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SIGNS OF CHANGE



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The new Amtrak Fort Madison Depot signs were on the property Wednesday afternoon. Crews in the background work on getting the signs posted along the brand new Amtrak Passenger platform, a requirement of Amtrak before the first official stop can be announced. A commemoration of the depot and ribbon-cutting will take place Friday night at about 6:30 p.m. at the depot and the public is invited.

First-ever Amtrak stop in downtown FM just days away

Article submitted by Amtrak

FORT MADISON - Mayor Matt Mohrfeld will lead a delegation of officials this Friday to celebrate the completion of a project to bring passenger rail service back to the city's riverfront. Since inception of Amtrak in 1971, Southwest Chief Trains 3 & 4 and others have stopped at what is now is a BNSF Railway building west of the central business district.

Predecessor Santa Fe Railway relocated to that rail yard in 1968, meaning Amtrak has never served the downtown location – until next week.

This Friday, Mayor Mohrfeld and Amtrak officials will announce the first day of regular service at the historic station built by Santa Fe in 1910.

The celebration caps a nearly 14-year effort to improve the station by raising it above the Mississippi River Floodplain and to construct an ADA-compliant platform.

This project, background on this station and the interesting history of Fort Madison is on the Great American Stations website, which will be updated to reflect the completion of the project.

Randy Evans,
Executive Director

OPINION

Politics has changed since Dole's days

The death Sunday of Robert Dole was a potent reminder of what we have lost as a nation.

Another member of the Greatest Generation has left us — another of those Depression-era kids who came together to save democracy in the dark days of World War II.

The career of the 98-year-old Kansas Republican reminds us how diminished our nation's political system has become in the past 25 years. Far fewer supposed leaders are willing to put their nation ahead of their political party.

Of course, Bob Dole was no shrinking violet when it came to politics. He did not shy away from a bare-knuckles fight. He could use a sharp-tongue and sarcasm to cut down an adversary, whether it was a Democrat — or a Republican.

And he was not afraid to direct his razor-like wit toward himself, either. In 1988, after losing the New Hampshire presidential primary to George H.W. Bush, Dole said, "I went home after New Hampshire and slept like a baby. Every two hours, I woke up and cried."

All of this makes Dole something of an anachronism in today's American politics — someone who enjoyed the give-and-take of politics but who knew, ultimately, it was more important to work out compromises and find consensus on behalf of the American people.

In accepting the Republican nomination for president in 1996, Dole summed it up this way: "In politics, honorable compromise is no sin. It is what protects us from absolutism and intolerance."

Too many of today's political leaders

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LEE COUNTY NEWS

Supervisors approve \$2M spend on J62 resurfacing

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – County officials have approved a \$2 million spend to resurface 255th Street from Hwy. 27 east to Hwy. 61.

At Monday morning's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, the board approved spending \$2,068,010 on the asphalt repaving that also includes a cold in-place recycling.

The low bid from WL Miller Co. of Hamilton was accepted. The coun-

ty had one other bid about \$80,000 higher.

County Engineer Ben Hull said the crude oil component of the asphalt mix was difficult to project in the

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WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap

- THU 09 DecOvercast, 58° F/ 32° F
- FRI 10 DecScattered Clouds, 59° F/ 36° F
- SAT 11 DecScattered Clouds, 45° F/ 33° F

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- MEGA MILLIONS 12/07 17 40 43 68, Mega Ball: 1 Megaplier: 2
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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

DAVID L. SMITH

David Luther Smith, 74, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:57 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on March 15, 1947 in Ottumwa, IA to Dr. Charles & Bettie Adams Smith. He spent most of his life in the Kansas City, MO area and graduated from North Kansas City High School in 1965 and later from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University) with a degree in Biology. He married Linda Hutchinson on August 30, 1969 in Fort Madison, IA. He retired from Smurfit-Stone Container Company in 2003 after 31 years of service. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Fort Madison and served as a deacon. He enjoyed nature, bird watching, gardening and following the Kansas City Chiefs.

David is survived by: his wife: Linda Smith of Fort Madison, IA; 1-brother: Antry (Lea Anne) Smith of Lathrop, MO; 2-sisters: Sandra Ragan of Kansas City, MO & Maria (Richard) Holloway of Gladstone, MO; several nieces, nephews and his dogs: Bear & Moose. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2021 with a memorial service to immediately follow at 10:30 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Leslie Dalstra officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established for the First Christian Church, P.A.W. Animal Shelter or the North Lee County Historical Society. Online condolences to the Smith family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



SMITH

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.

OBITUARIES

LUELLA MENKE

Luella Menke, 92, of Sartell, Minnesota, formerly of West Point and Carroll, Iowa, passed away Friday, December 3, 2021, at 11:30 p.m. in Sartell, Minnesota.

She was born on February 21, 1929, the fourth child of William and Christina (Pomberg) Steffensmeier. On May 3, 1952, she married Cecil Menke at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa.

Survivors include her husband: Cecil; four children: Bernard Menke of Sartell, Minnesota, Kris Menke of Sartell, Minnesota, Greg (Mardelle) Menke of Urbandale, Iowa and Marlene (Eric) Grindland of Sartell, Minnesota; three grandchildren: Joel Menke, Trevor (Taylor) Grindland, and Kia (fiancé Tanner Bechtold) Grindland. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: Leroy and Adrian; three sisters: Mary Kruse-Chatham, Rita Sporkman, and Jane Menke.

Luella and Cecil, along with their four children moved to Carroll, Iowa in May of 1966 and started a hardware store. They sold the hardware business in 1985.

Luella was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll, Iowa and St. Francis Catholic Church in Sartell, Minnesota. She loved knitting, crocheting, playing cards and baking cookies.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2021, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Father Dennis Hoffman as celebrant.

Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery, West Point, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory to Holy Trinity Catholic Schools in West Point.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

CINDY M. FUNK

Cindy M. Funk, 60, of Iowa City, died on Sunday, December 5, 2021, at UIHC surrounded by family. In Fort Madison, a celebration of Cindy's life will be held from 1:00 – 2:30 pm Sunday, December 12, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, followed by a 2:30 pm prayer service officiated by Pastor Dean Graber. Services in Iowa City are also being held, including a celebration of Cindy's life from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Friday, December 10, 2021, at Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service Iowa City; a time of sharing will begin at 6:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to cancer research at The Holden Comprehensive Cancer Research Center at UIHC or The American Diabetes Association.

Cindy was born on December 31, 1960, in Quincy, IL, the daughter of James Edward Bender and Mary Irene Jones.

For over thirty years, Cindy worked at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics. She worked in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Room, Procedural Sedation Team, and ended her career in Pediatric Gastroenterology.

Cindy was married to Ted Dohman for many years and together they had one daughter, Heather. Cindy married Clarence "Hop" Funk on May 12, 2001, in Iowa City. Hop passed away unexpectedly on January 27, 2017.

Cindy enjoyed red pin bowling, playing cards, painting, traveling, girls' trips, Black Friday shopping, and watching "Survivor". She also loved spending time with her grandchildren, camping with the family and cuddling with Joe.

Cindy is survived by her daughter Heather (Tom) Wyjack of Solon, IA; stepchildren Josh, Matt, and Rachel Funk of Iowa City; grandchildren Adia and Ashten Wyjack, and Rylee and Jovie Funk; mother Mary (Jim) Barnett of Ft. Madison; sister Barbara Janssen of Atlanta, GA; father James Bender; several nieces, nephews and extended family and the family cocker spaniel, Joe Cocker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hop Funk; maternal grandparents Raymond and Mary Jones; paternal grandparents George and Clarice Bender; brothers-in law Kenny Funk and Larry Funk; sister-in-law Gloria Kelley and Hop and Cindy's first adopted puppy, Patch.



FUNK

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

12/06/21 – 8:43 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Serena Dawn Schnider, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 1400 block of Avenue C, on 3 warrants for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/06/21 – 9:07 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of 24th Street.
 12/06/21 – 9:29 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 12/06/21 – 11:27 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 500 block of Avenue G.
 12/06/21 – 11:39 a.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Kara Sue Nelson, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 600 block of 8th Street, on 2 warrants for failure to appear. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/06/21 – 12:10 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Alyssa Blair Hardy, 32, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 29th Street and Richards Drive, on a charge of driving while barred.
 12/06/21 – 3:27 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Kathy Lynn Smith, 70, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue J, on a charge of trespassing.
 12/06/21 – 3:27 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded

to a report of larceny/theft in the 2700 block of Avenue K.
 12/06/21 – 4:18 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Bobbie Terrell Lott, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 2700 block of Avenue K, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.
 12/06/21 – 4:23 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue H.
 12/06/21 – 7:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 48th Street and Avenue O.
 12/07/21 – 4:59 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Carri Lou Carson, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred.
 12/07/21 – 10:59 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1600 block of Avenue H.
 12/07/21 – 1:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Hailey Noel Gilman, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 3000 block of Richards Drive, on a charge of driving while barred.
 12/07/21 – 2:02 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2600 block of Avenue H.
 12/07/21 – 2:17 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2600

block of Avenue L.
 12/07/21 – 4:28 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Donald O'Rien Bell, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff report

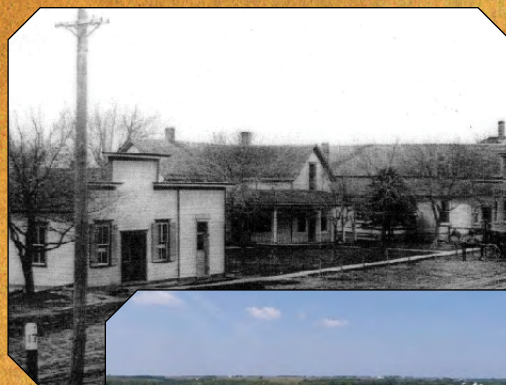
12/04/21 – 9:38 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of 270th Avenue and Belmont Road. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Ryley Nicholas Davis, 15, of Keokuk, was heading northbound on 270th Avenue and when the driver lost control trying to turn onto Belmont Road, entered a ditch, struck an Alliant Energy pole and a guide wire, and came to rest in the ditch facing east. The driver was transported by EMS to Blessing Hospital – Keokuk with injuries. He was treated and released. The vehicle had to be towed from the scene. Davis was cited for violation of a school permit, failure to maintain control, and failure to use a seat belt.
 12/06/21 – 12:49 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Cortney Lampkins, 37, of Burlington, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for 5th degree theft less than \$300. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

12/07/21 – 11:03 a.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Creed Allen-Kent Lee, 21, of Montrose, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/07/21 – 12:48 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Alexis Paige Pumphrey, 23, of Wever, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no-contact order. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/07/21 – 7:00 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Mandy Sue Sample, 41, of Farmington, in the 1100 block of Croton Road, on warrants for 1st offense OWI and failure to maintain control. She was cited and released. *Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

12/04/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls
 12/05/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one stove top grease fire, and one medical call.
 12/06/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls
 12/07/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical call.

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Sports

Fort Madison grapplers take two at double dual

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The Bloodhounds took advantage of five forfeits from Mediapolis, and then rebounded from a tight early match with Wapello to sweep its two matches at a four-team double dual in a packed Hound Dome Tuesday night.

Freshman Caleb Bolander recorded two pins on the night wrestling at 138. The Burlington transfer got pins over Mediapolis' Isaiah Robben 41 seconds into the second period, and then got a hard-earned pin over Wapello's Dylan Woodruff at 25 seconds into the 3rd period to lead the Hounds.

Senior Jakob McGowan continues to put together a solid season after taking 4th last week at the Cliff Keen Invitational at 185 pounds. McGowan got a quick pin over Mediapolis' Kyle Vorwerk and then scored a tech decision over Caleb Ealey of Wapello 16-1 just three seconds before the end of the match.

Emmett Kruse got a couple pins at 126, the first over the Bulldogs' Braxton Davis at 4:43 in the second period. He then worked a tough match with Zach Harbison of Wapello. Kruse had a slight point advantage in that match, but managed to get a 6-point pin for the Hounds with about :36 left in the match.

Fort Madison's Aidan Pennock found himself up against Mediapolis' Quinten Aney, the state's No. 3 wrestler in Class 1A at 132 lbs. Aney wrestled up at 145 with Pennock and took an 18-2 tech fall at the end of the second period for the win. Pennock rebounded with a 2nd-period pin over Wapello's Matthew Helscher at 2:52.

Daniel Sokolik also impressed with a win at 220 lbs. He won by forfeit against Mediapolis, then came back and pinned Wapello's Kekai Seumanautafa at 2:41 in the second period.

Fort Madison's Teague Smith, Ike Thacher, Gavyn Siemens, Logan Pennock, Henry Wiseman and Gavin Wiseman all had wins for the Hounds.

Gavin Wiseman won by forfeit against Mediapolis and then pinned Wapello's Garren Wilkerson with the fastest pin of the night for Fort Madison in just 16 seconds.

The Hounds travel to Wentzville, Missouri Saturday for the Liberty Invitational with wrestling starting at 10 a.m.

Complete results from Tuesday's action are listed below:

Fort Madison (FOMA) 63.0 Mediapolis (MEDI) 17.0
 170: Teague Smith (FOMA) over Lucas Wagenbach (MEDI) (Fall 2:20) 182: Jakob McGowan (FOMA) over Kyle Vorwerk (MEDI) (Fall 0:45) 195: Isaac Thacher (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 220: Daniel Sokolik (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 285: Jaden Wenig (MEDI) over Christian Young (FOMA) (Fall 1:03) 106: Gavyn Siemens (FOMA) over Wil Whitaker (MEDI) (Fall 3:33) 113: Gavin Gerber (MEDI) over Tateum Schelich (FOMA) (Fall 2:40) 120: Logan Pennock (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 126: Emmett Kruse (FOMA) over Braxton Davis (MEDI) (Fall 4:43) 132: Henry Wiseman (FOMA) over Grady Gunn (MEDI) (SV-1 10-8) 138: Caleb Bolander (FOMA) over Isaiah Robben (MEDI) (Fall 2:41) 145: Quinten Aney (MEDI) over Aidan Pennock (FOMA) (TF 18-2 6:00) 152: Austin Miller (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.) 160: Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) over (MEDI) (For.)
 Fort Madison (FOMA) 50.0 Wapello (WAPE) 21.0
 182: Christian Vincent (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.) 195: Jakob McGowan (FOMA) over Caleb Ealey (WAPE) (TF 16-1 5:57) 220: Jacob Miller (WAPE) over Isaac Thacher (FOMA) (Dec 7-4) 285: Daniel Sokolik (FOMA) over Kekai Seumanautafa (WAPE) (Fall 2:41) 106: Codder Malcom (WAPE) over Gavyn Siemens (FOMA) (Fall 4:58) 113: Dawson Tipps (WAPE) over Tateum Schelich (FOMA) (Fall 0:49) 120: Logan Pennock (FOMA) over Garret Dickey (WAPE) (Dec 7-2) 126: Emmett Kruse (FOMA) over Zach Harbison (WAPE) (Fall 5:24) 132: Jacob Chamberlin (WAPE) over Henry Wiseman (FOMA) (Dec 6-0) 138: Caleb Bolander (FOMA) over Dylan Woodruff (WAPE) (Fall 5:25) 145: Aidan Pennock (FOMA) over Matthew Helscher (WAPE) (Fall 2:52) 152: Elijah Belzer (WAPE) over Austin Miller (FOMA) (Dec 7-4) 160: Gavin Wiseman (FOMA) over Garen Wilkerson (WAPE) (Fall 0:16) 170: Teague Smith (FOMA) over (WAPE) (For.)



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Above, Emmett Kruse gets the best of Wapello's Zach Harbison before he sets a pin in the 3rd period. Below, Logan Pennock wrestles Garret Dickey after suffering a bloody nose during the match. Pennock also got the win in a 7-2 decision.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING MINUTES MONTROSE COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 2, 2021

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Dinwiddie presiding.

Present: Holland, Junkins, Rubey, Uhlmeier, Umthun.

Absent: None. Motion carried to approve Agendas as written. All ayes.

Motion carried to approve November 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. All ayes.

Motion carried to approve November 2021 Treasurer's Report. All ayes.

Receipts: Gen \$107428.49; RUT \$6477.54; T&A \$80.00; Water \$13549.53; Sewer \$10771.04.

Disbursements: Gen \$100055.10; RUT \$48609.89; Water \$14765.60; Sewer \$9756.97.

Motion carried approving Resolution 7-2021 closing the Montrose Water Debt Service Account, and transferring the \$6343.04 balance to the Montrose Waterworks DE&IF savings account. Roll call voting 5-0 aye.

Motion carried approving Resolution 8-2021 transferring \$3196.00 per month to Water DE&IF savings account. Roll call voting 5-0 aye.

Motion carried approving the City's Annual Group Insurance Renewal with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield with a 2.3% increase to \$4878.67 per month. All ayes.

Motion carried to authorize paying the new Librarian \$12.36, and giving the Library Board permission to hire a new Librarian at the above wage, with Council to look at wages during the budget process. All ayes.

Motion carried to keep

Librarian Assistant wage at \$10.84 per hour, with Council to look at wages during the budget process. All ayes.

Motion carried waiving the residency requirement for the new Librarian. All ayes.

Motion carried to approve Payment of Claims. All ayes.

KOHLMORGAN HAULING-GARBAGE FEES

LIBERTY UTILITIES (PD)-NATURAL GAS

MCFARLAND-SWAN OFC CENTER-SUPPLIES

MEDIACOM (PD)-PHONES/INTERNET

MOAA MEDIPLUS-GROUP INSURANCE SUPPLEMENT

MONTROSE FIRE ASSOCIATION-1st HALF LUMP SUM PAYMENT

MONTROSE SEWER DEPRECIATION-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS

MONTROSE SEWER RESERVE-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS

MONTROSE WATERWORKS DE&IF-TRANSFER TO SAVINGS

PTM DOCUMENT SYSTEMS-SUPPLIES

RATHBUN REG WATER ASSO-WATER CHARGES

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WELLMARK BC/BS-GROUP INSURANCE

Totals per fund: Gen \$23103.30; RUT \$485.30; Water \$5549.56; Sewer \$6950.50.

Adjournment. Motion carried to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All ayes.

Ronald Dinwiddie, Mayor

Attest:

Celeste L. Cirinna
Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE Minutes for the Lee County Conservation Board Meeting November 9, 2021 Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Hwy 61 Montrose, IA 52639

1. Called to Order at 4:03 p.m.
Roll Call: Alton, Pollpeter, Moore, Mullan, VanPelt present
Staff Present Unsworth, Veihl, Pawling, Oldfield, Steele
Supervisor: Matt Pflug
Absent

2. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2021 and October 27, 2021
Motion by VanPelt to approve the October 19, 2021 and October 27, 2021 minutes

2nd: Mullan
Motion Carried
3. Public Input
None
4. Approval of Bills
Motion by Mullan to approve the bills
2nd: VanPelt
Motion Carried
5. Approval of the Financial Report

Motion by Pollpeter to approve the Financial Report
2nd: Mullan
Motion Carried
6. Discuss and Take Possible Action on Camping Fee Increases
Staff proposes an increase of \$5 on full hookup campsites. It was noted that camping fees have not been increased for at least 5 years.

Motion by Van Pelt to increase camping fees by \$5 to take effect on January 1, 2021
2nd: Mullan
Motion Carried
7. Update Bank Account Information

Motion by Pollpeter to remove Unsworth as a signer for the LCCB Two Rivers bank account and

to add Veihl as a signer for the account

2nd: Moore
Motion Carried

8. Review and Discuss Potential Updates to the LCCB Bylaws

Alton proposed various changes to the Bylaws to align them better with the Director job description.

The proposed changes will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

9. December Meeting Date - December 1 or 2

The Board decided to meet on Wednesday December 1 for their next regular Board meeting.

10. Staff and Director Reports

Steele stated that he has begun classroom programs and that the Hike & Seek, Halloween Hike, and Horseback Riding events in October were successful. Oldfield stated that camping numbers for October have increased by 150 camping nights in comparison to October 2020.

11. Board Member Comments
None

12. Adjournment
Motion by Mullan to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.
2nd: Pollpeter

Liza Alton
LCCB President

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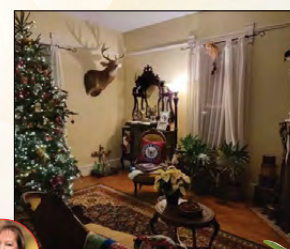


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From the Front

Dole's politics reached across the aisle

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would rather drink battery acid than work toward compromise or to admit they made a mistake. Today's members of Congress have difficulty agreeing on much of anything, sometimes even within their own party.

But Dole often partnered with Democrats to write legislation that transformed life in the United States. He worked with one of the most liberal members of the Senate, George McGovern of South Dakota, to expand the food stamp program. (They continued working together on food and nutrition issues around the globe after leaving Congress, and in 2008, they received the World Food Prize in Des Moines in recognition of their efforts.)

Dole worked with another Midwest liberal, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, to make school lunches a financially secure federal program, instead of leaving lunches to the vagaries of local and state support.

And Dole was a key ally of Iowa's Tom Harkin in securing passage in 1990 of the landmark civil rights law, called the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities on the job and in public accommodations.

Kenneth Duberstein, Ronald Reagan's White House chief of staff, told the Washington Post, "Dole was a wizard at putting together coalitions."

In contrast, senators and representatives these days seem more fixated on ignoring the other party's suggestions. That was not the Dole way.

Yes, he could throw himself into blocking proposals he thought were misguided. But he had a guiding philosophy that stands in sharp contrast with today's Washington political scene — where some knuckleheads call members of the other party terrorists or communists or where they suggest blithely that those in the other party are out to destroy the United States.

Dole's view was disarmingly simple: He was less concerned where good ideas originated. It did not matter whether the idea came from Republicans or Democrats.

That attitude is as scarce as hens' teeth in the halls of

Congress today.

Following his loss to President Bill Clinton in 1996, there was no grousing by Dole about stolen elections. No talk of voter fraud. No references to those who voted for Clinton being idiots or morons.

Three days after his defeat, Dole went on David Letterman's show and talked about the election:

"I learned how great the American people are — Democrats, Republicans, independents. Obviously, you like to win, but you have to accept defeat and look ahead. It's all about the future. I think American is in good shape as you look ahead."

Dole's view of America and its people undoubtedly was shaped by his experience as a 21-year-old soldier in World War II and in the 39 painful months of surgeries and recovery that followed his grievous wartime injuries.

He was wounded in 1945 during fighting in Italy. His shoulder and arm were blown apart, and several vertebrae were broken in his neck and spine. He was not expected to survive. He did, but his right arm forever hung limply at his side.

Dole grew up in the small rural community of Russell, Kan. The Dole family lived in the basement of their home and earned extra money by renting the upstairs to tenants.

After his war injuries, the townspeople raised money to pay for his rehabilitation and treatment. That support frequently moved him to tears when he talked about it years later.

You have to admire someone who never forgets where he came from, who never misses a chance to poke fun at himself, who sees value in compromise and consensus, and who puts loyalty to country ahead of political expediency.

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Patrick appointed to LCCB board

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current economic climate. He said his most recent estimate on the work came in at about \$2,019,000, and he was happy with the low bid proposal.

The funding for the work will come from the county's share of federal Farm-to-Market funds.

The board also tabled a resolution to remove a 10-ton load limit from Primrose Road as other construction projects in the county have pushed heavy traffic to that roadway. Hull said he's hoping one of the projects is completed next week so the county can reopen the stretch to more regular traffic.

In an unrelated issue, the county appointed James Patrick to the Lee County Conservation Board to replace Bill Mullan whose term is expiring.

Initially, Supervisor Rich Harlow nominated Lee County resident Joe Lestina to the board and that nomination received a second from Supervisor Ron Fedler.

But during the discussion portion of the item, Lee County Conservation Board member Tom Pollpeter said he didn't know Joe Lestina, but said Patrick had been a host at Wilson Lake campground for the past five years.

"I don't know Mr. Lestina. I know Jim Patrick because he's been a campground host for us for two or three years. We know him and he knows the staff so he's familiar with whatever issues we have with the campgrounds and this is his second time applying," Pollpeter said.

Harlow then said he would like to rescind his motion and Fedler rescinded his second, and then Harlow motioned to follow Pollpeter's recommendation.

Pollpeter said that Lestina would be perfect for the Conservation Foundation and they would reach out to him for that effort.

Dr. Philip Caropreso and Dr. David Wenger-Keller were reappointed to the Lee County Health Board during the meeting.

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