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Suspect arrested in Keokuk shooting

ARGYLE: Early morning warrant results in arrest of Ottumwa man

BY PCC STAFF

ARGYLE- Officers with the Keokuk Police Department arrested a man in connection with multiple shootings that took place last week in Keokuk.

Police officers, with the assistance of the Lee County Narcotics Task Force, the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol, executed a search warrant in the 3100 block of Argyle at 1:57 a.m. Friday morning.

As a result of the warrant, Richard Campbell, 33, of Ottumwa, was taken into custody on charges of attempted murder, a class B felony.

Campbell was also arrested on charges of intimidation with a dangerous weapon, a class C felony, going armed with intent, a class D felony, possession of a firearm by a felon, a Class D felony and parole violation. He was held at the Lee County Jail.



Campbell's arrest stems from an investigation by Keokuk Police that began on July 31. Police and an off-duty Lee County sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a traffic crash involving an SUV, a car, and a motorcycle in the 1600 block of S. 7th Street.

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According to reports, shots were fired in three different locations starting in the 1000

block of Palen Street, the 600 block of 5th Street and the 1600 block of S. 7th Street.

A class B felony is punishable by up to 25 years in prison, according to Iowa law. The Class C felonies are punishable by up to 10 years and \$10,000. Class D felonies carry a maximum five years incarceration and up to \$7,500 in fines.

Campbell is presumed innocent of the charges until proven guilty in a court of law.



That's ribbit-ing

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison JumpStart instructor Tonya Todd uses two combs to demonstrate what a species of frog native to Lee County sounds like during morning hours on Wednesday. The program signed up 195 students in its first year and is funded through ESSER funding as part of the CARES Act.



You can't just rub dirt on mental illness

Typically, this editorial is about something on the lighter side of life. Like say Javy Baez setting a Mets' record with five strikeouts in one game on Thursday night (yeehooooo) but a week full of news about fires, depots, school programs etc, etc, require a reprieve from the serious.

I try to write about things that matter to people, while trying to put a smile on their face. I ran into a cyclist, not literally because that would've hurt, but figuratively, last week who stopped me and told me how much he enjoyed Beside the Point.

That is the point. Nothing else. Something that people can count on and look forward to. There's no finer compliment. A stop out in public to extend a compliment puts a smile on face. I share those stories with Lee and she's tears up because she knows what that says about what we're still building.

But today, I'm going to write a bit more somber, hopefully with your blessing.

Since Kelsey's death last year, obviously I've been battling mental health issues. So many, many people regularly call or stop me at the golf course and ask how Lee and I are doing. My wife is a very independent woman – one of the things I love most about her. But she's grieving alone with a six foot shoulder there when she needs it. That's all I can offer because I can't tell her how to feel.

That's it. That's all I have for her, but I think that's how she wants it.

My situation is different. Those that see me regularly don't ask how things are anymore, but you can see it in their eyes. I like talking about Kelsey, but it's uncomfortable for others who immediately go to what it would be like to lose a child and it gets awkward. I've been having regular panic attacks. I had one on vacation because it was the first time we went without Kelsey, and I had a wicked one last Saturday night. These aren't just a rapid heart beat and heavy breathing. These are darkness. And I know now something that I didn't know 18 months ago. Panic

COUNTY

Supervisors to hear about new employee pandemic rules

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With Lee County listed as one of the 90 counties in Iowa listed as a "high transmission" county by the Centers for Disease Control, Lee County Supervisors are considering more defined language for employees who come in contact with the virus.

According to numbers released on

Wednesday, the county is at an 8% positivity rate over the previous seven days, with a vaccination rate still under 40%. At Monday's Lee County Supervisors

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Lee County News/From the Front

Lee County Youth Services grant window now open

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Youth Services, Inc., a nonprofit organization led by a volunteer board of directors, is pleased to announce the eighth year of grant funding for nonprofit organizations that have an emphasis on youth programs. Lee County Youth Services, Inc. was established to provide opportunities for youth in need and those who serve them. The mission of Lee County Youth Services, Inc. is to create programs of social responsibility and community involvement/education for youth.

Grant funding will be distributed in the Fall of 2021. Grant applications can be downloaded at: <u>www.keokukfoundation.org/lcys</u>. The deadline for all Lee County Youth Services, Inc. grant applications is October 1, 2021. For questions about the Lee County Youth Services, Inc. grant process, please contact Tracy Kamp at: <u>tjkamp@mchsi.com</u>.

Lee County Youth Services, Inc. only focus for support is Lee County, Iowa. Priority grant funding will be given to programs and/or services which help address social, economic, and educational issues of youth ages 6-19. Organizations may apply for grants up to \$5,000.00. Grants will only be made to those organizations which have been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt according to IRS as a 501 (c) (3) organization in Lee County Iowa

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County strongly encourages employees to get vaccinated

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board meeting, supervisors will vote on an addendum to the county's COVID 19 protocols.

The county has determined, at this time, they will not require employees to be vaccinated, however officials are "strongly encouraging" employees to receive the vaccine when available if they are able.

The county will not require a fully vaccinated employee to stay home and quarantine if they have remained asymptomatic since being exposed and they test 3 to 5 days after exposure. If the employee reports test results to county HR staff and the results are negative they may remain at work. However, a positive test result will require the employee to follow the normal return to work protocols under the current pandemic policy.

Any vaccinated person who is exposed and doesn't test will have to remain at home pursuant to current county plans.

Fully vaccinated employees who have been exposed should still watch for symptoms for 14 days after exposure.

County employees are also paid for time taken off work to get vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control is recommending that due to the high transmission rate of the Delta variant, even fully vaccinated people where masks when in indoor settings.

On Thursday, state hospitals reported more than 200 patients in beds compared to just 150 last week and more than quadruple the lowest previous mark of 46 in June.

Des Moines County reported a 7-day positivity rating of 14% on Wednesday, the fifth highest rating in the state.

In other action, supervisors will be considering a purpose statement from the committee over seeing fund allocation from the \$6.5 million the county will receive from the American Rescue Plan, as well a approving voting members of the committee.







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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

TY R. SHARIFY

Ty Renee Sharify, 49, of Kahoka, MO passed away Thursday, August 5, 2021 at her home. She was born November 18, 1971 the daughter of Abdolghani and Judy Eder Sharify at St. Joseph's Hospital in Keokuk, IA.



Ty attended Running Fox Elementary School, Clark County Middle School and Clark County R-1 High School and graduated from Western Illinois University in Macomb where she earned her bachelor's degree in mass communications.

TY R. SHARIFY

After her graduation from college, she was employed by KOKX Radio Station in Keokuk for a time and then later worked for The Media in Kahoka and for a trucking company and then a funeral home.

Ty was a kind, sweet person who was very compassionate. She loved animals and had many pets during her lifetime that she cherished and treated like they were her children. She loved 80's music, shopping, watching old shows on TV, reading, her furry children, and going out to eat Chinese food.

She was a big fan of Rick Springfield and met him and visited with him two times in her life. Once in Las Vegas and another time in Branson, MO. One of the highlights of her life was having her picture taken with him.

Ty will be greatly missed by her mother and stepfather, Judy and Larry Mohr of Kahoka, her brother, Brett Sharify (Renee) of Concord, NC, her sister, Jennifer BeDell of Springfield, MO, an uncle, Mathew Eder (Teresa) of Anderson, SC and his family. She is also survived by several other aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, her maternal grandparents, Mathew and Lola Eder (whom she considered her parents), paternal grandparents, Miriam and Mohammed Sharify, her great grandparents, Ralph and Myra McNally, Alice and James Tigue and Mathew Mathias Eder. She was also preceded in death by several great aunts and uncles, three of which she was close to, her great uncle, James McNally, her great aunt, Aileen Jinkens and her great aunt, Wilma McNally.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Kahoka. Memorials may be made to the Clark County Food Pantry, PAWS Animal Shelter or the Keokuk Humane Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>www.vigenmemorialhome.com</u>.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report 08/04/21 – 10:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Ryne Steven Sackman, 28, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of Avenue D, on a charge of driving while barred. 08/04/21 – 2:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of Avenue F. 08/04/21 – 5:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Adam Craig Smith, 33, of Burlington, at the Des Moines County Jail on a warrant for 3rd-degree burglary. He was held in custody. 08/04/21 – 5:45 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Chance Jacob Sonnenburg, 23, of Kahoka, Mo., at the sheriff's office on a warrant for 2nd-degree burglary. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/05/21 - 11:28 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Danny Grandon Lee Burgess, III, 31 of Keokuk, in the 3600 block of 235th Avenue on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - marijuana. 08/05/21 - 1:20 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 103 at the off ramp for Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Stephen Paul Money, Jr., 31, of Mendon, III., was headed southbound on the off ram and failed

to yield right of way and struck a vehicle driven by Cody James Huebner, 41, of West Point. No injuries were reported and Money was cited for failure to yield right of way from a stop intersection and no valid driver's license. 08/05/21 - 10:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Montel Bryant, 49, of Keokuk, on North 7th Street on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/06/21 – 4:39 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Richard Bruce Campbell, 33, of Ottumwa, in the 100 block of North 5th Street on a charge of attempted murder. **Fort Madison Fire** & Rescue Report 08/04/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call and one burn complaint. 08/05/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one structure fire, and four medical calls.

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- Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 400 block of Avenue E. 08/05/21 – 3:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Raymone Gerard Carles, 58, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of 5th-degree theft. 08/05/21 – 6:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 6100 block of Reve Court.

Lee County Sheriff's Report 08/04/21 – 3:36 p.m.

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Opinion

Mental illness is cognitive trampoline that requires balance

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attacks feel like a literal physical darkness is closing in on you. Yes, you're heart beats at a pace and strength at which you can actually feel pounding in your chest like a base drum. But when the heavy stuff rolls in it's like a paranormal force sucking the life right out of you.

If you don't get control, and I mean fast, it can overwhelm you in a hurry. Saturday, I woke up with rapid heart rate, I got a sick feeling in my stomach and started sweating. I got up, trying not to wake Lee, and walked gingerly into the bathroom. I put cold water all over my face and became fearful with what was happening.

That ratchets up the adrenaline, and other chemicals that are going to work in your body, to deal with a falsely perceived, yet very real danger. I almost threw up in the sink, but took a deep breath and walked back into my bedroom thinking about calling the ambulance. I had taken a pill that my doctors prescribed for these events when I first woke up, but it hadn't kicked in.

I sat on the floor and realized my fan was running. I put the fan in front of my wet face and the coolness was like a drug. It immediately slowed down the rising anxiety and allowed me to focus again on my breathing. Slowly in through the nose, deep and shaky, hold, and then slowly out through the mouth, quietly not to wake my wife. Repeat...repeat....repeat.

I had a pillow, and Skol (yeah, that's my bear) in my hand. No secrets here. I hold him like a child because I need to hold him like a child.

I sat there on the floor in the dark with the bathroom light on leaning against my bed with my pillow behind me and fan blowing in my face. I feel the alprazolam going to work and things beginning to slow down. It takes an hour for me to grab a hold of this craziness, and then pull myself quietly up into bed.

I fall asleep a few minutes later and wake up about four hours later 30 minutes from leaving for my nephew's baseball game in

Norway

This is just a snapshot of an hour in a terrifying haze that goes with being who I am right now.

Dr. Mike Maher at Counseling Associates, talks with me regularly. He tells me that I handled it... myself. I did the things I needed to do to get control. I tell him "this crap can stop right now." He can't guarantee anything, but tells me that I'm on the right road, and that we get better.

Thursday night I almost slipped into another episode. Lee picked up on it and asked me about Friday morning. I told her Thursday at work I was looking at my keychain, where a medallion reads, "You'll always be my hero and I'll always be your little girl". Kelsey gave that to me on her last Christmas with us.

I just rubbed it with my thumb and got a little sad, but went back to work watching Jason Crooks, Derek Doherty, and Justin Menke, and Chuck Banks work their magic with Bloodhounds and Hawks at Central Lee's football field. It's gonna be another fun year, btw.

I kept thinking about that medallion for a while, and then went to write the piece on the Hounds workout. At about 9:40 p.m. the scanner toned out for a fire on Storms Ct. I went flying out the door with my camera and scanner and then got behind some really slow traffic. (It's all slow when your trying to get to fire in Fort Madison, because those firefighters are so fast, its usually out when I get to the scene – it was)

So I don't know if it was the rush of adrenaline from trying to get to the fire, or if it was the thought of Kelsey's gift, but something put me on the wrong road again.

It started with a sinking feeling in my stomach, kind of like a low blood sugar, but I knew this wasn't that. You start to do a systematic mental scan of your body trying to dismiss everything as "it's in my head" which is exactly what it is. I did a 5K run/walk Wednesday other day and felt absolutely great.

I have had heart tests and blood tests and everything comes

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back perfect for a guy my age, except an elevated cholesterol/triglyceride panel, but high in the normal range. Lay off the Bs – beef, bread and beer and tick up the exercise and fish and we're all good in three months.

I finished my work at about midnight and went in and laid down and felt it start to come over me again. I took a pill... deep breathing... and I dozed off. Woke up 10 minutes later and Lee walked in. She laid next to me and put her hand on my bicep - off to sleep. It's interrupted sleep but nothing I'm not used to. Maybe just roll over for a second for comfort and fall right back to sleep.

The point here is not beside anything. Mental illness is a real thing and writing about it here only has one goal. I have an audience and I'm going to tell you what this is like. It's completely in my head, but that's a powerful engine there. Your brain is your ally for sure, but it also can be a ferocious enemy when it's out of whack.

Realization of loved ones suffering from mental illness is tricky, but reacting to that suffering is even more of a balancing act. It takes patience, and sometimes there are no words that help, but only add to the frustration. But being present with someone suffering is like medication. They may not even acknowledge you are there, but they know you are

I also believe getting to a professional to help untie the knots and navigate the firing neurons in your head is paramount to learning to deal with the fear and desolation that comes with some of these illnesses.

I was always of the mindset, as was my family, that you rub some dirt on it, get up and get back in the game. Well, there's that at times. But heavy trauma that comes with a tragedy, or combat, or firefighting, law enforcement, or loss, can't be "toughened up".

It takes time. My grief will go away when I die. Maybe. But my mental health is still an ingredient in the living part of my existentialism. So I have to deal with that daily, just like exercising the body, I must exercise the mind. That's where you come in. Our readership is kind of my mental trampoline. I jump up and down on it every Sunday morning, sometimes giggling and laughing like a kid, and sometimes sad and fearful that I'll eventually fall off.

I feel, and fear, that there are way more out there suffering from some degree of mental instability or illness, then any of us want to admit. I'm not saying you should inject yourself in everyone's life who's suffering, but if you're already there... here's your sign.

That's heavy stuff and sorry there's not much to smile about in this week's edition - But that's Beside the Point.

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5 p.m. FOOD STAND OPENS FFA Alumni Butterfly Pork Chop Sandwiches

- 6 p.m.Princess Contest
- 6:30 p.m.Watermelon Eating Contest
- 7-10 p.m.....MAIN STAGE
 - "Bo Casey One Man Band"

FRI, AUG. 20H

5 p.m. FOOD STAND OPENS Firefighters Fish Fry 5-10 p.m.BINGO TENT Montrose Youth Activities 5:30 p.m.Watermelon Eating Contest 6 p.m.Music by "St. Barnabas Choir" 7-9 p.m.MAIN STAGE "Hearsay Band"



- 7-10 a.m.....BREAKFAST Sponsored by Central Lee Music Group
 8 a.m.Watermelon 5k Crawl Sponsored by Central Lee Cheerleaders Registration 7 a.m.
 12 p.m......Festival Parade Theme "Just Watermelon" Lineup 11:30 a.m.
 1 p.m.FOOD STAND OPENS
- 3-10 p.m. BINGO TENT Montrose Youth Activities
 3 p.m. Live on Stage "Deb Frank"
 4 p.m. FFA Alumni Ribeye Sandwich – Ivor Fowler Center
 5-7 p.m. Live on Stage "Kathy Dye"
 7 p.m. Presentations
- Volunteer Award Presentation Heritage Award Presentation
 7-9 p.m. MAIN STAGE "Hissem Family Campfire"
 9:30 p.m. 50/50 Raffle Drawing Montrose Youth Activities, Main Stage
- p.m. Performance Central Lee Impulse Dance Team
 p.m. Timed Event (Info. to follow; Registration 1:30 p.m.)
 p.m. Performance "McNamara Band"

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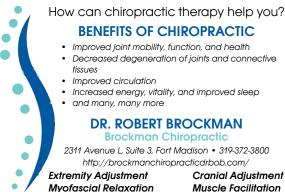
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1. Call To Order 2. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2021 3. Public Input

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

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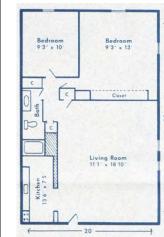
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placed on a subsequent agenda.

4. Approval of Bills 5. Approval of Financial Report

6. Approval of Hiring Environmental and Outdoor Education Specialist 1 Position

7. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Service Agreement with French-Reneker-Associates, Inc for Pond Design at Wilson Lake

 8. Staff and Director Reports
 9. Board Members

Comments 10. Adjournment

Workshop Following the Meeting Next regular meeting

will be September 14, 2021

Hearing and vision assistance available upon request. Citizens are welcome to all LCCB meetings.

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda DATE: Monday, August 9, 2021 MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. (CDT) LOCATION: please use the Chat feature and wait for the Chairman to address you. If you are participating by phone, please wait until everyone is done speaking before addressing the 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 Discussion and Possible Action on Changes to Pandemic Policy Presentation on Best

You Coalition Consider Approval of

Bridge Embargo Resolution Consider Approval of

Replacing Maintenance Worker II Position in Secondary Roads

Consider Approval of Easement Agreement with City of Fort Madison for 6th 10th Street Project Consider Approval of Purpose Statement of American Rescue Plan Committee

Consider Approval of Officers/Voting/Non-Voting Members of American Rescue Plan Committee Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License Consider Approval of Five Day Class C Liquor License for Fellows Wedding, Catered by HyVee at Small Grand Things Consider Approval of Monday, August 2, 2021 Board Minutes Consider Approval of

Claims

Personnel Actions: A. Step Increases (5) Health Department B. Position Transfer-Secondary Roads Reports: A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected

B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected C. Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Fort Madison City Council at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison concerning Public Improvement Project 2021-01, Riverview Marina Dredging. The purpose of the hearing will consist of approving plans, specifications, contract documents and estimate of cost for the project.

Persons may obtain further information or express your views concerning this issue either in person or through an authorized representative at the public hearing, or prior to the meeting by fax at (319) 372-8661, by telephone at (319) 372-7700 ext. 206, by E-mail at <u>mblind@fortmadi-</u> <u>son-ia.com</u> or in writing to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, lowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on August 17, 2021. Melinda L Blind

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The following is a list of upcoming events reported to the Pen City Current. To get your event added to this list contact Pen City Current on our website at <u>www.pencitycurrent.com</u>

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.

Tri-State Rodeo

The annual Tri State Rodeo is back after the pandemic shuttered the event in 2020. Top national cowboys descend on Fort Madison's C.E. Eddie Richards Arena starting Wed. Sept. 8. Entertainment this year includes Nelly, Mark Chesnutt, David Lee Murphy, and Cole Swindell. Ready to Rodeo activities start Saturday Sept. 4. For a full list of events go to the website at <u>https://www.tristaterodeo.org/tri-stateevents/</u>.

Fort Madison Partner's Annual Dinner

This year's event is a Luau at the Baxter Sports Complex on Sept. 23. For more information contact the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce at 319-372-5471.

Stuff the Bus

An event to give kids a head start going back to school with supplies will be held at Keokuk Wal-Mart from Aug. 6-8th. Donated school supplies can be added to the Salvation Army bus on site to help more children start school right.

P.A.W. fundraiser golf outing

Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course is the site of the annual P.A.W. four-person best shot golf tournament on Sunday, Aug. 8, beginning at 1 p.m. \$50 per players with all proceeds



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Cook the Book

The Fort Madison Public Library will host Cooking for the Garden at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 10 at the library.

Free Hot Dog Day

Pilot Grove Savings Bank is hosting a free Hot Dog lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13th. Lunch also comes with chips and a drink. Lee County Relay for Life Tough Enough to Wear Pink T-shirts will also be available and a live remote from 101.7 The Bull!.

"Music in the Park"

The Old Settlers Park associations annual summer concert series continues on August 22 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with River City 6. Food and beverages will be available. To help sponsor, contact Sheryl Decker at 372-7813.

Evening with Jordan Bohannon

University of Iowa standout Jordan Bohannon will be a guest speaker at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Friday, Aug. 27. Social hour is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Bohannon speaking from 7 to 7:30. A Q&A will be held from 7:30 to 7:45 and a Meet & Greet begins at 8 p.m. Limited 8-seat VIP tables are available for \$280. Individual tickets are \$35. Dinner, draft beer and soda included with tickets. Limited to first 125. Call 319-528-6214 to reserve seating.

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 final 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 <u>darlarae71@yahoo.com</u>.

YMCA Rodeo Stampede

The annual Rodeo run will take place Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 starting with youth at 7:45 and adults at 8 a.m. Deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 20. Day of registration/check in starts at 7 a.m. on the day of event at 9th and Avenue G. Registration fee is \$25.

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.





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