21-Joshua Dilks, John Munier and Terry Roskamp

Full-time Maintenance Technician, \$53,310.40/annual salary-David Morgan

Part-time EMTs, \$15.82/hr., effective 6/7/21-Adrian Balderas, Eric Bengel, Samuel Boyer, William Carson, Donald Johnson, Denise Kemper, Bryor McMillen and Tiffany Newberry

Part-time Paramedics, \$20.16/hr., effective 6/7/21-Justin Boecker, Douglas DiPrima, Jim

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Steffen and Jim Vincent Motion carried.

Received and filed the Commission of Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report for January through March 2021 and the Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for April 28, 2021.

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Lee County is taking applications for a Class II Road Maintenance Worker (SIGN SPECIALIST) to work out of the Sign Maintenance Shop near Donnellson. Duties include assisting the Road Maintenance Worker I Sign Specialist in ordering, maintaining, installing, mounting and inventorying signs throughout the County and performing their job in their absence. Must have one to three years of experience in the operation of equipment and trucks, heavy and light, to haul materials and will occasionally plow snow and the performance of manual labor as required. Requires a high school graduate or G.E.D. equivalent, and must possess a valid Class A commercial driver's license with air brake and tanker endorsements or be able to obtain and maintain one within sixty (60) days of date of hire and also possession of or ability to obtain a Pesticide Applicator License.

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For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org, or pick them up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to bhull@leecounty.org and copy it to shartson@leecounty.org Applications will be accepted until Monday, July 19, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

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



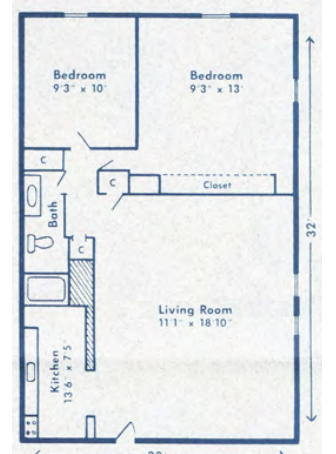
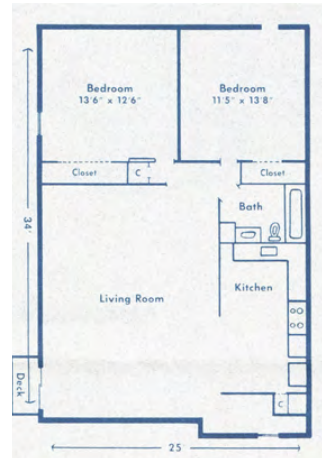
Committee Reports: Seyb reported on an EMS Advisory Council meeting, a Lee County Economic Development Board meeting, a Southeast Iowa Regional Planning

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Commission meeting and a Hwy 61 Coalition meeting. Larkin reported on a Workforce Board meeting and the Economic Development Board meeting.

At 10:05 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid June 1, 2021

Alliant Enrgy, svcs 3041.11
Bates Sntatn, svcs... 300.00
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Douds Stone, mtrl 120.91
Electr Engrg, svcs ... 322.50
Farm/Home, splys 583.07
Floyds EZ, svcs 65.00
FMCH, svcs 280.00
Gr Prairie, svcs 221.85
GRRWA, svcs 74.37
K Helling, exps 200.00
Hffmn Wldng, svcs ... 89.90
J Huling, exps 58.20
B Hull, exps 230.05
IA Brdg/Civrt, mtrl 31105.47

Jet Gas, fuel 15530.12
P Kaltefleiter, exps .. 29.98
Keo Water, svcs 490.11
City/Keokuk, svcs 2007.50
Klngnr Assc, svcs 1252.50
R Kuntz, svcs 200.00
LeeCo Adtr, CtrIPur 1080.29
LeeCo EMS, svcs 296250.00
LeeCo Hlth, svcs .. 1493.75
LeeCo Treas, fees 245312.62
LeeCo Treas, exps 9015.71

D Leyva, svcs 1154.31
Liberty Util, gas 275.61
Mail Svcs, svcs 1073.79
R Meller, svcs 200.00
G Mrschmn Elct, svcs 334.00
Meyers Dwy, svcs... 600.00
MidAm Enrgy, gas 190.87
Mhrfid Elect, splys 935.00
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Mncpl Emrg, svcs ... 256.50
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Birds, veggies all around

SWARM - Continued from Page 1

one of the first things I did was run out and see how the garden fared during our ten-day absence. I could see from blown over yard furniture (some of it, like the yard glider, is real heavy) and the rain gauge full of water, that there had been some powerful activity while we were gone. When I got to the garden I couldn't believe my eyes. Derecho was blown over. Now this guy is heavy! I mean, I have to use a two-wheel dolly to move him and then be careful he doesn't tip over and crush me. I struggled and strained to pull him back up. He seemed no worse for the wear, although muddy, which didn't harm his looks any. How the corn and tomato plants remained upright and proud, I'll never figure. But Derecho had done his job, even lying down. I saw no sign of deer, rodents or bird destruction.

Ginnie's sunflowers are doing outstanding! She got seed from "Our Iowa" magazine. It's heirloom seed that produces gigantic sunflowers. Of the dozen or so seeds we received, eight are standing straight and tall. We'll see what kind of job Derecho does in keeping birds away from fresh sunflower seeds.

We are still deep in the learning curve when it comes to Purple Martins. The Martins did arrive and I thought all was well. But the sparrows are still trying to get in the Martin house, even though the Martins have taken up house keeping. Grrr. I've raised and lowered that Martin house so many times and cleaned the sparrow nests out, I'm sick of it. I didn't know that attracting and keeping Purple Martins could be such a chore.

We had cousins visit us from Arizona. One night we were sitting around our little camp fire in the back yard, enjoying the evening, watching the Martins and Sparrows vie for living quarters. I heard the whistle of a Bob White quail off in the distance. I imitated the two-note trill, which is quite easy. It answered back. We kept this up for a while. Pretty soon Mr. Bob White appeared in the driveway, and then skedaddled once it saw our camp fire.

Then another Bob White sounded in the distance. I called it in also. Ginnie, the city girl, was flabbergasted, having never seen game birds acting in such a manner. I explained that the quail were probably males and thought my Bob White imitation was another male in their territory and they were going to run it off.

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Sheep primping

A couple of sheep get a grooming before being taken to the show barn at the Lee County Fair Thursday afternoon in Donnellson. The fair kicked off Wednesday night and runs through Sunday.

Reynolds asks for \$222M in city aid

DES MOINES – Governor Kim Reynolds has requested \$222 million in pandemic relief from the American Rescue Package of 2021 (ARPA) that will allow 930 city governments to access federal funding starting today. The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund will provide \$19.53 billion nationally to support tens of thousands of non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs), which are local governments typically serving a population under 50,000.

\$111 million in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be available this fiscal year and an additional \$111 million will be in the next fiscal year. Cities have 30 days to submit paperwork to the Iowa Department of Management to receive these federal funds. Cities will also have complete jurisdiction over how this money is spent following compliance with federal guidance and parameters.



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