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Rodeo parade lands on 9/11

“RODEO STRONG”: Special Kids MC Craig Kelly to be this year’s Grand Marshal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – With this year’s Tri-State Rodeo falling on Sept. 11, this year’s theme of “Rodeo Strong” carries a bit more meaning.

With 2020’s parade nixed due to the pandemic, Tri-State Rodeo Parade chair David Fedler said this year’s event will be extra memorable because it comes after a missed year, and it’s also being held on 9/11.

“It’s not just the traditional celebration of the rodeo this year, we’re pushing for a little

patriotism in the entries,” Fedler said.

He said entries were a little down from normal and he attributes that to the lingering Delta variant of the coronavirus pandemic and the strain on volunteers.

During normal rodeo years, entries two weeks before the parade were in the 80-90 range with about 25 to 30 coming in at the end. Fedler said those entries are floats and groups outside of the rodeo entries. Those include saddle clubs, Rodeo

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Tri-State Rodeo Royalty carries the rodeo flags in the 2019 Saturday parade. 2020’s event was canceled due to the pandemic, but entries are piling up for this year’s event on Sept. 11 in downtown Fort Madison.

PORT AUTHORITY SIREPA to ask for \$2M from county

Funds are federal ARPA funds earmarked for county broadband expansion projects

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Southeast Iowa Regional and Economic Port Authority, or SIREPA, will be requesting close to \$2 million in county funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The amount is the full 30% of the funds a county committee has preliminarily allocated to broadband improvements in the county.

Lee County has already received \$3.25 million in ARPA funds and has the money in an interest bearing account until the County Board of Supervisors allocates the funding.

A committee was assigned by the board of supervisors to look into the federal guidance surrounding the use of the money, in an effort to avoid any possible paybacks of funds used inappropriately.

A second \$3.25 million payment is expected in May 2022.

SIREPA Administrator Mike Norris told the port authority board Friday that they should

request the full allocation to help offset other cost considerations and administrative costs of about \$38,000.

“The reason being we’re probably going to have some cost considerations we don’t know about yet, and they’re will be administration costs with the SIREPA staff to make sure we’re doing everything we should be doing,” Norris said.

The funds will be used as matching funds to help secure a broadband infrastructure grant from the State of Iowa

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The 2021 Fort Madison Bloodhounds bust through the new blowup football helmet as part of the season-opener against Keokuk Friday night on Jim Youel Field at Richmond Stadium.

BLOODHOUND FOOTBALL

County Seat stays at FMHS after 43-0 shutout of Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Bloodhound football team put the cross county rivalry with Keokuk away in a big way Friday night.

The County Seat was carried out to mid-field by the Hounds after they dismantled Keokuk 43-0 in a non-district matchup in Fort Madison.

The Seat stays in Fort Madison for the second year in a row and for four of the last

five years. Keokuk took the Seat home in 2019.

Fort Madison has also started the year with a win for the fifth year in a row. The

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM C.L. BLANCHARD

William "Butch" Charles Lee Blanchard, 69, of Brownsville, Tennessee, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee.



BLANCHARD

Butch was born on February 4, 1952, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of William C. and Deloris (Cramer) Blanchard. On February 7, 1970, he was united in marriage to Joy Smith in Keokuk, Iowa. She survives.

Butch was an entrepreneur, and held many jobs throughout his life, including cutting wood, owning and operating Blanchard Snow and Ice Removal, working in factories for many years (where he was a certified firefighter), and truck driving for several companies, including USA Trucking. He had a love for the great outdoors, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, and boating. He loved going off-road in his truck and racking up miles on his motorcycle. Butch was the Maverick of the slot machines, and often tried his luck "Ching-Chinging" at the casino. Butch proudly served his country in the United States Navy, receiving his honorable discharge.

Butch is survived by his wife Joy Blanchard of Hamilton, Illinois; four children: William (Sarah) Blanchard of Montrose, Iowa, Mary (Andy Gregory) Blanchard of Hamilton, James (Brittany) Blanchard of Hamilton, and John England of Hamilton; his sister Margaret Brosi of Alcoa, Tennessee, his aunt Emma Cathey of Brownsville, Tennessee, seven grandchildren: Rikki Blanchard, Samantha Spiker, Christopher Blanchard, Shaine Blanchard, Selena Blanchard, Riley Blanchard and Seth Blanchard; and his brother-in-law Virgil Davis of Kalona, Iowa. Other survivors include many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Butch is preceded in death by his parents William and Deloris Blanchard, his son Charles "Chuck" Blanchard, his sister Christina Davis, and his in-laws Riley and Frances Smith.

Butch's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 3 pm on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from noon to 3 pm directly before the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Joy Blanchard.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

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

OBITUARIES

TWALLA WARNEKE

Twalla Warneke, 82 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Sunday, August 22, 2021 at SunnyBrook Assisted Living, Fort Madison. She was born October 18, 1938, a daughter of Freddie and Jennie (Eggers) Lane. On September 5, 1957, she married Richard Warneke at Colony, Missouri. He preceded her in death May 21, 2019.



WARNEKE

Twalla was a homemaker, raising their children, five foster girls, and one foster boy. Later she worked at Motorola in Quincy, Illinois. Before retiring in 2002, she worked at Jacks, Fruehauf and Wabash National in Fort Madison. She was a member of the Joy Baptist Church. Twalla liked to do faux painting and crafts.

She enjoyed working with her flowers and yard and watching the birds that came to her yard.

She is survived by her three sons: Robert (Ruby) Warneke, of Keokuk, Iowa; Russell (Valerie) Warneke, of Argyle, Iowa; Kenneth (Roberta) Warneke, of Jacksonville, Florida; one brother, Dorsey (Barbara) Lane, of Muscatine, Iowa; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren, one great great grandson, nieces and nephews. Twalla and Richard had five foster girls and one foster boy in their home and enjoyed them very much. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one infant brother, one brother, two nephews, and one grandson.

Family greeted friends Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Funeral services will followed with Assistant Pastor Paul Frederick officiating. Burial was at the Charleston Cemetery, Charleston, Iowa. A memorial has been established, contributions may be made at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Warneke Family may be made from the Barr Memorial Chapel, www.barrmemorial-chapel.com.

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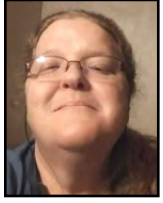
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MICHELLE VanVELKINBURGH

Michelle VanVelkinburgh, 46, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday August 18, 2021 at the Hannibal Regional Hospital in Hannibal, MO.



VanVELKINBURGH

She was born on October 27, 1974 in Chicago Heights, IL, the daughter of Wayne Sr. and Cheryl Cox. Michelle was united in marriage to Everd VanVelkinburgh on February 14, 2009 in Montrose, IA. He survives.

She is also survived by one son, Terry VanVelkinburgh of Keokuk, one daughter, Anna Keck of Dover, TN, two grandchildren Kaylynn and Nathan, one brother, Wayne Cox Jr. of Ottumwa, IA, and her special friend, Blaze Parton of Keokuk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandparents and her late husband, Terry Lee VanVelkinburgh.

Michelle enjoyed watching WWE wrestling, NFL football, Greys Anatomy and Sons of Anarchy. She also enjoyed playing Bingo. She loved horses and riding them in her younger years. Michelle had a great sense of humor, and could be a little sarcastic, but always fun loving. She enjoyed her life as a homemaker and taking care of her kids.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on September 11, 2021 from 3 – 6 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

08/23/21 – 11:40 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested John Robert Winkle Mead, 42, of Fort Madison in the 2400 block of Avenue G, in a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/24/21 – 4:40 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 1500 block of Avenue H. 08/25/21 – no activity to report

08/26/21 – 9:36 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Samantha Joann Calvert, 60, of Quincy, at the police station, on charges of possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, and child endangerment. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/26/21 – 4:15 p.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Chance Lee Horton, 22, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on a charge of assault while displaying a dangerous weapon. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 08/26/21 – 9:57 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Kelsie Perry, 28, of Fort Madison in the 1200 block of Avenue I, on charges of disorderly conduct and using abusive epithets. She was released on a promise to appear. 08/27/21 – 4:44 a.m.

– Fort Madison Police arrested Jennifer Osborn, 36, of Fort Madison in the 1800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of

domestic abuse assault with bodily injury.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

08/24/21 – 12:07 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Wayne Allen Fordham, 49, of Muscatine, in the 700 block of Avenue F in Fort Madison, on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/24/21 – 2:02 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dabney Boyd Jones, 18, of Keokuk, at the Keokuk police department, on a warrant for 2nd degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 08/24/21 – 10:39 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Hoback, 40, of Nichols, Ia., on a warrant for 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held. 08/25/21 – 5:15 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rebecca Sue Billing, 35 of Lomax, Ill., on North 7th Street in Keokuk, on warrants for failure to appear and contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/25/21 – 5:57 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Louis Hocker, 39, of Montrose, on North 7th Street in Keokuk on warrants for operating a vehicle without owner's consent and assault with bodily injury. 08/26/21 – 8:16 a.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dameon

Lee Gregory, 25, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of assault with bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance. 08/26/21 – 2:47 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charles Zachariah Bittner, 42, of Keokuk, in the 3300 block of 243rd Avenue in Montrose, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/26/21 – 9:04 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Antoine Crockett, 41, of Keokuk on North 7th Street in Keokuk, on warrants for 1st-degree burglary and willfull injury causing serious injury. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 08/26/21 – 11:56 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Larry Theulen, 61, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Main Street in Keokuk, on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Those listed above were arrested on suspicion of charges and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

08/26/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call 08/27/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one assist call.

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From the Front



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Above, FM senior Tate Johnson (13) returns a kick down the sidelines for a score to start the second half of Friday's win over Keokuk. At bottom left, Tanner Settles (55) wraps up Keokuk QB Bryor Lindner (4) for a loss on a scramble. At bottom right, Mateo Lozano gobbles up Keokuk running back Equilius Lee for a loss.



Hound lines able to neutralize Chiefs

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last time the Hounds lost a season opener was to Davis County in 2016.

Head Coach Derek Doherty heaped the credit for the win on offensive coordinator Justin Menke and Defensive Coordinator Jason Crooks.

"I'm a lucky man. I've got a great staff and they had a great game plan and had our kids completely dialed in. It was fun," he said without much voice left.

"That was us being us. Credit our kids and the coordinators and the whole coaching staff."

The Hounds dominated field position for most of the night with Xander Wellman keeping the Chiefs pinned with three touchbacks on kickoffs, one of which almost cleared the back of the endzone.

The first touchback to start the game pinned the Chiefs deep and then the Hounds defense didn't allow a yard on a four and out series.

Fort Madison would take their opening drive 39 yards for a score when Landes Williams rolled around the right side with some nice seal blocks and slipped into the endzone down the right sideline for a 14-yard touchdown to open the scoring.

Wellman would bury the Chiefs again at their own 20. Keokuk would get seven yards on two carries before senior Austin Ensminger wrapped up Equilius Lee for a loss on 3rd and 3 to force another punt.

Ensminger would be on patrol most of the night for the Hounds picking off two passes. He returned one for a 67-yard touchdown. He had another pick six for a score, but it was called back due to an illegal block in the first half.

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Sports

Ensminger gets two picks in Hounds win

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"He's the hardest worker in the room at all times and he's silent about it. A lot of people would be mad at having that called back and would have bad body language," Doherty said. "That got taken away from him. But he flushed it and he came back and did it again. He's as cold as ice and we just love him."

Ensminger said he was prepared for the Chiefs running game, but kept an eye on the backfield.

"We kind of new they had a strong run game and we prepared for that, but I kept watching his eyes and watched where he was looking," the senior linebacker said.

After the Keokuk punt, Fort Madison again took over with good field position at the Keokuk 37. Williams would find his brother Kane on an 11-yard swing pass to the right for a first down. Then Williams would ramble for another 11-yard first down run, but the Hounds would get bottled up on the next set of downs forcing a 29-yard field goal from Wellman for 9-0 lead.

Keokuk got a chance at a return on the next kick, but Lee was brought down at the 22 of Fort Madison. The Chiefs' Bryor Lindner would then drop back and fire over the middle, where Ensminger grabbed his first pick and raced it back for a touchdown, but it was erased on the illegal block.

The Hounds took over at the 17 yard line after the reset, but couldn't get anything going and had to bring Wellman back out. But this time the kick sailed wide left.

Keokuk took over at the 20 and the Hounds defense forced a punt again. But Lee kept the ball on the punt and scrambled for a first down. On the play he hurdled a Hound defender and was flagged for it, but he had already past the first down marker. The yardage was marked off and the Chiefs got a fresh set of downs starting at their own 16.

Lee would break off a 20-yard run on 3rd and 10 to keep the drive alive, but the Hounds put out the fire. On 4th and five from the Hounds 45, Lindner tried a fake hand-off on an end around, but junior Tanner Settles sniffed it out and tracked Lindner down behind the line of scrimmage to give Fort Madison possession.

The Hounds would take over on downs and go 47 yards on nine plays capped by another Landes Williams score. On 3rd and 7, Williams had to roll out to the right looking to go down field and then took off through a seam down the right side and was tackled right at the goal line for the TD and a 16-0 Bloodhound lead.

Williams finished the night unofficially going 9 of 15 for 67 yards in the air and rushed for 84 yards and three scores.

Aside from a 28-yard run from senior Khaly Tate, the Chiefs didn't have much offense the rest of the way. They would get eight plays in the next drive before Fort Madison snuffed it out and forced another punt.

Williams would scamper in from 20 yards on the sixth play of the next drive on first down to make it 23-0.

Neither team would score again in the first half.

Fort Madison received the kick to open the second half. Senior Tate Johnson took a squibber that bounced a couple times on the right side, made a move inside to draw in the coverage and then made a cut to the Hounds sideline, swiped away a couple of arm tackles and raced 81 yards for the score and a 30-0 game.

Keokuk would cough the ball up on the second play from scrimmage after the ensuing kick off and Jakob McGowan would get his first varsity touchdown on a carry from 2 yards out to get the running clock going.

Ensminger would wrap up the scoring with his 67-yard interception return in the 4th quarter to set the final score.

Junior Mateo Lozano anchored the line that had to deal with 6'5" 250 Trace Hackaday all night.

"We were stronger, we get lower and we were faster than them. We knew we could be better at that point of attack," Lozano said.

Williams said he was able to move around and read holes because of the work of the offensive line.

"We were really hitting on the running game because the line was making good holes. I did have to roll out a couple times, but then we started to click in the third quarter."

Of Williams nine completions five were to different receivers. He said that's part of the game plan.

"We space the field out and try to get to any number of guys that can go and make plays," he said.

Doherty said the Hounds were hiding a lot of emotion about the rivalry and he was proud of how the kids played and acted.

"We talked about this being a rivalry week 1, and this being a big game. We tried to down play it, but this was a big game for us as a staff and for the players and once they settled in it looked really good," he said. "I'm proud of our kids and how they acted tonight."

Doherty pointed to the play of sophomore running back Teague Smith and the defensive play of Mikey DiPrima, but he said the most selfless player on the field was Settles.

"This is a guy who's good enough to start at running back for a lot of other teams, but moves himself to the line and has a great night pulling and kicking out. Ike Thacher is another guy who has aspirations to be a receiver, but sacrifices himself and plays on the line and deals with guys like Hackaday. We are just so proud of those guys," Doherty said.

Thacher and Ensminger each had 6.5 tackles to lead Fort Madison. Henry Wiseman, Settles, and Daniel Sokolik each had five.

The Hounds (1-0) travel to West Burlington on Friday night. The Falcons lost 55-18 to Mid-Prairie on the road to open their season.

Central Lee falls at VB County

Freshman Calfee scores first varsity TD for Hawks in loss

BY PCC STAFF

KEOSAUQUA – Central Lee got a 3-yard touchdown from freshman Kayden Calfee deep in the second quarter, but the Hawks fell 46-6 to open the season Friday night on the road at Van Buren.

Calfee finished 5-5 through the air after coming for senior Bryce Finney and racked up 67 yards

The Hawks hung around with the Warriors in the first quarter trailing just 8-0 after Van Buren scored a rushing touchdown and added the two-point conversion.

Van Buren would score on another rushing touchdown with six minutes left in the first half, but Central Lee then put together it's only scoring drive capped by Calfee's run.

The Warriors would put up two more scores in the third quarter on a pass play and rushing score to go up 40-6. They would add another rushing touchdown with 7 minutes left to get the running clock.

Sophomore Hunter Gregory led the Hawks with 55 yards on the ground and Corey Jones racked up seven tackles to lead the Hawks defense.

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MEETING NOTICE**

**Lee County
Conservation Board
Agenda
August 31, 2021
Lee County
Conservation Center
2652 Hwy 61
Montrose, IA 52639
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2021
3. Review and Take Possible Action on Compatible Use Authorization/ Management Plan Agreement with NRCS for Clark Property
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MINUTES
July 19, 2021**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Office Building on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Ron Fedler, Garry Seyb, Rich Harlow and Rick Larkin.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Mitigation Trust Project. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve the purchase of two(2) new 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4s. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a proposal from Barga Incorporated, Mountain Lake, Minnesota, for crack repair on Business 61 in the amount of \$67,345.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Harlow, to approve a proposal from Denco Highway Construction, Mingo, Iowa, for crack filling on J38/W74 in the amount of \$27,085.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Service Agreement with the Iowa State Association of Counties, for the HIPAA Program, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2021-80. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution No. 2021-80

LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION CONVEYING PREVIOUSLY VACATED PROPERTY BY QUIT CLAIM DEED

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2002, after a duly notice publication and public hearing as required by law, Lee County vacated by Resolution #68 the remaining portion of Wall Street in the unincorporated town of Nashville (also known as Galland) and more particularly described as follows:

The North One-Half (N1/2) of the vacated portion of Wall Street located adjacent to the South line of Lot Twelve (12) in the unincorporated town of Nashville, also known as Galland in Section Nineteen (19), Township Sixty-six (66) North, Range Four (4) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Montrose, Township, Lee County, Iowa

which is one and the same property as:

One-half of the vacated portion of Wall Street located adjacent to the South line of Lot Twelve (12) in the unincorporated town of Nashville, also known as Galland in Section 19, Township 66, Range 4, Montrose Township, Lee County, Iowa.

and;
WHEREAS, the said Resolution effective vacated the property, but did not effectively convey the vacated property to the adjoining landowners pursuant to Iowa Code; and

WHEREAS, in order to clear up any title issues the landowner is now requesting a quit claim deed be executed by the Board of Supervisors to effectively transfer the vacated property as was intended on November 12, 2002.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the conveyance of the previously vacated property by Quit Claim Deed, said property more particularly described as follows:

The North One-Half (N1/2) of the vacated portion of Wall Street located adjacent to the South line of Lot Twelve (12) in the unincorporated town of Nashville, also known as Galland in Section Nineteen (19), Township Sixty-six (66) North, Range Four (4) West of

the Fifth Principal Meridian, Montrose, Township, Lee County, Iowa

which is one and the same property as:

One-half of the vacated portion of Wall Street located adjacent to the South line of Lot Twelve (12) in the unincorporated town of Nashville, also known as Galland in Section 19, Township 66, Range 4, Montrose Township, Lee County, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Lee County Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Quit Claim Deed on behalf of Lee County, a copy of this resolution shall be attached to said document.

Dated and signed at Fort Madison, Iowa on this the 19th day of July, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman, /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member, /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2021-81. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2021-81

RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO VACATE AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PART OF ARGYLE ROAD IN THE NW SE 7-65-5, LEE COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors is the Agency as defined by

Iowa Code Section 306.2 that has jurisdiction over the secondary roads and alleyways in Lee County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a certain portion of Argyle Road within the NW SE 7-65-5 of Lee County, Iowa is no longer being utilized by the public and serves no benefit to the public, and/or have been converted by private landowners for private use; and

WHEREAS, the certain portion of the part of Argyle Road to be vacated are located in the NW SE 7-65-5 and specifically le-

gally described as follows:

1. Being a part of the existing Right of Way Easement of Argyle Road, of prior Tract 'B' of prior survey document #00S-27 C12, as recorded in the Lee County Recorder's Office, in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 65 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Lee County, Iowa, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing, as a point of reference, at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 7; thence South 87° 59' 35" West (assumed bearing for this description) 85.45 feet to a point on the centerline of said Argyle Road, an existing public roadway as now established, at Station No. 433+05.5; thence South 45° 54' 27" East 834.64 feet along said centerline to a point on the Northerly line of said prior survey; thence North 72° 48' 39" East 857.84 feet along said prior survey to a point on the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00° 44' 36" East 570.95 feet along said East line to the point of beginning of the following described tract of land, said point being on the Right of Way Easement line at Station No. 450+87/ 140' LT.; thence North 78° 15' 09" West 253.10 feet along said Right of Way to a point at Station No. 448+00/ 130' LT; thence North 61° 32' 59" West 265.21 feet along said Right of Way to a point at Station No. 445+00/ 130' LT; thence South 34° 05' 27" East 93.30 feet to a point at Station No. 445+96/ 95' LT; thence South 59° 59' 26" East 161.17 feet to a point at Station NO. 447+71/ 86' LT; thence South 65° 10' 16" East 225.61 feet to a point at Station No. 450+08/ 53' LT; thence North 71° 59' 00" East 44.77 feet to a point at Station No. 450+51/ 73' LT; thence North 34° 27' 30" East 73.84 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.62 acres, more or less, of existing Right of Way Easement

SUBJECT TO FINAL PLAT OF SURVEY

WHEREAS, Sections 306.10 through 306.16 and 354.23 Code of Iowa, 2020 vest the County Board of Supervisors the

authority to vacate and convey said roads and alleyways; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to vacate and convey has been reviewed by the Secondary Roads Department, the Environmental Services Department of the Lee County Health Department, and the Lee County Treasurer's Office for tax payments and again by the Lee County Engineer's for utility easements. No objections or issues having been raised; and

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowners are as follows:

1. Dupree, Connor P: 04-15-21-07-400-0230 205 Van Buren Street, Warsaw, IL 62379

WHEREAS, all known utility permits on file with the County whose

facilities adjoin the road right-of-way or are on the road right-of-way are as follows:

1. Interstate Power and Light (IPL) 200 First Street SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

2. Qwest Corp. DBA CenturyLink QC 615 SE 3rd Street Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

3. Iowa Telecommunications Services Inc. Attn: OP Center/Permits P.O. Box 330 Grinnell, Iowa 50112-0330

4. U.S. West 528 Main Street- 3rd Floor Davenport, Iowa 52801

5. Northwestern Bell Telephone Company Box 390 Davenport, Iowa 52805

6. Underground Cable Service 1415 Avenue B Fort Madison, Iowa 52627

WHEREAS, these landowners and utility owners are entitled to notice of the vacation. The Auditor of Lee County shall mail a copy of this proposed resolution to adjoining landowners and utility owners by ordinary and by certified mail; and

WHEREAS, Section 354.23 of the Code of Iowa provides in part:

That the county shall vacate by resolution or following public hearing or by ordinance and the vacating instrument shall be recorded. The county may convey the vacated property by deed or may convey the property to the adjoining

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proprietor through the vacation instrument. The vacating instrument is used to convey property and the instrument shall include a list of adjoining proprietors to whom the vacating property is being conveyed along with the corresponding description of each parcel conveyed, a recording instrument which conforms to this section is equivalent to a deed of conveyance and the instrument shall be filed and indexed as a conveyance by the recorder and auditor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following proposed resolution be set for public hearing on the 2nd day of August, 2021, at 9:01 o'clock a.m. in the Boardroom of the Lee County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa. The Auditor is instructed to publish notice as required by Section 331.305. The proposed resolution is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors pursuant to its authority under Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2020, hereby vacates

the following described portion of Argyle Road in the NW SE 7-65-5 Lee County, Iowa:

1. Being a part of the existing Right of Way Easement of Argyle Road, of prior Tract 'B' of prior survey document #00S-27 C12, as recorded in the Lee County Recorder's Office, in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 65 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Lee County, Iowa, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing, as a point of reference, at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 7; thence South 87° 59' 35" West (assumed bearing for this description) 85.45 feet to a point on the centerline of said Argyle Road, an existing public roadway as now established, at Station No. 433+05.5; thence South 45° 54' 27" East 834.64 feet along said centerline to a point on the Northerly line of said prior survey; thence North 72° 48' 39" East 857.84 feet along said prior survey to a point on the East line of

said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00° 44' 36" East 570.95 feet along said East line to the point of beginning of the following described tract of land, said point being on the Right of Way Easement line at Station No. 450+87/ 140' LT.; thence North 78° 15' 09" West 253.10 feet along said Right of Way to a point at Station No. 448+00/ 130' LT; thence North 61° 32' 59" West 265.21 feet along said Right of Way to a point at Station No. 445+00/ 130' LT; thence South 34° 05' 27" East 93.30 feet to a point at Station No. 445+96/ 95' LT; thence South 59° 59' 26" East 161.17 feet to a point at Station NO. 447+71/ 86' LT; thence South 65° 10' 16" East 225.61 feet to a point at Station No. 450+08/ 53' LT; thence North 71° 59' 00" East 44.77 feet to a point at Station No. 450+51/ 73' LT; thence North 34° 27' 30" East 73.84 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.62 acres, more or less, of existing Right of Way Easement

SUBJECT TO FINAL PLAT OF SURVEY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to its authority under section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2019, the Board now conveys the property so vacated to the surrounding landowners as follows:

1. Being a part of the existing Right of Way Easement of Argyle Road, of prior Tract 'B' of prior survey document #00S-27 C12, as recorded in the Lee County Recorder's Office, in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 65 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Lee County, Iowa, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing, as a point of reference, at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 7; thence South 87° 59' 35" West (assumed bearing for this description) 85.45 feet to a point on the centerline of said Argyle Road, an existing public roadway as now established, at Station No. 433+05.5; thence South 45° 54' 27" East 834.64 feet along said centerline to a point on the Northerly line of said prior survey;

thence North 72° 48' 39" East 857.84 feet along said prior survey to a point on the East line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00° 44' 36" East 570.95 feet along said East line to the point of beginning of the following described tract of land, said point being on the Right of Way Easement line at Station No. 450+87/ 140' LT.; thence North 78° 15' 09" West 253.10 feet along said Right of Way to a point at Station No. 448+00/ 130' LT; thence North 61° 32' 59" West 265.21 feet along said Right of Way to a point at Station No. 445+00/ 130' LT; thence South 34° 05' 27" East 93.30 feet to a point at Station No. 445+96/ 95' LT; thence South 59° 59' 26" East 161.17 feet to a point at Station NO. 447+71/ 86' LT; thence South 65° 10' 16" East 225.61 feet to a point at Station No. 450+08/ 53' LT; thence North 71° 59' 00" East 44.77 feet to a point at Station No. 450+51/ 73' LT; thence North 34° 27' 30" East 73.84 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.62 acres, more or less,

of existing Right of Way Easement

SUBJECT TO FINAL PLAT OF SURVEY

To Connor P. Dupree: 04-15-21-07-400-0230 205 Van Buren Street, Warsaw, IL 62379

Consistent with the conveyances as listed above the adjoining property owner is conveyed the said legally described and designated vacated portion of the above described portions of Argyle Road.

Upon approval, pursuant to Section 354.23, Code of Iowa, 2020, this Resolution will serve as the lawful conveyance of the said vacated property.

The Auditor is instructed to publish notice of this public hearing not less than four nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Dated this the 19th day of July, 2021.

Lee County Board of Supervisors. /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman, /s/ Rich Harlow, Vice-Chair, /s/ Ron Fedler, Member, /s/ Rick Larkin, Member and /s/ Garry Seyb, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, County Auditor. Motion carried.

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Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve the Monday, July 12, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to approve a new hire for Conservation, Caroline Veihl, Administrative and Outreach Coordinator, \$22.85/hr., effective 7/26/21; step increase for David Sugars, Maintenance with the Secondary Roads Department, from \$22.34/hr. to \$22.85/hr., effective 7/22/21; new hire for the Treasurer's Office, Kathy Burkhammer, Records Clerk, \$15.47/hr., effective 7/27/21 and new hire for the Treasurer's Office, Andrea McVay, part-time Clerk, \$15.47/hr., effective 7/27/21. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Larkin reported on a Regional Mental Health Commission meeting and a Workforce Development Committee meeting. Fedler reported on a RUSS Board meeting. Seyb

reported on a Department Head meeting. Harlow reported that the Izaak Walton League approached him with a request to look into the Corps of Engineers resuming dredging of Devil's Creek.

At 9:30 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Harlow, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Claims paid July 19, 2021

Nxt Deg Comm, svs 210.00
ABC Fire Extng, svs 256.50
Access Enrgy, svs 1207.81
Ace Hardware, splys 29.76
Adv Crctl Hlth, svs 10792.17
Agrineed, splys 267.10
Alliant Enrgy, svs 22698.08
Amazon, splys 298.97
E Andries, exps 38.78
Applied Cncpts, equip 14669.00

Assc Erly Chld, equip 447.00
Atco Intl, svs 218.80
Bates Sntatn, svs.. 375.00
Blades/Green, svs 2652.00
Brightree, svs..... 2413.50
L Cadwallader, exps 662.40
CDW Gov, equip.... 150.22
CR WinPump, splys 461.92
ClckStrt Web, svs ... 44.85
CCS, svs..... 1256.85
Comm Actn, svs.... 861.00
Cullen Pest, svs.... 476.00
H Curtis, svs 75.90
DM Co Hlth Dpt, svs 4869.18
DM Register, publ 489.00
DHLW Erly Chld, svs 5296.19
Discount Tire, svs ... 75.00
Dnnllsn Lmbr, equip 124.97
Dnnllsn Tire, svs ... 326.00
Dble A Glass, svs.. 154.88
Estrn IA Tire, tires 5074.46
Elect Engrg, splys 215.28
Elect Engrg, svs.... 179.31
Farm/Home, splys .. 35.98
Fidelity life, ins 27.82
Floyds, svs..... 54.50
FMCH, svs..... 970.00
FM Hsng Auth, svs 1822.51

Gabel Real Est, rent 155.00
Galls, splys 29.50
Garner FdMart, svs 683.30
GeoComm, svs... 2100.00
N Granaman, svs 1467.12
Gray Quarries, splys 233.55
Grntd Clean, svs 2304.00
TO Haas Tire, svs... 84.65
Hall Excvtng, svs 1535.00
Hnck Co Hlth, svs 360.00
Hartricks Lmbr, parts 11.94
Health Sol, svs..... 210.00
hibu, publ 143.00
Huffman Wldng, equip 289.13
HyVee, splys..... 28.08
Ideal Rdy Mix, mtrl 520.00
IA DOT, signs..... 1534.00
IA St Pen, meals 12270.00
ISAC, reg 420.00
J&S Elec Bus, splys 943.50
Jays Auto, svs..... 151.17
Jet Gas, fuel 511.97
C Johnson, exps... 529.00
JW Med, equip 530.00
Rvrfrnt Brdctg, publ 200.00
G Knisley, exps..... 69.30

Khlmrgn Hlg, svs .. 801.25
LeeCo Hlth, svs .. 1457.00
LeeCo Treas, fees 285660.13
LeeCo Treas, costs 5097.85
McFarlands, splys 287.22
L Mehl, exps 22.05
MetLife Dntl, ins 62.60
MARC, splys..... 2577.93
MidAm Enrgy, gas 127.47
MW Alarm, svs..... 507.50
MW Grp Bnfts, svs 994.70
O Miller, exps..... 330.75
Mohrfeld Elct, svs 1997.80
Molyneaux Ins, svs 1500.00
Motorola Sol, equip 17198.30
JJ Nichting Co, parts 264.00
OMG MW, splys.... 583.15
Onmedia, adv 779.00
Panther Unif, unif.. 176.21
J Patrick, svs 750.00
Pen City Crnt, publ 854.97
Prairie Farms, splys 326.40
Quill Corp, splys ... 202.58
J Rea, exps..... 181.90
RedLion, svs..... 2745.39
RicohUSA, splys... 116.41
Rvr Hills Vllg, svs 7087.50

Road Mach, splys 887.99
Rck Vllly PT, svs 130.00
RSM US, svs 4296.00
K Rumelhart, rent 189.00
A Schiller, svs 2007.75
K Schleidt, svs 834.00
SEAT, edu..... 125.00
Shield Tech, svs.. 3060.00
J Shoup, svs 600.00
Shred-It, svs 54.96
SIADSA, svs 10400.00
Solutions, svs 3464.05
C Spann, svs 40.00
Spnsr Prgm Acct, svs 1654.77
St Hygnc Lab, svs... 25.00
Stericycle, svs..... 935.88
Suprm Radio, equip 1444.68
R Swainey, exps ... 112.95
T-Mobile, equip..... 76.14
Tallgrass Bus, splys 60.04
P Tripp, exps..... 72.00
US Bnk Eqp, svs... 220.14
US Cell, svs 2091.10
C VanBerkum, exps 11.25
VB Co Shrff, svs 46.20
Verizon, svs 40.01
J Wessel, exps 256.95
West Grp, splys .. 1121.28
West Pnt Utlty, svs 1449.09
Windstream, svs ... 320.49
Winners Circle, svs 57.26

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- >> It starts at sea.
- >> Tropical waters heat up.
- >> Warm air soars skyward.
- >> Cold air rushes to the void.
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From the Front

Kelly named this year's Rodeo Parade Grand Marshal

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Royalty, which is the rodeo queens from around Missouri, Iowa and Illinois, and local VIPS.

This year's grand marshal is Craig Kelly, the perennial voice of the Special Kids Rodeo, a rodeo that caters to adults and children with special needs. That event is part of Ready to Rodeo Week and is held on the Saturday before the rodeo action.

Fedler said entries continue to come in daily.

"I think there's a little apprehension still because we're hovering around 60 entries. I would like to see those numbers up a bit, but we're getting more and more each day," Fedler said.

Four high school bands are already registered for the judged parade.

With parade Saturday being the 20th anniversary of the attack on the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001, Fedler said he's seeing some entries carrying a more patriotic theme.

"One of those entries is a guy with a 6x6 military jeep that he owns and is decorating. That will be an interest-

ing new addition. We're not really promoting the 9/11 theme, but we are using word of mouth to let people know to be as patriotic as possible," he said.

He said another unique entry this year is a horse drill team called Grit and Grace out of Pittsfield, Illinois.

"That's a horse team that drills right in the middle of the street, so I'm interested in seeing that," he said. "And I think that's probably the farthest entry away from Fort Madison we have so far."

The parade is judged by volunteers as always with prizes to the top float entries and top bands. The judging is done by volunteers and each year is different volunteers.

Fedler said Greg Brockman will be doing his 49th parade zooming around the route dressed in clown garb on his scooter.

"You can't talk about the Fort Madison Rodeo Parade without mentioning Greg Brockman's contribution," Fedler said.

Any individuals or groups looking to register can do so up to the day before the parade, but Fedler said the

later you register the more likely you'll be toward the back of what's quickly becoming a full parade.

"I take entries up til the day before the parade, but just know if they register that late, they will be toward the back. The parade starts at 23rd Street and Avenue G, but back a couple blocks from there everything converges with volunteers. That's where it all happens," Fedler said.

With the pandemic still in view, volunteers are still a needed resources, but Fedler said as of right now, he has just enough to do what needs to get done, but additional people would make things even easier. He said that also could be part of the reason why entries are low - that people can't get volunteers to help build floats and entries.

The parade features more than 1,000 horses and horse entries and kicks off at 9:30 a.m. on Avenue G in downtown Fort Madison.

To register for the Tri-State Rodeo Parade simply click here: <https://www.tristaterodeo.org/registration-parade/>.

SIREPA board tables approval of lease agreement with LCEDG

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Office of the Chief Information Officer, under the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program.

The total funding package would then be accessed by Danville Telecom to build a fiberoptic backbone up the west central side of Lee County from Keokuk to Hwy. 16, to serve Tier 1 customers in the area who don't have reliable Internet service.

Last month Danville Telecom CEO Tim Fencl unveiled a \$5.5 million plan

to build the fiber optics broadband network that would target the most underserved rural areas of the county.

Norris said there is some competition for the money, but two other proposals are for wireless broadband expansion and not fiber optics based service. Those plans also include increased service for Tier 2 and Tier 3 customers. The grants from OCIO focus on Tier 1 service projects, so Norris said the SIREPA request would be given priority over the other applications.

"The only information I was allowed to look at was the OCIO grant requests and we're the only fixed service grant applied for in Lee County. The other two are wireless," Norris said.

Danville Telecom has already received \$3.3 million in grant funding from the state and federal funds to increase broadband coverage to about 51 square miles in Des Moines and east Henry counties. Those funds came through earlier Notice of Financial Availability through the Empower Rural Iowa program.

In other action, the board approved authorizing chairwoman Denise Boyer to sign a lease agreement with Lee County Economic Development Group for use of the former KL Megla building. The lease itself was on the agenda for approval, but several board members wanted the language cleaned up regarding subletting the building's space. The vote allows Boyer to sign the lease after the language has been cleaned up.

The lease is good for three years with a possibility of a one-year extension.

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