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FM gets 3 Tourism awards

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY: Fort Madison wins Metro Outstanding Community

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES — Fort Madison received two awards at the Iowa Tourism Conference, and a collaborative effort with the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau, the Kingsley Inn and the Nauvoo Tourism Office was awarded a third.

The Iowa Tourism Office presented 26 awards recognizing excellence in the tourism industry at a ceremony Wednesday in Des Moines during the 2022 Iowa Tourism Conference.

Fort Madison received the Outstanding Community award

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COUNTY NEWS

SIREPA wraps up broadband agreements

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Two agreements that will help facilitate a \$5 million infusion into Lee County broadband was signed on Thursday.

The Southeast Iowa Regional Economic & Port Authority finalized contracts with Lee County and Danville Telecom to provide \$1.91 million in funding to 57 miles of fiber optic cabling through the county.

The move is part of a jointly-funded effort between Lee County, the state of Iowa, Danville Telecom, and SIREPA to build a fiber optic backbone up the west central part of the county to Hwy. 16, then east and south to create a “redundant loop” that will provide tier-one service to more than 120 households in the county.

Danville Telecom can also rent space on the fiber optic line for additional revenue generation.

The money from Lee County comes from the county’s allocation of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and has already been approved by the Board of Supervisors. According to Lee County Supervisor Garry Seyb, the county has the money already and has appropriated the spend.

The additional money for the project comes from a state broadband competitive grant through the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO).

SIREPA helped facilitate the project by applying for, and securing the funding from, Lee County. The grant represents about 30% of the county’s total allocation, which was set by the county when the ARPA funds were first released.

Mike Norris, Executive Director of Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, which serves as administrator for SIREPA, said the project specifically addresses unserved and underserved areas of the county.

“At the time we applied for the Lee County funding, there were not final rules from the Department of the Treasury, so what we

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Courtesy Photo

John Mulligan teaches a bow hunter safety course at the Lee County Conservation Hunter Safety Course on April 9, to more than 20 students. The course teaches students basic survival and first aid skills, water safety, wildlife identification, the basics of wildlife management, hunting laws, and firearm/archery safety.

WEST POINT

Warsaw man killed in Wednesday accident on Hwy. 27

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – A 69-year-old Warsaw man was killed Wednesday as a result of a collision in western Lee County.

According to Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber, emergency crews from Lee County Sheriff’s Department, Donnellson Fire & Rescue, Lee County EMS, Donnellson/West

Point Police Department, Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Dept. of Transportation, as well as PAW animal shelter responded to the accident at U.S. 27 (Hwy. 218) and 200th Street.

Upon arrival rescue personnel determined that Steven K. Brownlee, of Warsaw, Ill., the driver of a vehicle headed northbound on Hwy. 27, was deceased. PAW

officials helped care for pets that were in the vehicle.

The collision also involved a delivery truck headed westbound off 200th Street, or Franklin Road.

The accident remains under investigation and no further information is being released at this time.



NORRIS

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WEATHER

FRI 22 Apr.....	Rain, 73° F/ 56° F	OpenWeatherMap
SAT 23 Apr.....	Light Rain, 78° F/ 63° F	
SUN 24 Apr.....	Light Rain, 66° F/ 48° F	

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 04/20.....	13 25 29 30, Star Ball: 6 All Star Bonus: 5
LUCKY FOR LIFE 04/20.....	11 17 28 32 42, Lucky Ball: 2
PICK 3 04/20 MIDDAY.....	5 10
PICK 3 04/20 EVENING.....	6 4 1
PICK 4 04/20 MIDDAY.....	8 4 4 6
PICK 4 04/20 EVENING.....	3 1 6 1
POWERBALL 04/20.....	20 30 45 55 56, Powerball: 14 Power Play: 2

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Scene Around Town/Iowa News



Fort Madison's 2022 Prom Court includes: front row (left to right): Kirsten Walz, Chelsea Smith, Anna Lynk, Chloe Jones, Hope Ridgway, and Rylee Zimmerman . Back Row (left to right): Matthew Hoenig, Matthew Steffensmeier, Phillip Goldie, Tyler Horn, Abram Lorence, and Austin Miller

Iowa receives \$53.2M tobacco payment

DES MOINES — Tobacco companies involved in the 1998 landmark settlement have transferred about \$53.2 million to the state treasury for this year's payment.

In the last 24 years, Iowa has received \$1.41 billion in payments under the settlement. The state will continue to receive annual Master Settlement Agreement payments in perpetuity, based on the number of cigarettes sold in the United States. The MSA is the largest settlement in U.S. history.

"Nearly a quarter century after the Master Settlement Agreement was reached, it remains one of the most important settlements to consumers in Iowa and across the country. It is our duty year after year to ensure the provisions of the agreement are met and that Iowa receives its fair share," Attorney General Tom Miller said.

About \$11.7 million of this year's payment — or 22% — will go to the state.

The 78% remainder will be used principally to pay bondholders who bought bonds issued by the Tobacco Settlement Authority.

In 1998, Miller and attorneys general of 45 states signed the MSA with the nation's four largest tobacco companies to settle lawsuits to recover billions of dollars in state health care costs associated with treating smoking-related illnesses.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

TRAVIS WEIGAND

After a valiant battle with colon cancer, Travis Weigand of Warsaw, IL passed away in his home surrounded by loved ones on April 19, 2022 at the age of 62.

He was born October 16, 1959, in Quincy, IL, the son of the late Dianne Weigand and adoptive father Clyde "Skip" Weigand also of Warsaw, IL. Travis was a Warsaw High School graduate, Class of 1978.



WEIGAND

Travis married the love of his life, Laura Rothert on April 30, 1988. They celebrated forty-two beautiful years together. He leaves behind his wife, Laura, his two children; Cassandra (Brandon) Grunewald, and Vincent (Jana Schmitt) Weigand, as well as three grandchildren Garrett, Waylon, and Wesley Grunewald. He was preceded in death by his parents as well as his sister Jackie (Frank) Cooper.

Surviving loved ones include: his favorite uncle Hank (Jean) Courtois, sister Joni (Chuck) Bush, brother Anthony Weigand, a multitude of nieces and nephews, and friends/honorary pallbearers Joe Thompson, Robert Thurman, Mel Thomas, Brian Froman, and John Harrison.

Travis, a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan, loved the outdoors; especially gardening with Laura, mowing, shed hunting, and fishing with his son Vince. You could often spot Travis driving his beloved dogs, Lucy and Indie, around town. He was a wonderful father and grandfather who adored his wife, children, and grandkids. "Papa Trav" was a badge he wore with pride. He truly loved coaching and watching his kids play sports. A member of the River's Edge Sportsman's Club, Travis enjoyed watching big games, river sunsets, and bonfires at the club with his closest friends and family. Travis leaves many meaningful and happy memories for those who knew and loved him. His carefree personality was contagious to everyone he met. He had a great sense of humor and many stories to tell of a life well-lived.

His friends and family will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Travis, a family man and friend to many will be sorely missed and forever remembered. Because Travis celebrated life, no formal funeral service is being planned, instead, he will be honored with an outdoor Celebration of Life to be held at the Warsaw Brewery on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 3pm - 9pm.

Memorials may be made to his family, in care of Laura, for his grandchildren's education fund.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD L. BARBER

Richard Lee Barber, 82, of Warsaw, Illinois, passed away on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in Burlington, Iowa.

Richard was born on November 27, 1939, in Keokuk, Iowa. He was employed at Armour-Dial until he retired and loved spending time with his family. Some of his other favorite hobbies included riding motorcycles, fishing, hunting, boating and woodworking. Richard was a man of many talents and loved riding his scooter around town and helping Richie fix his car. Richard proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Richard is survived by two sons: Richard L. (Pam) Barber, Jr. and Randy Barber; his grandson Harley Jones; and three great-grandchildren: Tara (Caleb) Jones, Wyatt Jones and Ruby Jones.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Jean (Dedman) Barber, his wife Karen, his grandson Richard L. Barber, III, and two brothers: Jim and Dave Barber.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Printy Funeral Home in Warsaw. Burial with military honors will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Military honors will be rendered by the United States Army and the Hancock County Honor Guard. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday from 3 to 6 pm.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com. Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.



BARBER



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.



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Sports/Education News

FMHS wins eight awards at ISPRA conference

DIGITAL AWARDS: District wins awards for websites, social media channels, apps, and videos

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Community School District recently attended the Communications Conference for the Iowa School Public Relations Association (ISPRA). We are excited to announce that the FMCS D has won eight Awards of Excellence for the following submissions:

- FMCS D Website
- FMCS D App
- Instagram
- Facebook
- Today I Learned Series
- FMCS D Brochure
- "County Seat Victory" Video
- "What Makes You Proud to Be a Bloodhound" Video

The Fort Madison Community School District's website and app were launched

this past school year to create a better, mobile-friendly experience for our stakeholders. The district app, available on the Apple App Store and the Google Play store by searching, "Fort Madison CSD" has close to 1000 downloads. The district has been focused on improving our social media presence and will continue to share our story on our various platforms: Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok.

The Fort Madison Community School District won these awards in company with school districts all over the state of Iowa. "This is the first year we submitted our communication efforts to be judged by directors in surrounding states. We are excited to continually improve our communication and submit even more projects next year," said Dr. Erin Slater

Hounds get third shutout in a row with 11-0 win

MERCY RULE: Bloodhounds knock off Mt. Pleasant to stay atop Southeast Conference

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison's boys soccer team had another big scoring night.

The Bloodhounds extended their winning streak to four with an 11-0 win over Mount Pleasant on Thursday at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Fort Madison (6-3 overall, 5-0 Southeast Conference) has outscored its last three opponents 34-0. This match lasted only a half, keeping the Bloodhounds fresh for next week, when they get Fairfield at home and Washington, which is in second place in the conference, on the road.

"We're mostly healthy," Fort Madison coach Kevin Wellman said. "We've got a couple of nagging things. We're going into the stretch of the season, the middle of the season, where we have some key games, and we've got to be ready."

The Bloodhounds were methodical in putting away the Panthers, with a long list of goals.

- 1:00 — Xander Wellman, assisted by Maddox Rung and Mitchell Pothitakis
- 4:00 — Wellman, assisted by Pothitakis
- 7:30 — Wellman, assisted by Jacob Shottenkirk and Pothitakis
- 12:30 — Henry Graham, assisted by Pothitakis
- 13:00 — Leif Boeding, assisted by Dayton Davis and Nathen Bowen
- 14:30 — Wellman, assisted by Bowen
- 21:30 — Graham, assisted by Pothitakis and Reiburn Turnbull
- 29:00 — Pothitakis, assisted by Phillip Goldie
- 30:30 — Maddox Rung, assisted by Boeding and Goldie
- 31:00 — Dayton Davis, assisted by Pothitakis and Goldie
- 34:00 — Boeding, assisted by Goldie

"I was able to move some guys around," Kevin Wellman said. "Some younger guys got to play more tonight. Some younger guys got more involved in the stat sheet, with goals and assists."

Wellman said he appreciated the sportsmanship of the Panthers.

"The center referee told (Mount Pleasant coach Neil) Schmitz that his players handled the situation well, very professionally," Wellman said. "I asked my boys, and they said the same thing, that these guys were a pleasure to play against."

"It's tough. I've been on the receiving end of it as a coach, as a player. It wears on you. You start questioning whether you're doing the right thing or not. It's nice to hear what the official said."

The Bloodhounds have their junior varsity tournament on Saturday before getting back into conference play.

"We've got to do our best next week, take care of business, stay on top of the conference," Wellman said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 4/5/2022

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 4/5/2022, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Schulz, Gray, Cangas, Amandus, Bowker and Rink present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 3/15/2022; Extended Outdoor Service Area: Vinnie's Longbranch; New 5-Day Liquor License: Dueling Pianos Event; New Liquor License: Quality Inn & Suites; Liquor License Renewal: Walgreens; Claims dated 3/31/2022, March Manual Claims, March Library Claims; March Financial Reports; and Payroll of 3/25/2022.

Officer Warosh introduced Norik, the police department's canine.

On motion, Council approved the Pen City Cruisers' use of the River-view Pavilion for their car show at no charge.

Mayor Mohrfeld opened the public hearing concerning the sale of 2709 and 2713 Avenue J. With no oral or written comments, Mohrfeld closed the public hearing at 5:37 P.M. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-22, approving the sale of 2709 and 2713 Avenue J to Craig A. and Margaret M. Abolt.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 16, entitled "Wards; Precincts" to reflect the Iowa Secretary of State's changes to the Lee County Board of Supervisors' Precincts within Fort Madison City Limits. On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 3, Building, by adding a new Chapter 9, entitled "Vacant Building Registration" and amending Chapter 5, Housing.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-23, granting property tax abatement for Herbert/Karen Faul for property located at 505 - 33rd Street (bedroom/bathroom addition).

On motion, Council approved the appointment of Jenny Devine to the Fort Madison Housing

Authority, filling an unexpired term, term expiring 6/8/2022. On motion, Council adopted a Grow Fort Madison Plan. Mohrfeld gave an update on the status of the James Block Building.

EXPENDITURES	
General	\$143,039.04
Special Revenue	169,138.65
Road Use	30,753.03
Capital	136,902.52
Water	147,162.95
Sewer	79,065.61
Solid Waste/IWC	3,502.37
SW Utility	329.20
	<u>\$709,893.37</u>

REVENUES	
General	\$ 32,640.37
Special Rev.	240,309.95
Road Use	3,391.47
Debt	1,037.07
Capital	9,509.89
Water	283,158.19
Sewer	271,406.27
Sld Waste, IWC	68,752.28
SW Utility	19,026.84
	<u>\$929,232.33</u>

CLAIMS - 4/5/2022

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, PRINTER LEASE	939.68
AIR COMPRESSOR SERVICES, LUBRICANT	438.01
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....	31,777.66
ALTORFER INC., CABLE/BUTTON/SEAL	416.65
AMANDA FRANK, GROW FM MEETING	68.14
AMSOIL, INC, OIL ANALYZERS.....	237.90
ANSER IOWA, ANSWERING SERVICE	197.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM	1,185.37
ASKEW SCIENTIFIC CONSULTING, SAMPLER REPAIR... 3,292.62	
B&B PROPANE, HEAT DISCOUNT.....	1,485.37
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD INC., SIGN MATERIAL.....	1,227.78
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL	85.00
BRADLEY BRYANT, BOOT ALLOWANCE	429.31
BRIDGEVIEW POWER, BATTERY	38.00
BURLINGTON MUNI	

At 7:30 P.M., the meeting adjourned until April 19, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

PAYROLL 3/25/2022	
General	\$186,442.63
Old Fort	2,859.46
Employee Benfts	7,380.07
Road Use	29,427.49
Water	30,608.97
Hotel/Motel	2.61
Sewer	32,882.27
Solid Waste	14,760.33
Airport	488.59
Storm Water	3,855.81
	<u>\$308,708.23</u>

WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE	170.00
CAHOY PUMP SERVICE, INC, SERVICED WELLS	36,427.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATION, PROF FEE - BROS SWAP	7,099.34
CESSFORD CONSTRUCTION CO., CLEAN ROCK.....	991.12
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TABLE SPONSOR.....	750.00
CLERK OF COURT, COURT FEES	120.00
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY PEST CONTROL.....	84.00
DAVE VRADENBURG, REPAIR GABLE @ AIRPORT ANNEX ...	1,810.00
DELONG CONSTRUCTION, INC, STRM SWR REMOVAL (ADD'L)	121,411.33
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, EXHIBIT SIGNS	774.31
DOUDS STONE, LLC, CLEAN STONE	4,296.16
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IMPACT7G, INSPECT/ REPORT JAMES BLOCK BLD..... 22,570.00	LION COUNTRY, SUP- PLY HEATER..... 159.95	NAPA AUTO PARTS, FILTER/OIL..... 405.51	SOLAR TRAFFIC SYS- TEMS, 12V BATTERY 196.00	VESSCO INC., ME- CHANICAL SEAL/ROLL- ER..... 2,880.54	SOLID WASTE 563.27
IOWA HAZ MAT TASK FORCE, DUES 100.00	LYNCH DALLAS P.C., PROF FEE - GENERAL 3,976.00	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS 874.94	SOUTHEAST IOWA GARAGE DR, GARAGE DOOR..... 3,869.00	WALMAN OPTICAL, SAFETY GLASSES - C FULLENKAMP..... 150.00	AIRPORT..... 1,211.82
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC, TRAINING 150.00	MACQUEEN EQUIP- MENT, INC, BEARING 5,383.09	PANTHER UNIFORMS INC, UNIFORM - C POT- THAST 1,950.40	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN, OFFICE CHAIRS.. 359.94	WORKING FIRE FURNI- TURE & M, RECLINER 1,048.99	STORM WATER..... 29.20
IOWA PRISON INDUS- TRIES, SIGN 118.58	MADISON TURF & TIMBER, LAWN SPRING TUNE-UPS 2,442.90	PARKVIEW VETERI- NARY CLINIC, RENTAL FEE..... 1,350.00	STATE HYGIENIC LAB- ORATORY, FLUORIDE SAMPLE 20.00	TOTAL 356,614.54	CLAIMS - MARCH 2022
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, PAY EST #6- PORT TRAIL - 48TH 34,137.14	MCFARLAND, CAN LIN- ERS 47.91	PEGGY STEFFENSMEI- ER, TOURISM BRO- CHURE POSTAGE 128.60	SWED & CO., GROW FM MEETING 360.00	GENERAL 53,758.42	ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC..... 43,439.16
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/ SHIPPING 1,600.18	METTLER TOLEDO INC., RE-CALIBRATION 345.00	POEPPING STONE & BACH, PLAN RE- VIEW-FMCSO ... 1,421.71	TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, BLADE..... 41.58	SPECIAL REVENUES 36,865.60	CENTURY LINK, PHONE 174.28
KEYSTONE LABORA- TORIES, INC, SLUDGE ANALYSIS 217.00	MIDAMERICAN ENER- GY, HEAT..... 10,170.71	POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, WATER BILLS/PAST DUE 1,727.28	TRUCK REPAIR INC., BELT 50.32	ROAD USE..... 16,126.00	HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RE- CEIVABLE, RM SPRAY/ TISSUES/DETERGENT 36.84
KIMBALL MIDWEST, DRILL SET..... 650.51	MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, AMMO- NIA..... 303.57	RAILROAD VEGETATION MANAGE, BULK WATER REFUND..... 353.67	U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES 1,529.26		ICAP TORT LIABILITY INS, PREMIUM 142,489.00
	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY		UNITY POINT CLINIC - OCCUP RANDOM DRUG SCREEN..... 84.00		IOWA DEPT. OF REVE- NUE, WET TAX & SALES TAX SEWER..... 14,114.54
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 MIDWEST BENEFIT, FLEX AND SELF INS CLAIMS 8,709.39
 MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC, LOW PRESSURE HOSE - REPLACE CH 202.59
 MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS, FLEX BENEFIT ADMIN FEE 21,215.49
 RATHBUN REG'L WATER ASSOC, WATER 29.05
 RESCUECONNECTION SOFTWARE, DOG TAG QUARTERLY LEASE 297
 VERIZON WIRELESS, HOT SPOTS 320.08
 WELLMARK BC/BS, HEALTH INS 93,371.39
 WEX BANK, FUEL US-

AGE FEB 10,741.43
 WIGEN WATER TECHNOLOGIES, SENSORS 846.05
 TOTAL 341,011.16
 GENERAL 81083.39
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 SPECIAL REVENUES 123727.52
 ROAD USE 14627.03
 WATER 64787.77
 WASTEWATER 50283.08
 SOLID WASTE 2939.1
 AIRPORT 3263.27
 STORM WATER 300
 TOTAL 341011.16
LIBRARY CLAIMS 3/2022
 3RD GENERATION ELECTRIC, REPLACE LIGHT BULB 523.73

ACCESS SYSTEMS, INK 192.40
 KANOPY, INC., SHELF MATERIAL 29.00
 KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, ICE MELT 51.98
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 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, HEAT 834.22
 PEN CITY CURRENT, JOB POSTING 59.99
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 PETERS HEATING & AIR COND, REPLACE FILTERS 382.15
 PETTY CASH - SARAH CLENDIN, SNACKS/CRAFT SUPPLIES 103.91
 SERVICE MASTER, JANITORIAL SERVICE 905.10

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POSTAGE 1,500.00
 TOTAL 12,267.67
 GENERAL 8,197.23
 SPECIAL REVENUE 4,070.44
 TOTAL 12,267.67

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From the Front

Eastin ushers in Tourism awards

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for metro areas, while the Kingsley Inn in Fort Madison received the Outstanding Lodging Property award.

The collaborative effort was a combined effort to bring about the Lake Cooper Loop event spearheaded by Kingsley Inn General Manager Chi Eastin.

Eastin was also responsible for submitting the Outstanding Community award and the Kingsley Inn's Outstanding Lodging Property award.

"My main focus on my submission for the Lodging category was our exceptional hospitality, beautiful historic riverfront hotel and how the Virtual Railcam has helped the hotel and our community during the challenging time of Covid," Eastin said Thursday.

"My focus on the Marketing Collaboration was how you might be able to bring people to your area, but once they are here, we need to entertain them and keep them staying for a longer time. The solution was starting the Lake Cooper Loop. It was a way to highlight all that we had in the area around our section of the Mississippi River."

Eastin said Fort Madison had a unique opportunity with the river, but bringing in Montrose, the Great River Road Scenic Byway, Lock & Dam 19 and other attractions in the Illinois and Iowa area, just added to the interest.

She said the submission for the Outstanding Community was easy with Fort Madison improving its roads, relocating the Amtrak Depot, the rodeo, new businesses cropping up and the new Fort Madison Marina project.

Eastin said she was hopeful for one award, but when the tourism board honored Fort Madison and the surrounding areas with three she was blown away.

"I was speechless. I went into the ceremony thinking that we weren't going to win but it would be a learning experience for us, after all, we were against all of the

larger communities in Iowa in the Metro category," she said.

"I was shocked and so proud when we were named Outstanding Lodging. Then was extremely honored to have been named Outstanding Marketing Collaboration... I thought that there was no way we would win another award but then was called for Outstanding Community. I'm so glad that I was able to submit a nomination for our city. We've collectively worked so hard on our community and it shows."

She said Lee County had the most wins at the conference.

"I'm not sure how many nominations were submitted to the state but we are unbelievably proud of our three wins and what we have accomplished in our community."

Awards, divided into metro and rural distinctions, were made in 13 categories.

Local efforts that received awards at the convention included:

Outstanding Community

Fort Madison (Metro)
Balltown (Rural)

Outstanding Lodging Property

Kingsley Inn, Fort Madison (Metro)
New Day Dairy Guest Barn, Clarksville (Rural)

Outstanding Marketing Collaboration

Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau, Kingsley Inn and Nauvoo Tourism Office (Metro)
City of Sioux Center and Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce (Rural)

The Iowa Tourism Office, part of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, works closely with community partners, attractions and events, to promote the state's beautifully vast scenery and unique history. Tourism in Iowa generated \$1.5 billion in tax revenues in 2020, with more than \$860 million supporting state and local governments, while employing a total of 60,218 people statewide.

SIREPA setting tone for others

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applied for through the county was to serve unserved areas as determined by the OCIO, and that means areas that are documented to have lower than 25 mbps download and 3 mbps upload," Norris said.

"We used that same plan to apply to the state."

The draws from the county will come in two phases, one for setup, engineering, and right-of-way, which would be roughly \$700,000. The second phase of construction would require another draw of county funds for \$1.25 million. About \$37,000 of that second draw would be held by SIREPA to leverage any additional broadband incentives that could surface in the future, either federally or at the state level.

Norris said the public/private partnership that's been ushered in for the project is viewed well by the state and shows how the PORT Authority can help facilitate projects such as this.

SIREPA Vice Chair Mike Hickey said he originally had some questions under the contract with Lee County as to how the money flowed to SIREPA and then to Danville Telecom.

"It seems, after re-reading it, that we get the money from the county by request, so when Danville says they're ready to go, all we have to do is request the money from the county and it just comes through," Hickey said.

Seyb said that was correct.

"We have the money now. We have a little more than \$3 million already. It's already been approved by the board and we have the funding. So the funding for this project is secure," Seyb said.

Norris said no other port authority in the state is engaged in projects of this size and scope and it shows the real value to the port authority in economic development.

SIREPA was also integral in securing the KL Megla building for the Lee County Economic Development Group. SIREPA actually owns the building and has a lease agreement with LCEDG.

Norris thanked the county and the board of supervisors for working with SIREPA to give the project momentum.

"This has never been done before. We're plowing new ground and we're the only port authority in the state that has done something as substantial as this. I think that's worth putting in the record. Some of these things aren't easy to do, but the communication and partnerships are what has made this happen," Norris said.

"As people learn more about port authorities, guess who they're calling - SIREPA. We're doing things it was intended to do. We have a great system happening and it's evidenced in what we're about to do with broadband."

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Packet pick-up will begin at 10:00 am.

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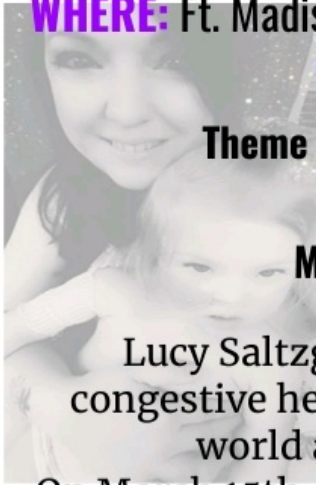
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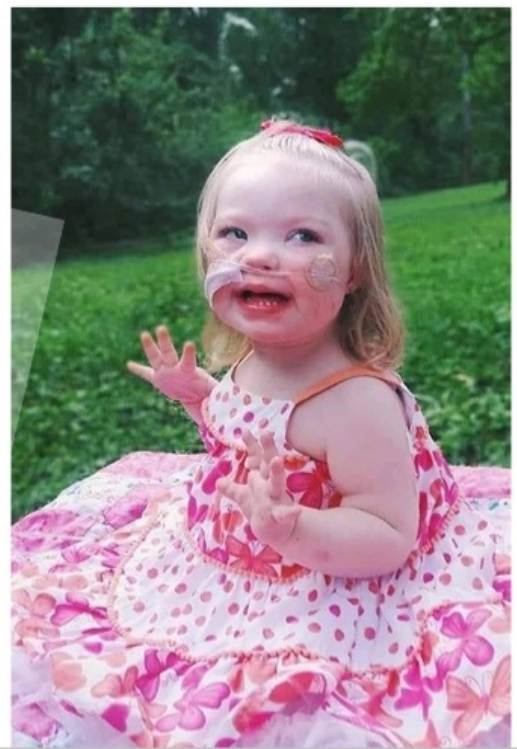
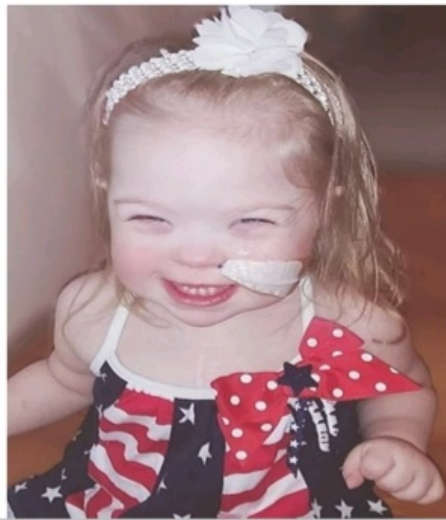
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