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## Queen moors in FM



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Passengers begin to come off the Queen of the Mississippi at about 9 a.m. Thursday morning in Fort Madison. It was the first cruise ship of the season to dock at the city's pier in 2021. Below, Jim Lynk, far right, greets visitors as they move toward American Cruise Line buses.

### SHALLOWS: Queen of the Mississippi River has to navigate shallow waters

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After a first cruise liner had to bypass Fort Madison a week ago due to delays, American Cruise Line passengers disembarked for the first time in 2021 on Thursday morning at about 9 a.m. on the Fort Madison riverfront.

Staff aboard the Queen of the Mississippi had to navigate some shallow waters, but eventually got moored to the city's pier on the west side of Riverview Park just before 7:30 a.m.

With service groups, city officials and some area on-lookers there to receive the visitors, several hundred passengers were quickly ushered onto ACL buses for tours to area agriculture spots, the Old Fort and other tourist destinations around Lee County.

Robert Williams, of Denver, got on board the cruise liner in St. Louis and said it was his first time traveling along the Mississippi. He said he's taken tours with Viking Cruise Lines in France, but hadn't had a chance to cruise on the Mississippi.

"When you're young you can't afford to do it. But when you get a little older and get the kids out of the house you can go. So we're free to go. And you just fly to one place and they take care of you all the way to the next place. You really

can't beat it."

He said the boat stopped in Hannibal for the day on Wednesday, and then there is entertainment nightly on the boats after they get moving again.

He said the ships are usually parked all day and passengers get to move around the cities along the route.

"All my life I've driven across the country, but I've never had the chance to visit the Mississippi River towns and I'm finding this to be very neat."

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## Art needs to be consumed in routines

Art, and the emotions it conveys and provokes, is a tangible intangible. We know it does something. All that it can do is expansive and open to interpretation.

Art makes some people feel whole. Some art provokes outrage. Other works are soothing. Even others can be inspirational.

It is hard to put a finger on it because everyone experiences Art differently. It isn't a necessity of life like food, water, and shelter. But works of art are showing up in excavations from 15,000 in France, to 30,000 on the island of Java, and now 50,000+ three years ago in Northern Germany clearly pushing back the record of neanderthal/home sapiens relationship with art to early times indeed.

We don't need art to survive. Still, it is arguable that Art as a form of expression is one of the things that makes us more human. And... we have been doing it for a long time.

Engaging with that part of our brain that is creative, innovative, and capable of symbolic thinking has propelled us as a species and continues to do so today.

As you take walks or drive through the countryside consider your surroundings. Ponder the many historically innovative and creative ways people had to behave to arrive at this place, and continue to exist here.

The many ways we choose to express ourselves now in our place. From tidy gardens to explosive riots of color. Bright store fronts to staid. Extensive landscaping to simple. Brightly painted homes to neutral. Why put the time and money into these forms of personal expression? Resale value and curb appeal? Personal

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### WEATHER

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FRI 30 Jul ..... Partly Cloudy, 80° F/ 66° F  
SAT 31 Jul ..... Rain, 70° F/ 64° F  
SUN 01 Aug ..... Light Rain, 81° F/ 64° F

### IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 07/28.....	18 32 46 48 49, Star Ball: 4, All Star Bonus: 4
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# Obituaries/From the Front

## Several upcoming FMAAA events highlight fall art season

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tastes?

In the end, everyone of us exists somewhere. Many of us choose to decorate, garden, or otherwise present our homes as an extension and reflection of ourselves. Personal adornment spilling over into adornment of place. We all inherently benefit from the many contributions to the overall appearance of our town.

So why paint, draw, sculpt or garden? What is this intangible? Art recharges the soul. It makes us feel more alive, or at least more ourselves because of it. It can be a mental escape if you are the artist creating it. And the same for the viewer who appreciates it. If you are an artist, maybe try to (brave the heat and bugs) to get outside for some plein aire work this summer? Make yourselves visible in our town – in our parks, or along Main Street. There are plenty of benches to choose from. Let our dedication to having Art in our community spill over into this, a visible reflection of ourselves.

For those of you who would rather enjoy the Arts experience rather than create your own, save the dates for the next few months of activities that Fort Madison Area Arts Association has in the works:

Friday, August 6th 5pm to 7pm – Opening with viewing all month – Tri State Quilt Guild exhibit

- Friday, September 10th 5pm to 7pm – Opening with viewing all month – Huff Stuff steampunk-like metal assemblage by Rick Huff
- Sunday, September 19th 10am-4pm – Art in Central Park with regional artists and their wares, music, kids’ activities, and delicious food from local vendors.
- Friday, September 24th noon – a community favorite, Lunch ala Art resumes with a luncheon and gallery talk by Rick Huff

Plus... FMAAA will keep you posted via our Facebook page, website, and posts in the Community Events as we are able to get Art and Music classes going for young people and the young at heart alike.

<https://archeologie.culture.fr/lascaux/en>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/journey-oldest-cave-paintings-world-180957685/>

<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/06/1013496199/a-51-000-year-old-bone-carving-supports-neanderthals-creativity>

Lori Illner Greene is the Director of the Fort Madison Area Arts Association and is a regular contributor to the Pen City Current.

### OBITUARIES

## CHARLES L. BLANCHARD

Charles “Chuck” Lee Blanchard, 40, of Hamilton, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa.

Charles was born on November 21, 1980, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of William and Joy A. (Smith) Blanchard. He was proud owner of JCB services and dedicated 20 years of service to Waggoner Solutions, Co.



BLANCHARD

Charles was quite the outdoorsman. He loved riding motorcycles, four wheelers, boating and hunting along with off-road trucks and operating machinery. Charles also enjoyed playing video games, grilling and fireworks. He will be greatly missed.

Charles is survived by his parents: William Blanchard of Brownsville, TN and Joy A. Blanchard of Hamilton, IL; two brothers: William (Sarah) Blanchard of Montrose, IA and James (Brittany) Blanchard of Hamilton, IL; one sister: Mary (Andy Gregory) Blanchard of Keokuk, IA; paternal grandmother: Delores Blanchard of Tennessee; an extra special niece: Bekkah Grate of Peoria, IL; super special nieces and nephews: Shaine, Selena, Riley and Seth Blanchard and Jeremy Gillette; nieces and nephews: Rikki Blanchard, Samantha Spiker, Christopher Blanchard, Alainna Happs and Beylenn Happs; bonus brother: John England of Hamilton, IL; bonus family: Mary Lou and Charles Shumaker and boys of Hamilton, IL; great aunt: Emma Cathey of Brownsville, TN; great niece: Dakota Preston of Hamilton, IL; special friends: Andy and Maggie Grate of Peoria, IL and dog Konan Lee.

Charles is preceded in death by maternal grandparents Riley and Frances Smith of Tennessee and paternal grandfather William C. Blanchard of Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held at 2 pm on Sunday, August 1, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. Visitation will be held from 4-7 pm on Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family of Charles Blanchard.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

### Pen City Current obituary policy

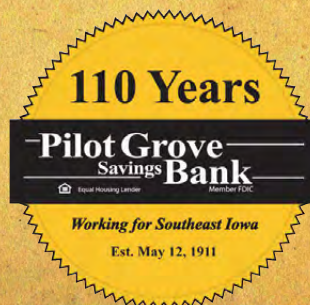
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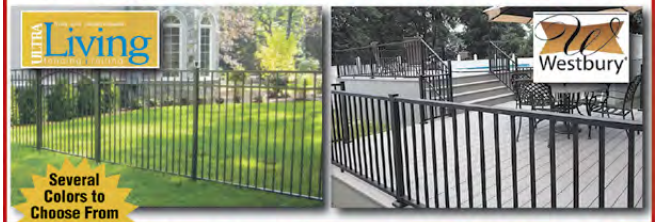
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# Obituaries/For the Record

## OBITUARIES

### KENNETH L. LOVELL

Kenneth Leonard "Butch" Lovell, 69 of Montrose, IA died Thursday, July 29, 2021 at his home.

He was born August 29, 1951 in Keokuk, IA the son of Kenneth Leonard, Sr. and Wilma Mae Nicol Lovell.



LOVELL

Kenneth was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, where he earned the Rifle Marksman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal and a Letter of Appreciation for his service.

On April 17, 1974 Kenneth was united in marriage to Cynthia Mae Mullen in Moline, IL. She survives.

Other survivors include eight children, Eric Mullen (Nicole), Kelly Lovell-Hogan (Kendall), Terry Lovell, Gary Lovell (Amy) and Justin Lovell all of Keokuk, Kenneth Lovell, III (Michelle) of Montrose, IA, Steven Lovell (Khela) of Kahoka, MO and Josh Lovell (Jodi) of North Dakota, his grandchildren, Skyler, Colton, Kayleigh, Evan, Zachary, Jeslyn, Konner, Bradlee, Jacob, Troy, Caleb, Erika, Erin, Courtney, Gabriel, Torrence, Draven, Kaleb, Olivia, Wyatt, Issac, Keagan, Ethan and Addison, great-grandchildren, Arianna, Starrlyn, Greyson, Haidyn, Klayton, Brayden and one on the way. He is also survived by four sisters, Shirley Robinson (John), Betsy Sale and Stacy Lovell all of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Pam Olson (Dave) of Keokuk and one brother, Clarence William Lovell of Arizona, several cousins including William Baldwin, Barbara Egley, John Nicol, Robert Nicol, Carolyn Berry and Raymond Cady and a good friend, Alex Nagy.



He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, John Klayton Lovell, two sisters, Sandra Michalec and Violet Cady and two grandchildren, Jasmine Lovell and Jaxton Lovell.

Kenneth graduated from Southeastern Community College in Keokuk and completed the Diesel Mechanics and Welding programs. Kenneth had been employed by Goss as a press operator and at West Side Transport, both in Cedar Rapids, IA and by Foote Mineral in Keokuk for ten years. He was a member of Twisted Cat Outdoors Catfish Club which is a catfish tournament club.

Kenneth was an avid NASCAR fan and Dale Earnhardt was his favorite driver. He was an outdoorsman at heart and enjoyed fishing. He traveled to many fishing tournaments with the Twisted Cat Outdoors Catfish Club through the years. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and go on camping and fishing trips with them at Lake Show Me in Memphis, MO.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, at the Keokuk National Cemetery. The procession to the cemetery will leave from Vigen Memorial Home at 9:45 a.m.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Monday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

07/28/21 – 8:45 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 5600 block of Avenue O.

07/28/21 – 2:15 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2400 block of Avenue M.

07/28/21 – 2:21 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 3100 block of Avenue L.

07/28/21 – 4:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1200 block of Avenue I.

07/28/21 – 7:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Amari Nyaja McCutcheon, 21, of Fort

Madison, at the police department on charges of disorderly conduct and interference with official acts. She was released on a promise to appear. 07/28/21 – 9:24 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Paul Brian Fink, 54, of Fort Madison in the 3000 block of Avenue N, on a charge of domestic abuse assault with bodily injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

07/28/21 – 1:21 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin Michael Ross, 38, of Ottumwa, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

07/28/21 – no time listed – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 16-year-old male juvenile from Keokuk on a charge of simple assault.

07/29/21 – 12:21 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Arnett Charles, 53, of Little Rock, Ark., in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

07/28/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls, two smoke investigations.

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**Thursday, July 29, 2021**

3:00pm-7:00pm

Trinity United Methodist Church, Keokuk  
Pfizer vaccine only for those 12-18 years of age

**Monday, August 2, 2021**

8:00am-4:00pm

Central Lee K8 Building  
Pfizer vaccine only for those 12-18 years of age

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**

8:00am - 4:30pm

Fort Madison High School  
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## From the Front

# City reps meet with passengers on first cruise of 2021

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*I think these boats are neat and I like to come up and see them when they're here. And it's really good for the area.*

-David Bentler, Nauvoo resident

Williams said he was grew up on the Ohio River in Augusta, Kentucky, “where George Clooney is from” and knows the river life, but said the Mississippi River culture is quite a bit different. He said the landscape and vistas of the river valley are a stark contrast to the mountains of the Rockies.

“I can see Pike’s Peak from my driveway, but you don’t get to see views like this where I’m from,” Williams said looking back at the Fort Madison townscape from the pier.

He also said he enjoyed the locks along the river and how that system works. But he said he was surprised at how few structures there are along

the river until you get to the river communities.

“Everywhere you go in this country there’s different food, different people, different accents,” he said. “We came in a group of eight – two couples from Pennsylvania, one couple from New York and us from Colorado. We all get a vacation but we also get to meet together. And that’s the key, right there.”

David Bentler, of Nauvoo, tracked the boat from Hannibal, got up in the morning and made the trip up to Fort Madison to look at the boat.

“I think these boats are neat and I like to come up and see them when they’re here. And it’s really good for the area,” he said.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Community School District Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater hands welcome bags to passengers of the Queen of the Mississippi after it docked in Fort Madison Thursday morning.

Bentler grew up in Mt. Pleasant and then moved away before buying a second home in Nauvoo to stay close to the area.

Bentler chatted up one of the boat officers and some staff who were trying to hook up to the city’s water, but were

taken back a bit by some neighborhood spiders that had decided to rest on the connection. The two deck hands dropped the connection cover and jumped back at the site of the arachnids, drawing laughs from Bentler.

City officials are plan-

ning for about 20 more stops this year if the pandemic numbers don’t rise again and weather holds out.

Almost all the passengers coming off the ship were wearing masks as they entered the buses for the tour that will

run throughout the day. Lunch and dinner are provided on the ship, but passengers are free to roam about the downtown area, where they can shop and stop in for snacks and drinks, or even a meal if they choose.

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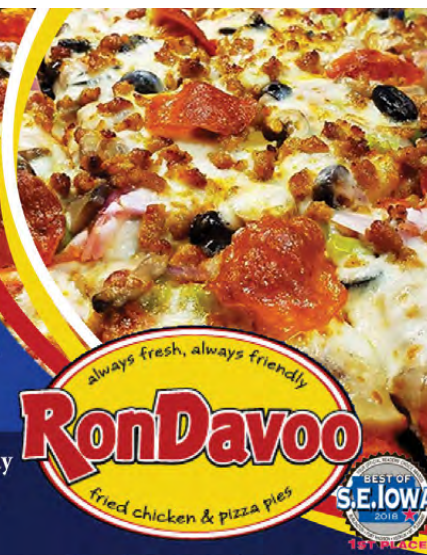
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**Meeting Notice**  
**August 3, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Meet at the Pilot Grove**  
**Savings Bank**  
**in Donnellson**  
**Tentative Agenda**

Tour the following cemeteries (weather and time permitting)

- Bowman
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- Acklam
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- Bayles
- McCulloch

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FORT MADISON**  
**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**WORK SESSION/**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**August 2, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

<https://zoom.us/j/92185862182?pwd=dJWbXZYMEZib0ZjMF-V0dXJjdis4Zz09>

**AGENDA**

- Call meeting to order and determination of a quorum
- Recognition of guests
- Approve the agenda
- Tim Oswald from PSC to discuss financing and fiscal recommendations
- Dan Culp from Carl A. Nelson to discuss board expectations regarding the process of a CM
- Return to Learn discussion
- Consider Employment of Personnel
  - Merci Finch, 7 & 8 ELA, MS
  - Dan Reisner, 7 & 8 Math, MS
  - Zach Russell, Spec. Ed. Strat I, HS
  - Katy Van Niewaal, Spec. Ed. Strat I, MS
- Announcements
 

August 16, 2021, 8:00 a.m. FMCS Welcome Back at FMHS MPR

August 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meet-

ing, Board Room, Central Office  
 September 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m. Work Session Board Room, Central Office  
 VIII. Adjourn  
 Exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for the purposes of a negotiation session

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LEE COUNTY BOARD**  
**OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 14, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building, on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.  
 Present: Rich Harlow, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin and Garry Seyb.  
 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.  
 At 9:01 a.m., Harlow opened a Public Hearing for comments on the proposed sale of 1216 Fulton Street in Keokuk. There

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were no comments received prior to the hearing and no comments during the hearing. At 9:04 a.m. Fedler made a motion to close the Public Hearing. It was seconded by Seyb. Motion carried.  
 Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-73. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye and Harlow-aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**FINAL RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE RECEIVED BY WAY OF TREASURER'S DEED**  
 WHEREAS, Lee County is eligible to receive a Treasurer's Deed to a parcel described below and collectively referred to as 1216 Fulton Street, Keokuk, Iowa; and  
 WHEREAS, Lee County has received an offer to purchase the real estate;

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 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors proposes to sell the following described property to Phil Potter in consideration of the sum of \$400.00 received in hand:

E ½ of Lot 4 Block 191 Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa Following the public hearing, the Board determined whether to accept the proposal. The proposal is accepted and the Board will transfer title received by Treasurer's Deed by Quit Claim Deed. The Chairman of the Lee County Board of Supervisors will be authorized to sign the deed on behalf of the Board. A copy of the Resolution, Notice of Public Hearing and Final Resolution of the Board will be duly

recorded with the Lee County Recorder's Office.  
 The Board elects to select the bid from Phil Potter in the amount of \$400.00 and this amount is on file with the Auditor's Office for thirty (30) days. When the amount is deposited with the Treasurer's Office, the Board will proceed with closing.  
 The Auditor shall send a copy of this resolution to the selected bidder.  
 Dated this the 14th day of June, 2021.  
 /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair. Attest: /s/ Denise

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Fraise, County Auditor.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Larkin, to approve a Statement of Work and Support Agreement with Solutions for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2021-77. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye and Harlow-aye. Motion carried.

### Resolution #2021-77

WHEREAS, Lee County has a contract with Lee County EMS to provide ambulance service to the citizens of Lee County;

WHEREAS, the contract will terminate on June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, Lee County is preparing to assume responsibility for an ambulance service;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Lee County that the transition occur at a time agreeable to both parties;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that at 8:00 a.m. on June 30, 2021, the contract with Lee County EMS will expire and Lee County will be the provider of an ambulance service to serve the citizens of Lee County.

Dated this 14th day of

June at Fort Madison IA.

/s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, June 7, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a step increase for Amy Chase, Administrative Assistant, from \$19.29/hr. to \$19.82/hr., effective 7/1/21 and another step increase for Chase, from \$19.82/hr. to \$20.82/hr. effective 7/1/21; a step increase for Roslyn Garcia, Collection Administrator, from \$19.29/hr. to \$19.82/hr., effective 7/1/21 and another step increase for Garcia, from \$19.82/hr. to \$20.82/hr. effective 7/1/21; step increase for Melissa Park, Hopes Program Manager, from \$32.00/hr. to \$32.64/hr., effective 6/12/21; promotion for Scott Edwards from Building and Grounds Maintenance Tech \$20.41/hr. to Supervising Maintenance Tech \$22.51/hr., effective 7/1/21; transfer for Nikki Sugars from Deputy in the Auditor's Office \$58,121.18/annually to the Veteran Affairs Director \$14.00/hr., effective 7/1/21; promotion for Sara Helenthal, from Administrative Assistant \$20.41/hr. to Deputy Auditor \$59,283.61/annually, effective 7/1/21; class change for Erica Lambert, from Accounting Tech II Class 4 \$18.83/hr. to Class 5 \$19.68/hr., effective 7/1/21 and class change for Kimberly Spear, from Accounting Tech II Class 4 \$18.83/hr. to Class 5 \$19.68/hr., effective 7/1/21. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Fedler reported on an 8th Judicial Board meeting and a RUSS Board meeting. Seyb reported on an American Rescue Funds meeting, a Department Head meeting, a Career Center Board meeting and reported on the progress of corralling the roaming cows. Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health Board meeting, a Workforce Development Board meeting and a meeting with the Seniors at the Newberry Center. Harlow reported on a Conservation Board meeting and had Director Nathan Unsworth give an update on Pollmiller Park's Beach.

At 9:45 a.m. a motion was made by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lee County Administration Building.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a one-year agreement with the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum for care of Estes Park. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to award the bid for fuel for Secondary Roads, Conservation, Sheriff and Great River Regional Waste Authority, for Fiscal Year 2022, to Agriland FS, Danville, in the amount of \$126,439.50 for gasohol and \$372,804.20 for diesel fuel, and authorize the County Engineer to sign the contract. Motion carried. One other bid was received from Jet Gas Corporation, Houghton, in the amount of \$127,484.50 for gasohol and \$372,938.70 for diesel fuel.

### PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building, on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Ron Fedler. Present electronically were Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb and 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 Harlow, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

At 10:03 a.m. the Board went into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(c). Roll call: Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye, Seyb-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

In addition to the Board members, present in the closed session were County Engineer Ben Hull, County Auditor Denise Fraise and Attorney Patrick O'Connell with the Lynch Dallas Law Firm.

At 10:10 a.m. the Board ended the closed session.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to direct Lynch Dallas to proceed as advised in closed session. Motion carried.

At 10:14 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 21, 2021

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building, on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler 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 Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve a one-year agreement with the Keokuk-Hamilton Dam Museum for care of Estes Park. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to award the bid for fuel for Secondary Roads, Conservation, Sheriff and Great River Regional Waste Authority, for Fiscal Year 2022, to Agriland FS, Danville, in the amount of \$126,439.50 for gasohol and \$372,804.20 for diesel fuel, and authorize the County Engineer to sign the contract. Motion carried. One other bid was received from Jet Gas Corporation, Houghton, in the amount of \$127,484.50 for gasohol and \$372,938.70 for diesel fuel.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve purchasing a Boom Mower from Tiger Corporation, Waterloo, in the amount of \$75,342.60. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-78. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 2021-78

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Resurfacing of W55, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Lee County, Iowa, and the residents thereof.

The project is defined as PCC Resurfacing of W55 (150th Avenue) from IA 16 north to the Henry County Line; and WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Lee County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from Streb Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$766,676.60 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Benjamin J. Hull, P.E., the County Engineer for Lee County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

Dated at Lee County, Iowa, this 21st day of June, 2021.

/s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman. /s/ Garry Seyb, /s/

Ron Fedler. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Other bids were received from Jones Contracting, West Point, in the amount of \$783,777.00; Wicks Construction, Decorah, in the amount of \$879,187.98; Manatt's Inc., Ames, in the amount of \$940,783.48; Cedar Valley Corporation, Waterloo, in the amount of \$994,115.03 and Heuer Construction, Muscatine, in the amount of \$1,006,787.48.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve replacing the Assistant County Engineer. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Fedler, to table approval of location for Board meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve changes to the Personnel Policy. Motion carried.

County Auditor Denise Fraise administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Auditor Sara Helenthal.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve hiring a Safety Director, and staying within the range of \$70,000 for salary. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-76. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION # 2021 - 76

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2020-2021 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is \$2,540,141.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

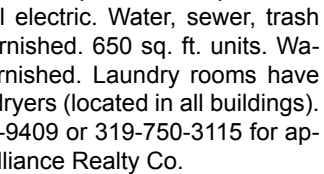
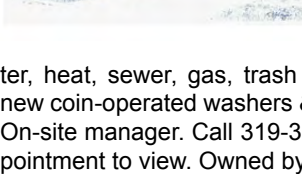
Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwith-

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standing the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on June 21, 2021 is as follows:

Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund \$635,035.25.

Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the

Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 21st day of June 2021.

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

Publication of Salaries for Fiscal Year 2022

Amy Beavers	91,800.00	93,636.00
Thomas Gage	65,000.00	66,300.00
Jonathan M. Stensvaag	95,578.87	97,490.44
Bethany Washburn	35,000.00	35,000.00

AUDITOR		
Erica Lambert	18.83	19.68
Peggy Ross	17.29	17.64
Kimberly Spear	18.83	19.68
Sara Helenthal	20.41	59,283.61
Michelle Reed	45,000.00	45,900.00
Michelle Dodson	47,274.84	48,220.34
Denise L Fraise	68,377.86	69,745.42
Cynthia L Renstrom	75,212.73	76,716.98

	June 30, 2021 Hourly Rate/Salary	July 1, 2021 Hourly Rate/Salary
<b>AMBULANCE</b>		
Rocky Azbill		15.82
Adrian Balderas		15.82
Eric Bengé		15.82
Louann Bruster		20.16
Justin Boecker		20.16
Sam Boyer		15.82
William Carson		15.82
Joshua Dilks		21.66
Douglas DiPrima		20.16
Russell Dyer		15.82
Ray Essex		15.82
Toby Evans		15.82
Dakota Foley		15.82
Heather Fraise		20.16
Keith Gilman		15.82
Mike Hellige		15.82
Elizabeth Hinkle		15.82
Daniel Jannusch		20.16
Donald Johnson		15.82
Denise Kemper		15.82
Mark Kennedy		20.16
Krista McGinn		20.16
Bryor McMillen		15.82
John Munier		21.66
Tiffany Newberry		15.82
Andrew Patterson		15.82
Terry Roskamp		21.66
Tiffany Sink		15.82
Dustin Sperry		15.82
Jim Steffen		20.16
Jim Vincent		20.16
Dennis Cosby	84,344.00	84,344.00
Jason Dinwiddie	65,254.90	66,560.00
David Morgan		53,310.40

<b>ASSESSOR</b>		
Tammy Myers	21.00	21.42
Scott A Fedler	200.00	200.00
Kerri L Fountain	200.00	200.00
Courtney Kassmeyer	200.00	200.00
Christopher Lindner	200.00	200.00
Megan Kirchner	21.86	22.30
Stacie D Dickens	57,803.28	58,959.35
Patricia A Arthur	65,510.38	66,820.59
Kandie E White	77,071.04	78,612.46

<b>ATTORNEY</b>		
Rebecca L Bowden	21.00	21.42
Amy J Chase	19.82	20.82
Lisa J Henshaw	18.83	19.36
Roslyn Garcia	19.82	20.82
Lindsey Lofthus	18.83	19.21
Ross Braden	112,445.73	114,694.64

<b>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</b>		
William S Batten	10.00	10.00
Angela Bell	10.00	10.00
DeAnne L Bonar	10.00	10.00
Larry J Buechel	10.00	10.00
Brian L Burk	10.00	10.00
David Cecil	10.00	10.00
Joan E Crowe	10.00	10.00
Craig Fedler	10.00	10.00
Robert E Fox	10.00	10.00
Dan Fullenkamp	10.00	10.00
Roger Fullenkamp	10.00	10.00
Michael Gabel	10.00	10.00
Matthew Garmoe	10.00	10.00
Michael Hasenclever	10.00	10.00
Michael J Hoenig	10.00	10.00
Jeffery Hoyer	10.00	10.00
Greg Hunold	10.00	10.00
Joseph W Kirchner	10.00	10.00
Daniel Mehl	10.00	10.00
Ronald E Meyer	10.00	10.00
Dean M Moeller	10.00	10.00
Robert W Moeller	10.00	10.00
Jason Newberry	10.00	10.00
Steven D Newberry	10.00	10.00
Paula Pohren	10.00	10.00
Stephen Pohren	10.00	10.00
Warren Rickelman	10.00	10.00
Todd Ross	10.00	10.00
Charles Ruschill	10.00	10.00
Leon Schau	10.00	10.00
Timothy Steffensmeier	10.00	10.00
Jeff Tungate	10.00	10.00
Brad Vandenberg	10.00	10.00
Craig Vorwaldt	10.00	10.00
Dean C Weber	10.00	10.00
Randolph W Woodroffe	10.00	10.00
Ron Fedler	26,012.40	26,532.65
Garry Seyb	26,012.40	26,532.65
Rich Harlow	26,012.40	26,532.65
Richard L Larkin	26,012.40	26,532.65
Matt Pflug*	26,012.40	26,532.65
*with \$2500 additional for the chair will be 29,032.65		

<b>CHILDREN FIRST</b>		
Ginger L Knisley	51,382.65	52,924.13

<b>CONSERVATION</b>		
Courtney Faeth	14.00	14.00
Robert Glasgow	14.00	14.00
Dustin Johnson	26.56	27.90
Clint A Oldfield	26.56	27.90
John Q Pawling II	26.56	27.90
Daniel Schreur	19.83	20.23

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

Clayton Steele	24.02	24.50	Justin C Huling	23.48	23.95
Nathan Unsworth	72,424.95	73,873.45	Jon Kemper	23.02	23.48
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			Shane R Kirchner	23.02	23.48
Jason Dinwiddie	14,000.00	14,000.00	Alvin F Krebill	22.54	22.99
GENERAL RELIEF/CENTRAL POINT OF COORDINATION			Daniel Mehl	22.54	22.99
Barbie Johnson	17.00	17.34	Ted G Menke	23.48	23.95
Tammy L Morgan	18.83	19.36	David Newton	23.02	23.48
Trisha Lowman	18.83	19.21	Travis Pezley	23.02	23.48
Ryanne Wood	89,822.61	92,219.06	James R Rea Jr.	22.40	22.85
HEALTH DEPT			Karl Rokosz	21.90	22.34
Erin Andries	22.44	22.89	Jeffrey W Schmitz	22.40	22.85
Jamie Beskow	28.55	29.12	Bret Scott	23.02	23.48
Emily Biddenstadt	28.22	29.12	Peter S Settles	23.02	23.48
Jackquiline K Booth	22.71	23.16	Julie Shanstrom	21.00	21.42
Lily Cadwallader	13.11	13.37	Kevin J Stuekerjuergen	28.12	28.68
Crystal Coffman	17.20	17.54	David Sugars	21.90	22.34
Amy Cook	20.13	20.53	Chad Wells	26.04	26.56
Margaret Cook	28.65	29.22	Sean V Malcolm	76,283.78	77,809.45
Leslie A Dettmers	29.82	30.42	Benjamin Hull	117,359.66	119,706.85
Rebecca Fader	35.86	36.58	SHERIFF		
Tammy Forseen	20.00	20.40	Hannah Baker	20.40	20.91
Jeri C Giebelhausen	25.01	25.51	Tomas Batley	20.40	20.91
Amy Hayes	25.99	26.51	Evan H Bentley	25.55	26.19
Rachel Heidbreder	16.50	16.83	Jonathan Boudewyn	17.67	18.11
Jamee Hudson	24.62	25.11	Brittany Burdette	17.67	18.11
Susan Jeffries	16.83	17.17	Candice L Chapman	20.40	20.91
Janie Johnson	22.73	23.18	Zachary Coppage	20.40	20.91
Patricia A Knustrom	32.16	32.80	Donald D Davis III	20.40	20.91
Breanna Kramer-Riesberg	18.36	18.73	Chad E Donaldson	27.61	28.30
Michele A Lozano	26.64	27.17	Jason Dunagan	20.40	20.91
Lori A Mehl	25.59	26.10	Kristi Gelsthorpe	20.40	20.91
Olive Miller	17.63	17.98	Steven Gipson	20.40	20.91
Laurie A Mullins	19.93	20.33	Vivian Gruener	17.67	18.11
Melissa Park	32.64	33.29	Joseph M Hambleton	25.55	26.19
Rachael N Patterson-Rahn	33.12	33.78	Deneen L Hamner	20.40	20.91
Michele D Ross	41.01	41.83	Kyle Haney	23.48	24.07
Julia A Saunders	17.63	17.98	Bryson Hennigar	25.55	26.19
Tessa Schroeder	16.83	17.17	Tasha Howard	20.40	20.91
Michael Shelangoski	32.87	33.53	Wade Johnson	25.55	26.19
Raegan Swainey	25.10	25.60	Jackson Jones	19.01	19.49
Michelle M Terhune	17.63	17.98	Robert M Juarez	27.61	28.30
Patricia Tripp	12.73	12.98	Jessy Keefe	20.40	20.91
Christine M Van Berkum	22.60	23.06	Matthew S Killoren	20.40	20.91
Jeana Vradenburg	18.26	18.63	Amber Lucas	20.40	20.91
Deedra Warner	24.62	25.11	Jordan Maag	25.55	26.19
Jessica Wessel	27.72	28.28	Jacob Mentele	17.67	18.11
Tamara L Wilson	37.44	38.19	Deryk Milks	25.55	26.19
Bobbi Zinnert	25.05	25.55	Zachary Mixer	25.55	26.19
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY			Thomas Oberman	25.55	26.19
Marcus Martin	66,000.00	67,320.00	Steven L Rairden	20.40	20.91
Kendell Gregory	47,000.00	47,940.00	Jacob Riley	25.55	26.19
MAINTENANCE			Sherry L Stice	21.00	21.42
Scott Edwards	20.41	22.51	John Symmonds	17.85	18.21
Jason Mott	19.29	20.22	Bob Thompson	17.85	18.21
Jeffrey E Sugars	21.00	21.61	Jennifer Van Ausdall	21.00	21.42
Kirk E Nafziger	58,121.18	59,283.61	Matthew Van Berkum	27.61	28.30
RECORDER			Andrew Wear	20.40	20.91
Barbara Altgilbers	15.17	15.47	Uriah Wheatley	25.55	26.19
Tracey Davis	17.00	17.34	Berl Wilcox	17.85	18.21
Shauna Stuart	15.17	15.47	Trena J Wildrick	20.40	20.91
Heather Billings	47,272.34	48,217.79	Clinton J Wray	27.61	28.30
Nancy L Booten	67,531.92	68,882.56	Dustin Young	22.43	22.99
Deborah Courtney	43,895.75	44,773.66	Craig D Burch	70,808.55	72,224.72
RUSS			John C Canida	61,200.00	62,424.00
Kelly Barton	16.83	17.33	William F Conlee	75,234.09	76,738.77
Jeff Cole	18.22	18.77	Stacy S Weber	88,510.69	90,280.90
Bruce Hudson	36.19	37.28	TREASURER		
Kent Hummell	22.01	22.67	Lynda Hayes	17.00	17.34
Brian Thye	17.34	17.86	Roylynn Hoenig	17.00	17.53
Greg Lemke	18.00	18.00	Chastity Kearns	17.00	17.34
SECONDARY ROADS			Mary Lambert	17.00	17.34
William P Anderson	23.02	23.48	Linda Peacher	17.00	17.34
Kenton Benner	23.02	23.48	Peggy Peterson	15.58	15.89
Joseph L Booten	23.02	23.48	Jeanne M Cooper	57,687.75	58,841.51
Chad Brotherton	23.02	23.48	Rebecca K Gaylord	56,330.39	57,457.00
Craig A Davis	28.12	28.68	Chris Spann	67,867.94	69,225.30
Samuel Derr	23.02	23.48	VETERAN AFFAIRS		
Brent Fraise	22.40	22.85	Paul Carroll	56,186.67	57,310.40
Jacob Frueh	22.40	22.85	Nikki Sugars		14.00
Zachariah Fuller	23.02	23.48	Glenn Vic Conlee	40.00	40.00
Sherri L Hartson	24.00	24.48	George Morgan	40.00	40.00
Kyle Helling	23.48	23.95	Linda S. Sammeli	40.00	40.00
Jeffrey D Hoskins	28.12	28.68	Todd A Shields	40.00	40.00
			Moved by Fedler,	Motion carried.	Peterson, Records Clerk,
			seconded by Seyb, to ap-	Moved by Fedler,	rate of pay unchanged,
			prove the Monday, June	seconded by Seyb, to ap-	effective 6/21/21; new
			14 and the Friday, June	prove a change from part-	hire for EMS, Elizabeth
			18, 2021 Board minutes.	time to full-time for Peggy	Hinkle, EMT, \$15.82/hr.,



# Classifieds/Public Notices

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

effective 6/7/21; new hire for EMS, Dakota Foley, EMT, \$15.82/hr., effective 6/15/21; step increase for Vivian Gruener, Correctional Officer, from \$18.11/hr. to \$19.49/hr., effective 7/7/21; change for Dustin Johnson, from Wildlife Management Assistant \$26.56/hr. to Wildlife Management Ranger, \$27.90/hr., effective 7/1/21; change for Clint Oldfield, from Park Ranger \$26.56/hr. to Parks Management Ranger \$27.90/hr., effective 7/1/21; change for John Pawling, from Operation Supervisor \$26.56/hr. to Operations Coordinator \$27.90/hr., effective 7/1/21; title change for Clayton Steele, from Naturalist to Environmental & Outdoor Education Specialist II, rate of pay unchanged; step increase for Lisa Henshaw, Legal Secretary, from \$18.83/hr. to \$19.36/hr., effective 7/1/21; step increase for Roylynn Hoenig, Records Clerk, from \$17.00/hr. to \$17.53/hr., effective 7/1/21; step increase for Tammy Morgan, General Assistance Payee, from \$18.83/hr. to \$19.36/hr., effective 7/1/21 and a step increase for Jeff Sugars, Building and Grounds Maintenance Technician, from \$21.00/hr. to \$21.61/hr., effective 7/1/21. Motion carried.

Received and filed the Sheriff's Monthly Report for May 2021 and a Maturity Management Annual Update for Holtkamp Ag in Franklin Township.

There were no Committee Reports.

At 9:40 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lee County Administration Building.

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

### Claims paid June 21, 2021

A Next Degree, svcs ..... 46.00  
AC Contracting, svcs ..... 63053.00  
Access Energy, svcs ..... 1131.98  
Accurate Controls, svcs ..... 181.41  
Ace Hardware, svcs ..... 74.72  
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## Agriculture News

# Biden to invest \$67 million on land ownership issues

DES MOINES – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing \$67 million in competitive loans through the new Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP), which aims to help agricultural producers and landowners resolve heirs' land ownership and succession issues. Intermediary lenders -- cooperatives, credit unions, and nonprofit organizations -- can apply for loans up to \$5 million at 1% interest once the Farm Service Agency (FSA) opens the two-month signup window in late August.

After FSA selects lenders, heirs can apply directly to those lenders for loans and assistance. Heirs' property issues have long been a barrier for many producers and landowners to access USDA programs and services, and this relending program provides access to capital to help producers find a resolution to these issues.

"While those affected are in all geographic and cul-

tural areas, many Black farmers and other groups who have experienced historic discrimination have inherited heirs' property," said Bob Wegand, Acting State Executive Director for FSA in Iowa. "USDA is committed to revising policies to be more equitable and examining barriers faced by heirs' property owners is part of that effort. This helps ensure that we protect the legacy of these family farms for generations to come."

The Heirs' Property Relending Program is another example of how USDA is working to rebuild trust with America's farmers and ranchers. HPRP is a loan and will need to be repaid as directed by the 2018 Farm Bill.

The program's benefits go far beyond its participants. It will also keep farmland in farming, protect family farm legacies and support economic viability.

To be eligible, intermediary lenders must be certified as a community development financial institution and

have experience and capability in making and servicing agricultural and commercial loans that are similar in nature.

If applications exceed the amount of available funds, those applicants with at least 10 years or more of experience with socially disadvantaged farmers that are located in states that have adopted a statute consisting of enactment or adoption of the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act (UPHPA) will receive first preference. A list of these states is available at [farmers.gov/heirs/relending](https://farmers.gov/heirs/relending). A secondary preference tier is established for those that have applications from ultimate recipients already in process, or that have a history of successfully relending previous HPRP funds. When multiple applicants are in the same tier, or there are no applicants in tier 1 or 2, applications will be funded in order of the date the application was received.

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## Newton native tapped as next AFSCME president

URBANDALE – In convention this weekend, the delegates of AFSCME Council 61 unanimously elected Rick Eilander to be the next Council President. Eilander has been a union representative with the council since 2006, and most recently was an organizer working with locals and bargaining units to expand the reach of the union in their workplaces.

“Public workers need an advocate and a fighter in their corner. AFSCME Council 61 has been there for decades, and that will continue as long as I am President,” said President Eilander. “I want to thank President Danny Homan for his years of steadfast leadership that saw this council continue to thrive during his 16 years as president. I want to also thank the members of this council for putting their faith and trust in me. Public employees are the ones that keep Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas running, but far too often they are overlooked or attacked by elected leaders. It will continue to be the mission of this council to ensure that these public heroes are shown the respect they deserve, whether that’s at the bargaining table, the state house, or in Washington. I am excited to take on this new role, so now let’s get to work!”

Rick Eilander is a native of Newton, Iowa, who grew up in a union household. In 1994, he became a member of AFSCME first as a jailer and then chief jailer with the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office before joining the Department of Corrections in 1996 at the Newton Correctional Facility. While there he was a steward and ended as chief steward of AFSCME Local 451. In 2006, he joined the staff of AFSCME Council 61 as a union representative where he has managed contracts and helped organize locals to expand membership and train members to be effective advocates in their workplace.

Eilander was nominated for the position by outgoing Council 61 President Danny Homan, who is stepping down after 16 years. “I have known Rick Eilander for more than 20 years. He is dedicated. He is passionate. He is committed to making sure our members have a fair shake. I know he will do a tremendous job as President, and he will have my utmost support.”



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