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## County board OKs \$775K in bridge repairs

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE – Two bridge repairs and a bridge replacement on the Henry/Lee County Line were approved by Lee County Supervisors at Tuesday's regular meeting.

Lee County Engineer Ben Hull updated the supervisors on the three projects.

The replacement bridge is a bridge that was closed this fall after structural deficiencies were found when the county hired a inspection company to look at all county bridges.

The replacement of the bridge actually carries an \$800,000 price tag, Hull said. But since the bridge is on the county line, the two entities will split the cost of the bridge so both will pay \$400,000. Hull said Henry County officials are taking the lead on the replacement.

Another bridge is on J50 or 190th Street south of the Iowa Fertilizer Plant in Green Bay bottoms. Hull said that bridge will require some deck patching and some more extensive damage, which will require more detailed work. But he said the bridge will remain open for most of the repairs.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

### Undercover Paul

During a dress rehearsal Tuesday night, Colby Moore "Paul" chats up Jim French "Father Chenille" in the zany Old Fort Players production of Drinking Habits. The play goes curtain up on Friday. Tickets are available at the playhouse or online at [www.oldfort-players.com](http://www.oldfort-players.com).

### AROUND FORT MADISON

## Baxter Sports Complex holding fundraiser

*Tickets still on sale for one-of-a-kind benefit to help fund complex*

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

FORT MADISON - The 3rd Annual Baxter Sports Complex Social Tour & Auction Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 29th at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 1:00 p.m. with transportation provided by SEIBUS.

The Social Tour will proceed to the following locations: River Rocks Bar And Grill, Kinnick South, Buffalo61 Bar & Grille, Fort Madison Elks Lodge and ultimately end at Baxter Sport Complex where Dinner will be provided by Wilson Bros. BBQ and Catering at 6:00, with the Live Auction beginning around 7:00.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and includes transportation, 1 free drink at each location (domestic beer, wine or well drink), and dinner.

The Auction portion of the fundraiser is open to the public. Those unable to attend the social tour are encouraged to join us for the live auction.

Auction items include: St. Louis Cardinals Tickets Riverside Stay 8 Play Golf Package John Deere Classic Tickets 8 Parking Pass Iowa Hawkeye Basketball Tickets Kinnick South Entertainment Package ...and so more!

Tickets are available at the following Social Tour locations: River Rocks Bar And Grill, Kinnick South, Buffalo61 Bar & Grille, Fort Madison Elks Lodge; as well as at Baxter Sports Complex and Fort Madison Chamber Office.

For additional information please contact Jeff Woodside at [baxtersports-director@gmail.com](mailto:baxtersports-director@gmail.com) or call 319-372-2932.

### ILLINOIS NEWS

## Pontoosuc man charged in father's death

*Man asks neighbor to call sheriff saying he had killed his father*

BY PCC STAFF

PONTOOSUC, Ill. – On February 10, 2020 at about 8:30 a.m. the Hancock County Sheriff's Office received a call from a citizen in Pontoosuc stating that



DEHAVEN

his neighbor, Andrew DeHaven, age 36, asked him to call the Sheriff because he had allegedly killed his father.

Law enforcement arrived and Andrew DeHaven was taken into custody without

incident. According to a release from Hancock County Sheriff Scott Bentzinger, De

Haven told law enforcement that he had killed his father, Michael De Haven, age 67. Law enforcement searched the house and found the body of Michael De Haven.

Andrew De Haven was taken to the Hancock County Jail and held. Formal charges are expect to be filed Tuesday.

The Dallas City PD, Illinois State Police, Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigator, Hancock County State's Attorney and Hancock County Coroner assisted with the investigation.

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### WEATHER

WED 12 Feb.....Snow, 35.9° F/20.6° F  
 THU 13 Feb.....Cold, 3.6° F/0.8° F  
 FRI 14 Feb.....Clear Skies, 20.7° F/14.6° F

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### IOWA LOTTERY

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## Obituaries/Lee County News

# Charitable fund accepting local grant applications

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

LEE COUNTY - As our Lee County communities grow and change so do our civic, social and cultural needs. Nonprofit organizations in Lee County, Iowa have always been leaders in providing impacts and addressing needs in our communities. For the first time in 2020, The Lee County Charitable Fund will provide Impact Grants to Lee County, Iowa nonprofits. The Lee County Charitable Fund will distribute up to \$25,000.00 in a Community Impact Grant to Lee County nonprofit organizations. The Lee County Impact only focus for support is Lee County, Iowa. Grants will be made to those organizations which have been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt according to IRS as a 501 (c) (3) or to a qualified government agency in Lee County Iowa.

2020 Lee County Impact Grant Applications can be found online at [www.leecountycharitablefund.org](http://www.leecountycharitablefund.org). The deadline for Lee County Impact Grant Application will be May 1, 2020. Selected applicants must present their project to the Impact Grant Committee during the week of May 18th 2020. For questions about the Lee County Impact Grant, please contact Philip Ricketts at: [grants@keokukfoundation.org](mailto:grants@keokukfoundation.org).

### Impact Grant Lunch and Learn

On March 4, 2020, at the Hawkeye Restaurant in Keokuk, Iowa from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., The Lee County Charitable Fund and The Keokuk Area Community Foundation will host a free Lee County Impact Grant Lunch and Learn to present and discuss the Lee County Impact Grant. Interested Lee County nonprofit organization representatives may RSVP for the free Lee County Impact Grant Lunch and Learn at [www.leecountycharitablefund.org](http://www.leecountycharitablefund.org).

## Extension, The Kensington set coffee club

DONNELSON - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Lee County is collaborating with The Kensington to provide a Coffee Club in Donnellson.

Coffee Club will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Lee County Extension Office, 414 North Main Street, starting March 25.

Each session will consist of a variety of educational information, informative speakers and updates on events going on in the community. Coffee and snacks will be free.

If you have questions please contact Alisha Davidson at 319-835-5116 or [adavidso@iastate.edu](mailto:adavidso@iastate.edu).

ISU Extension and Outreach is part of an educational network supported by Iowa State University, local county governments, and the United States Department of Agriculture. ISU Extension and Outreach works to provide learning opportunities for citizens of Iowa by providing unbiased, research-based information that will improve quality of life.

## OBITUARIES

### BEVERLY J. HOSKINS

Beverly J. Hoskins, 80, of Ft. Madison passed away on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 12:03 PM at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital.

She was born on August 16, 1939 in Brookfield, MO to Ethel Louise Hall. On August 22, 1959 she married William "Bill" Hoskins in Brookfield, MO and he passed away on February 18, 2019.

Bev was a travel agent and managed AAA travel agency and was also the co-owner of Global Travel Agency. After retiring she worked for several years at the Bookmark. Bev was a member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church and the Bloodhound Boosters. She was also a member of the League of Women's Voters and was very involved in politics. Bev was very involved with the parade of lights and downtown Christmas lighting. She was a member of the Searchlight Study Club, Ft. Madison Chamber of Commerce and was a former Chair of the Ft. Madison Housing Authority. She loved sporting events and was a Ft. Madison Bloodhound, Iowa Hawkeye and St. Louis Cardinal fan.

Survivors include one daughter, Libbie (Chris) Adam of Jefferson City, MO; two sons, Jeff (Deb) Hoskins of Baxter, IA and Gregory (Linda) Hoskins of Geneva, IL; seven grandchildren; Scott (Steffi) Hoskins, Danielle and Stephanie Hoskins, Mark and Matt Hoskins and Elizabeth and Caroline Adam; two great granddaughters, Sawyer Rae and Amelia "Millie" Hoskins; one brother, William Hills of Platte City, MO; one sister, Betty Walters of Brookfield, MO; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother; husband; one brother, James Hills and one sister JoAnn Kelly.

The funeral mass will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 11 AM at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Dennis Hoffman officiating. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 AM until the time of the service at the church. The family will also meet with friends from 9-11 AM Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Wright Funeral Home in Brookfield, MO and burial will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery in Brookfield.

A memorial has been established for Snowflakes 2013 (Downtown Christmas Lighting) and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### MICHAEL DEHAVEN

Michael J. DeHaven, 67, of Pontoosuc, IL passed away Monday, February 10, 2020 at his home.

He was born May 21, 1952, the son of Newell and D. Kathryn Barker

DeHaven. On July 12, 1974, he married Jeanette Ann Lumsden in Palmyra, MO. She preceded him in death on November 11, 2017.

Michael was a graduate of the Dallas

City High School. Hew worked as a Correctional Guard at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison, retiring in 2012. He was also a mechanic and welder. He enjoyed shooting guns.

He is survived by five sons, Shawn DeHaven of Burlington, IA, Chris DeHaven of Sterling, IL, Chet DeHaven of Burlington, Ronnie DeHaven of Pontoosuc and Andrew DeHaven also of Pontoosuc, two sisters, Judith Scott of Canton, MO and Coleen Clark of LaGrange, MO and one brother, Brad DeHaven of Fort Madison.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and one sister, Donna Link.

No services are planned at this time. Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting the family. To leave a condolence, please visit his obituary at [www.banksandbeals.com](http://www.banksandbeals.com).

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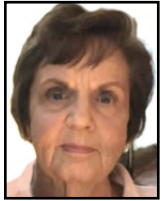
# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### JUDITH A. IKERD

Judith A. "Judy" Ikerd, 80, of Warsaw, IL died Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the Memorial Hospital in Carthage, IL.

She was born April 22, 1939 in Oak Park, IL, the daughter of Alfred and Florence Kuhl Vasey. She graduated from Oak Park High School with the Class of 1957.



IKERD

On May 7, 1960, Judy was united in marriage to Harold Ikerd in Oak Park, IL. He survives.

She is also survived by two sons, John (Wendy) Ikerd of Elvaston, IL and Mark (Cathy) Ikerd of Camdenton, MO, three daughters, Kimberly (Quent Allen) Gerhardt of Warsaw, Amy Schopf of Gurnee,

IL and Lisa "Charlie" (Steve) Seabold of Quincy, IL, twelve grandchildren, Dawn (Jody) Johnson, Christina (David) Rogers, Bradley Ikerd, Jeremy Ikerd, Jake (Sara-Beth) Ikerd, Chris Hageman, Jeff Hageman, Nathan (Tiffany) Allen, Joshua Schopf, Henry Schopf, Clara (Clayton) Gabel, Brendan Seabold and Tyler Seabold, ten great-grandchildren, David, Colton, Harley, Christopher, Rosalie, Bailey, Carrley, Riley, Cayden and Clark on the way, one brother, Tom (Judy) Vasey of Downers Grove, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Robert Vasey and one sister-in-law, Phyllis Vasey.

Prior to her marriage to Harold, Judy had worked at the Mars Candy Company and sent Harold many candy bars while he was in the service. She had also worked at a bank. She also raised AKC dogs and offered a dog grooming service.

Judy was a faithful member of the First Christian Church in Keokuk, a member of the Keosippi Kickers, the Aquacizers at the Horner YMCA and the AKC Kennel Club.

She enjoyed gardening and her favorite thing to grow was tomatoes. She also enjoyed raising chickens, watching and feeding the hummingbirds, collecting Barbie dolls and other dolls and various knick-knacks. Judy had raised and cared for many dogs and especially loved her two Shelties, Dolly and Cuddles who were her faithful companions. She was an avid fan of Elvis Presley and Portillos Restaurant. Judy's priority and greatest joy was her family. She was a wonderful cook and loved to feed everyone. Judy was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker and who greatly enjoyed caring for her family and making their house a wonderful home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday at the First Christian Church in Keokuk with Joel Schlatter and Jake Ikerd officiating. Burial will be in the Elvaston Cemetery in Elvaston, IL.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 6 - 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Hearts of Hancock County Humane Society.

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

## OBITUARIES

### ROSANNA BARTLETT

Rosanna Bartlett, 102, of Ft. Madison passed away on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 11:20 PM at the Great River Hospice House.

She was born on July 9, 1917 in Ft. Madison to Henry and Anna Wellman Vonderhaar. On September 19, 1940 she married Paul R. Bartlett in Ft. Madison and he passed away on December



BARTLETT

11, 2008. In her early years she was a telephone operator and worked at Sheaffer Pen. Rosanna was a wife, mother and a homemaker, raising eight children. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church. Rosanna enjoyed playing cards, reading and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara (Bill) Fowler of Dallas City and Jean (Bill) Smith of Iowa City; six sons, Roger (Mary Lou) Bartlett of Los Alamos, NM, Roy (Diana) Bartlett of Ft. Madison, Robert (Sharon) Bartlett of Ft. Madison, James Bartlett of Concord, CA, Donald (Denise) Bartlett of Ft. Collins, CO and David (Jane) Bartlett of Ft. Madison; twenty grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son Charles; a granddaughter, Christina Stevens; one brother and two sisters.

The Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in Gethsemane Cemetery. The family will meet with friends following at a luncheon at Rolling Hall immediately following the mass. Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for Sacred Heart Church and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### JOAN E. ROBERTS

Joan E. Roberts, 85, of Dallas City, IL passed away at 6:55pm Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the Great River Klein Center in West Burlington, IA.

She was born December 13, 1934 in Dallas City, the daughter of Enileme D. and Eleanor Smelser Zern. On June 24, 1955 she married Glen T. Roberts in Carthage, IL. He preceded her in death on July 28, 2010.



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Joan worked at Champion Spark Plug in Burlington for 32 years. She was a member of the UAW and the Dallas City First Christian Church. She was also a member and treasurer of the C.W.F.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose (Greg) Dillard of Lake Geneva, WI and Laura (John) Goudschaal of Quincy, IL and two sons, Jeff Roberts of Lomax, IL and Rick (Cherise) Roberts of Chicago, eleven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and her twin sister, June Ellis of Dallas City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter-in law, Leslie Roberts, three sisters, Kathryn Foglesong, Julia Danner and Jean Duffy and one brother, George Zern.

Services will be held at 12noon Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Dallas City First Christian Church with Josh Vance officiating. Burial will follow in the Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City. The family will meet with friends at the church from 11:00am until time of services. A memorial fund has been established for the Dallas City First Christian Church. Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting with arrangements. To leave a condolence, please visit her obituary at [www.banksandbeals.com](http://www.banksandbeals.com).

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## Sports/Iowa News

# Central Lee boys set down Crusaders

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Central Lee’s boys basketball team has won just four games this season, but two have come to end the regular season.

The 48-34 win over Holy Trinity on Tuesday night was a sign that the Hawks haven’t given up. “They’re executing, they’re listening better,” coach Evan Swanson said. “They’re doing the small things that we’ve talked about all season. Which I’m happy about.”

The Hawks (4-17), who defeated Louisa-Muscatine on Friday night, held Holy Trinity (8-13) to just 11 second-half points. The Crusaders scored just two points in the first 5:35 of the third quarter, and no points for the first 4:08 of the fourth quarter.

“I told these boys all season, no matter what happens, if you win a game, it’s a lot more fun to hold a team below 40,” Swanson said. “It feels better. That’s the first time, I think, we’ve done that in two years. It’s a lesson that, to win these kind of games, you’re going to have to play good defense.”

“The third quarter was rough,” Holy Trinity coach John Hellige said. “We just didn’t finish. Really, that’s it.”

“It seemed like once a couple of shots wouldn’t fall, everybody struggled to finish. Kind of the story of the night.”

Holy Trinity survived the bad start to the third quarter and trailed 34-29 with 1:45 left in the period. But the Hawks scored the next eight points, and the Crusaders would get no closer than eight points the rest of the game.

Holy Trinity defeated the Hawks in triple

overtime when the two teams played earlier in the season.

“Last time we played them, we played 3-2 and 2-3 zones. We know we have to play a little (man-to-man) in the playoffs, so why not try it tonight?” Swanson said.

“When you can’t finish like that, it’s just hard to beat teams,” Hellige said. “We wanted to get 60 points, and what did we finish with? Thirty-four? So that’s 26 points off our goal. We left some free throws out there, a ton of layups. If we convert on some of those, it takes pressure off your defense.”

Bronson Sargent led Central Lee with 16 points. Seth Mayes had 14 points, 10 in the second half.

Vasin Thurman led Holy Trinity with 10 points.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee’s TJ Stutes (3) bodies up on Holy Trinity Catholic’s Matt Hellige (31) in the 3rd quarter of Tuesday night’s 48-34 Hawks’ win. At left, HTC’s Chandler Rung (5) goes baseline on the Hawks’ (5) Alex Sandoval.

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## IOWA NEWS

# Judge slaps telemarketer with \$2.6 million fine for fraud

DES MOINES — A Polk County judge has ordered a Quad Cities-based telemarketing operation to pay nearly \$2.6 million and permanently banned it from doing business after finding the operation had defrauded small businesses across the nation.

Polk County District Judge Heather Lauber ruled Tuesday granted Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller’s request for summary judgment against owner Alphonso “Al” Barnum of Davenport, several of his associates, and 10 companies.

“We’re pleased that the judge found clear and convincing evidence to penalize Barnum and his partners,” Miller said. “He refused to respond to our requests at every turn, but our Consumer Protection Division persisted in bringing the defendants to justice.”

In December 2018, Miller sued Barnum and the others, alleging the defendants violated the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act by using deception, confusion and high-pressure tactics purportedly to sell advertisements for direct-mail pieces and promotional items, such as high school sports posters and city information guides.

Judge Lauber found that in many cases, the companies delivered no products. Barnum’s agents also called businesses and falsely told consumers that they had previously agreed to purchase advertising and that their accounts would be sent to a collection agency unless the consumers paid that day. The consumers would give the defendants credit card or bank account numbers as a result.

Defendants then made unauthorized charges against the victims’ accounts, including creating checks that were run through victims’ bank accounts, the judge found. Between January 2016 and January 2019, the defendants’ bank accounts received more than \$1.94 million in deposits taken from consumers, according to the ruling.

“Even after the state initiated this lawsuit, the defendants continued to engage in unlawful practices,” Lauber wrote.

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## Sports/Iowa News

# Keosauqua, MP artists featured

DES MOINES – Iowa’s state parks have inspired visitors ever since the first site, Backbone State Park, opened in Delaware County in 1920.

A century later, the parks’ natural beauty is still a source of inspiration. A new art exhibition called “20 Artists, 20 Parks” opens next month in Des Moines before traveling to Dubuque, Clarinda and Sioux City. It showcases artwork that 20 Iowa artists made last summer in 20 state parks – all to celebrate the state parks centennial in 2020.

The show is organized by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs; the Iowa Department of Natural Resources; and Iowa State University.

During their residencies last summer, the Iowa State artists – including students and faculty members from the Colleges of Design, Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Liberal Arts and Sciences – worked closely with DNR park rangers to learn about the parks’ ecosystems. Organizers decided the exhibition should travel in order to share the artwork statewide, as part of the DNR’s yearlong celebration of the parks centennial. Outdoor activities will ramp up this spring and summer at the 72 state parks and forests to highlight the importance of recreation, historic preservation, art, culture and natural resources.

“20 Artists, 20 Parks” Traveling Exhibition  
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Clark Colby - Stephens State Forest, Chariton  
Jennifer Drinkwater - Pine Lake State Park, Eldora  
Nathan Edwards - Yellow River State Forest, Harpers Ferry

Firat Erdim - Lake Macbride State Park, Solon  
Carol Faber - Stone State Park, Sioux City

Kristen Greteman - Wildcat Den State Park, Muscatine

Amy Harris - Lake of Three Fires State Park, Bedford

Brent Holland - Maquoketa Caves State Park, Maquoketa

Kimberly Moss - Backbone State Park, Dundee  
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Deborah Pappenheimer - Walnut Woods State Park, West Des Moines

Anna Segner - Rock Creek State Park, Kellogg  
Celinda Stamy - Pali-sades-Kepler State Park, Mt. Vernon

Austin Stewart and Omar De Kok-Mercado - Brushy Creek State Park, Lehigh  
Paula Streefer - Gull Point State Park, Okoboji

Nancy Thompson - Lacey-Keosauqua State Park, Keosauqua

Olivia Valentine - Viking Lake State Park, Stanton

Rob Wallace - Lake Darling State Park, Mt. Pleasant  
Barbara Walton - Pikes

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Christopher Yanulis - Pilot Knob State Park, Forest City.



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Front Row: Gavyn Seimens 2nd, James Fuller 3rd, Ren Watson 2nd, Wyatt Day 2nd, Beau Wagner 3rd, Back Row: Ike Thacher 1st, Landon Rudd 4th, Teague Smith 1st, Henry Wiseman 4th, Logan Pennock 1st. Also competing were Landon Crank, Bo Herdrich, Rainer Johnson, Oliver Schelich, Tateum Schelich, and Zane Houtz



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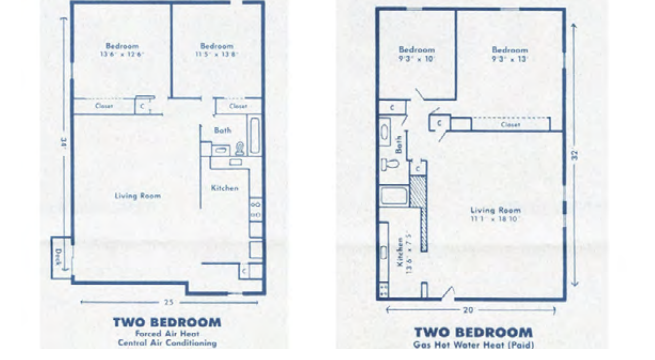
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## From the Front/Current-Lee

# “Preliminary poll” holds county library support

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“We have set up the construction to be done under traffic so one half of the bridge will be closed at time, except for maybe 1 to 2 days throughout the project when it has to be closed for testing,” Hull said.

He said the project will carry a cost of about \$290,000

The other bridge is on J72 or Ambrosia Lane over Sugar Creek. Hull said this bridge will just need deck patching to keep the bridge more water tight and carries a price tag of \$82,000. He said the bridge will be closed for approximately 30 days to through traffic.

The funds for the repairs and replacement will come from federal Farm-to-Market funding and will not come from the county’s regular budget.

In an unrelated issue, the board asked County Attorney Ross Braden to look at the possibility of the county paying a \$1,000 annual lease to First Baptist Church in Keokuk for usage of the parking lot west of the South Lee County Courthouse.

County Treasurer Chris Spann said the Department of Motor Vehicles uses the parking lot to hold motorcycle certifications and paints the course on the parking lot. Spann said she has spoken with church leaders about the use of the parking lot and they asked if the county would be willing to donate money to the church in exchange for using the lot.

Spann said Braden told her the county wouldn’t be able to donate money to the church, but could possibly lease part of the parking lot for a set amount.

“I think if they pay somebody to scoop the snow, and it’s getting kind of bad so at some point they are going to have to maybe resurface.... I was thinking even if it was \$1,000 a year they could put toward their parking lot,” Spann said.

Supervisor Gary Folluo said he didn’t think that was out of line and said possibly a five-year contract might be in order. Supervisor Matt Pflug moved to put in an offer of \$1,000 per year to the church for use of the parking lot. The motion passed 4-0.

In other action, the board took an “informal poll” of each supervisor on whether they wanted to increase funding to county libraries by \$10,000.

County Budget Director Cindy Renstrom said during a workshop that followed the regular meeting, that she wasn’t clear on the board’s direction and there was some confusion.

Supervisor Rick Larkin said he thought the board was in favor of increasing the funding to the public libraries in the county, but other supervisors said they thought the thought was to keep it at current funding levels.

Renstrom then asked each supervisor for a yes or no on the issue. Pflug voted no, Larkin voted yes, Renstrom skipped over Board Chair Ron Fedler, Rich Harlow voted no and Gary Folluo voted no. Then Renstrom went back to Fedler who voted yes, at which point Fedler said the funding would remain the same in the next fiscal year budget.

## CURRENT-LEE

### LCHD children’s immunization clinic

Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children’s Immunization Clinic Thursday, February 13th, 2020 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa. Call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at [www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org).

### Legislative Luncheon Feb. 21

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce’s Government Affairs committee is scheduled to hold its second monthly Legislative Luncheon Feb. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. at River Rocks Bar and Grill in downtown Fort Madison. The luncheon’s are a chance to hear and question state lawmakers elected from this region.

### Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Partners will be holding their annual dinner on Feb. 21. This year’s theme is “A Roaring Good Time” and 20’s attire is requested and formal business is appreciated. Cocktail hour starts at 5:15 p.m. with a welcome, dinner, and awards to follow at McAleer Hall 415 11th Street. RSVP to the Partner’s office at 372-5471 by Feb. 12.

### Baxter Sports Complex Fund-raiser

The 3rd annual Baxter Sports Complex Social Tour and Auction Fundraiser on Feb. 29, 2020. Tickets will be on sale soon at the sports complex.

### Date Escape at the Library

You have 30 minutes to escape an awkward date at the Fort Madison Public Library from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 15. Pre-registration is strongly recommended by contacting the library.

### OFP’s “Drinking Habits”

The Old Fort Players next production will take place Feb. 14-16th and Feb. 21-23rd with performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and military personnel and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) or by calling 319-372-9559.

### “Galentine’s” Party

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### Industrial Tech Day at SCC

Southeastern Community College will be holding an Industrial Technology Day on Feb. 20 on campuses in Keokuk and West Burlington from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will include live demos, meeting with current students and networking with area professionals. Register by visiting [www.scciaowa.edu](http://www.scciaowa.edu) or calling 319-313-1929.

### JDRF 5K Fundraiser

The Southeast Iowa JDRF 5K fundraiser is scheduled for Fort Madison on April 25. Rev Fitness is hosting the event for the first time. This event was run in Burlington for the past 15 years. The course is being planned for downtown Fort Madison on a two-lap course from 10th Street to 3rd Street on Avenues F and G.



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