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Making a Difference



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Neal Dodd and Pat White, with a Union Presbyterian Church volunteer group, put some finishing touches on a home in the 100 block of 22nd Street as part of the Fort Madison Partners' annual Paint-A-Thon. Below, Mary Peacock, seated far left, poses with volunteers from the church group.

PAINT-A-THON: Despite lower volunteers during pandemic, homes still get done

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Partners' annual Paint-A-Thon is winding down... or wrapping up, whatever your favorite colloquialism, but the bottom line is that because of a third year of volunteerism, the city has three nicer homes.

Fort Madison Partners organizes the event each year and Executive Director Tim Gobble said the COVID pandemic resulted in lower volunteer turnout this year.

"Our volunteer numbers are down. Some industry numbers were down and the hospital couldn't send anyone this year, but our timelines are still good."

But several sponsors and volunteer groups sent people to make sure the work still got done.

Gobble said two of the homes had siding on them so they didn't require as much labor. One of the homes was a wood sided home and required more prep.

Gobble said he put the Union Presbyterian Church group to work on the home with the wood siding and used the less volunteer hours on the other two homes.

"Union Presbyterian Church usually has a good core group that I knew would be able to handle that extra work. It needed



a little more work than these other two did," Gobble said.

That home located a 101 22nd Street, owned by 99-year-old Mary Peacock had volunteers from the church working on it since Monday.

One of those volunteers was Sue Spencer, who's been a part of Paint-A-Thon's in Burlington and Fort Madison.

"My husband and I have helped with the Burlington Paint-A-Thon through the years and when they started it here three years ago we just called and volunteered and helped with a home."

She said last year she went to her church and told the congre-

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HIGH-SPEED CHASE

Vehicle theft lands one FM man in jail

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – A high speed chase Thursday afternoon has resulted in the arrest of a Fort Madison man on multiple charges stemming from a vehicle theft in Fort Madison.

Simarius Jefferson, 22 of Fort Madison was arrested and taken into custody following a trip to Fort Madison Community Hospital after the silver Ford he allegedly stole had tires damaged from stop sticks and he collided with another vehicle.

Local police and a sheriff's deputy were alerted to the stolen vehicle shortly after it was reported stolen from Casey's in the 1200 block of Avenue H in Fort Madison.

A civilian spotted the vehicle heading north out of Fort Madison on Hwy. 61 and deputies were soon chasing the vehicle through Lee County toward Des Moines County, where law enforcement there deployed stop sticks.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said he caught up with deputy Brent Gibbs and joined in the chase near Wever.

"I was getting ready to walk out when a vehicle was reported stolen out of Fort Madison from a gas station,"

Weber said. "Apparently the owner ran inside and a police officer or deputy was close by."

"Deputy Gibbs spotted the vehicle with the help of a civilian report and was able to get in behind him."

Weber said the chase originally wasn't at a high rate of speed, but then once out on the bypass speeds got up to 90 mph. He said that's when he contacted the Des Moines County Sheriff's Department to try and stop

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State jobless claims surpass 153,000 last week

DES MOINES - The number of initial claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, June 14, and Saturday, June 20, was 8,542. There were 7,835 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 707 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state. The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims for June 14-20 was 153,771. The U.S. Department of Labor provided updates to last week's number of initial and continuing claims made between June 7-13, which amounts to 9,069 initial claims and 152,739 continuing claims. Iowa Workforce Development relies upon the weekly data released by the U.S. Department of Labor to report its numbers and as such, adopts the revisions to the previously published data.

Unemployment insurance benefit payments totaled \$38,079,525.38 for the week of June 14- 20. The following industries had the most claims:

- Manufacturing (1,961)
- Industry Not Available - Self-employed, Independent Contractors, etc. (1,372)
- Health Care & Social Assistance (727)
- Accommodation & Food Services (532)
- Retail Trade (528)

A total of \$94,948,200.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits was paid during the week of June 14-20, 2020. Since April 4, 2020, a total of \$1,055,653,200 in FPUC benefits has been paid.

A total of \$6,276,265.27 was paid in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits during the week of June 14-20, 2020.

A total of \$3,572,874.83 in benefits has been paid in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits for the week of June 14-20, 2020. Since May 27, 2020, a total of \$18,242,482.97 in PEUC benefits have been paid.

Employees and employers who have questions regarding returning to work should review the Frequently Asked Questions for each group on our website. Assistance for employers can be found here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/sites/search.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/files/content-files/FAQs%20Employers%2006.16.20.pdf>

For more information on the total data for this week's unemployment claims, please visit <https://www.iowalmi.gov/unemployment-insurance-statistics>

West Point Library updates summer reading program

BY DARA SANDERS
WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

WEST POINT - Just an update on the current happenings at the West Point Public Library this summer. Despite the many changes to our summer programming due to the virus, we have a number of exciting ongoing opportunities to share with you. First, we are half way through our 'Grab N Go' Summer Reading Program which runs through July 25. You can still pick up Monthly Early Literacy Calendar bags for kids ages 0-4 and weekly reading log/activity bags for children ages 5-12 at our library. BINGO sheets for teens/adults are also available. In addition, we are a pick-up location for the 4-H at Home On the Go Lesson sponsored by the ISU Extension and Outreach Office. If you would like to reserve a bag please call Breana Houtz, County Youth Coordinator at (319) 835-5116. Furthermore, we are continuing our Zoom Preschool and School Age Story Times online through the month of July. Links are available on our website and our Facebook Event page and passwords can be obtained by calling the library at (319) 837-6315.

The West Point Public Library, along with the help of local businesses, will continue to sponsor a StoryWalk™ around the West Point town square. Since the first story has been a great success, we will be putting up a new story for the month of July, And Here's to You! By David Elliott. We encourage you to take a picture of you and your family enjoying the StoryWalk™ and email it to dsanders@westpoint.lib.ia.us so we can share it on our Facebook page.

A new, exciting addition to our library offerings includes participation in the Produce Box Project sponsored by the Iowa Department of Public Health Live Healthy Lee County. The goal of this project is to provide access to free fresh fruits and vegetables. Look for the Yellow Box in our library lobby, that is where the donations will be dropped off and the "Produce is In" sign in the window that will let you know when there is produce available. Starting on July 6, produce will be available to pick up from 9 am - 6 pm Monday-Friday and 9 am - 12 pm Saturdays on a first come first serve basis.

Finally, on Monday, July 6, we will be moving into Phase 3 of our phased reopening plan. At that time, we will be open to the public Monday-Friday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm with the first hour of each day reserved for high risk patrons. A limit of no more than 10 patrons will be allowed in the library at one time. Computers will continue to be by appointment and limited to 30 minutes daily to allow for social distancing. Lobby pick up will be discontinued at this time and the conference room will be available for public use for gatherings of less than 10 people.

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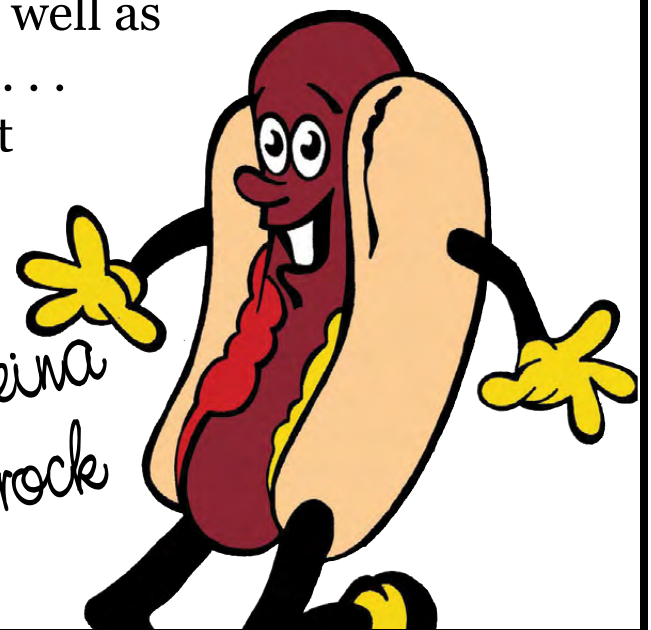
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Lee County News/Iowa News

DreamBuilder winners named

LEE COUNTY - Five emerging entrepreneurs presented their business concepts to investors at the SCC Campus in Keokuk on Wednesday night. The competition was the culmination of the Lee County DreamBuilder program that began in February. The program resulted from a partnership formed between the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce, and SBDC Iowa. The groups joined forces last fall with a vision to support and encourage local entrepreneurs by integrating an online business creation curricula - DreamBuilder, with a classroom component - facilitated by Janine Clover of SBDC Iowa. All contestants who completed the course will receive full tuition reimbursement from Climax Molybdenum, a subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan.

The Pitch Contest was sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank, MidWestOne Bank, Connection Bank, Two Rivers Bank and Trust, Barker Financial Group, the Keokuk Economic Development Corporation, and Fort Madison Partners. It was judged by representatives of the sponsors.

The competition was fierce, with \$6000 up for grabs results came down to a few points separating each contestant. "Each of the competitors



Courtesy Photo

From left to right, Chris and Teneil Jones of Adventure Rentals, and Amy Hobb of Blue Umbrella Bakery, stand with their awards from the Lee County DreamBuilders program.

have done a fantastic job preparing to start, or take their business to the next level. The business plans generated with DreamBuilder, contained exactly the kind of information we think lenders want to see from their customers. Contestants were able to clearly demonstrate and articulate their values, market research, finances, projections, and more" said Tim Gobble of Fort Madison Partners.

Winning \$3000 to utilize towards her business was Amy Hobb of Blue Umbrella Bakery, an in-home bakery specializing in custom cakes, cupcakes, cookies, and assorted deserts. Amy presented her aspirations to take her business to the next level, opening a storefront in Keokuk. More information

on Blue Umbrella Bakery can be found at: [Facebook.com/undertheblueumbrella19](https://www.facebook.com/undertheblueumbrella19)

Winning \$2000 towards their business were Chris and Teneil Jones of Jones Adventure Rentals, a camper rental business, offering camper rentals through peer to peer platforms at competitive prices. Chris and Teneil presented aspirations to extend their fleet of campers, venture into canoe, kayak, and even golf cart rentals. More information can be found at: [Jonesadventurerentals.com](https://www.jonesadventurerentals.com)

Taking home \$500 was Dominique Garcia of Mama Knows, a plant centric weekly meal and catering operation. Dominique presented over a decade of culinary experience in California along with the need for plant centered nutri-

tion options and her plans to pilot and startup her business in her hometown of Fort Madison. More information is available at [Mamaknowslove.com](https://www.mamaknowslove.com)

Also receiving \$500 was Dana's Millard of Dana's Dogs, a successful, in-home pet sitting, dog boarding, and dog walking service in a homey, comfortable atmosphere. Dana presented plans to expand her facility which would increase her capacity. More info is available at www.DanasDogsLLC.com

Plans for another Lee County Cohort are underway but DreamBuilder, developed by Freeport-McMoRan and the Thunderbird School of Global Management, is available online, free of charge [DreamBuilder.org](https://www.DreamBuilder.org).

New law protects student borrowers

DES MOINES - Beginning July 1, Iowa will have one of the nation's strongest laws protecting student loan borrowers against predatory practices.

Gov. Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 272, which requires education debt-management companies — often known as "student loan rescue" or "relief" companies — to obtain a license from the Iowa Division of Banking and provide disclosures and other protections for borrowers.

"We believe the legislation is the first in the nation to address regulation of student loan rescue companies specifically," Attorney General Tom Miller said. "Thank you to lawmakers and Gov. Reynolds for supporting this common-sense regulation."

Miller's office had proposed the legislation, which gives new enforcement authority to the office and the superintendent of banking.

For years, the Iowa Attorney General's Office and Iowa College Aid have warned students to beware of "loan rescue" organizations. Such organizations promise loan forgiveness, reduced monthly payments, or other loan benefits in exchange for an up-front fee, with many companies also charging ongoing, monthly fees. In reality, these companies offer no programs or benefits borrowers couldn't access by themselves or through their federal student loan servicer for free.

In some instances, consumers believe payments to the rescue company are being credited toward their student loan debt, only to find out months or years later that they have only been paying the debt relief company.

The bill prohibits licensed educational loan debt management companies from a list of activities, including requesting or receiving payment before fully performing all contracted services.

For more information on the law, as well as tips for student loan borrowers, see the Iowa Attorney General's website.



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Sports

Lady Hawks rally in sixth for 13-3 win over Lone Tree

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – If you ask Central Lee girls softball coach Tiffany Woodruff why the Lady Hawks are playing so well, she just smiles and searches for words.

You saw it. It's just them," Woodruff said after Central Lee broke out of a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the sixth inning to knock off visiting Lone Tree 13-3.

Central Lee is now 5-1 on the year, with the only loss coming at the hands of New London, a 6-1 affair at home last week.

Megan Hopp started in the circle for Central and retired the top of the 1st on just four pitches all ground outs.

Junior Zoe Eschman reached on a bunt single to open the bottom half and would come around to score on Daly Brisby's sacrifice fly to left. That's all the Hawks would get in the first going up 1-0.

Neither team scored in the second, but Lone Tree would tie it up in the top of the 2nd. Kayla Dautremont would lace a double to the fence in left center and would come around on a two-RBI single from senior Whitney Wiloz. Hopp would get Lillian Miller to ground out to first to end the inning.

A base running blunder in the bottom of the third may have cost the Hawks a run. Freshman Makayla Morrison singled to center with no outs and was moved over to second when Eschman laid down a sacrifice bunt. Macy Watkins then lofted a bloop fly that landed in no man's land behind the pitcher. Morrison got caught in between 2nd and 3rd and was thrown out trying to get back to second. Brisby would then strike out on six pitches to move to the fourth.

Sophomore Arlie Lorack broke the tie with a monster blast about 240 feet to left center that not only carried the fence, but the first row of cars behind the fence. The Lions would tack on another run when Sara Branson came around after reaching on a fielder's choice to score on Allison Marshak's single to right off Andrea Benner's glove at 1st.

Lone Tree's Abby Buckman settled in in the fourth inning after giving up back-to-back one-out singles to Halo Arrowood and Hopp. She got Sophie Woodley and Benner on strikes to end the inning.

The Lions would chase Hopp in favor of Sophie Turner in the top of the 5th up 3-1. Hopp got the first two hitters, but Woodruff had seen enough when a Wiloz pop-up dropped in the infield and a throwing error moved her to second.

Sophie Turner came in and gave up a single but Wiloz was held at third. Lorack would hit into ground out at third for the third out.

The Lady Hawks would tie it up on the bottom of the fifth. Morrison and Eschman reached to start the inning with no outs. Watkins would move the girls over with sacrifice bunt and then Brisby would stroke a 2 RBI single to center, before Buckman would close out the inning stranding Brisby.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Megan Hopp slides in with the tying run in the bottom of the fifth inning Wednesday night in the Lady Hawks' 13-3 win over Lone Tree. Central Lee lost 4-0 to West Burlington Thursday night. See www.pencitycurrent.com Friday for details of that game.

Turner would yield just one single in the top of the 7th and got two groundouts to put things in the hands of Hawks' bats.

Hopp started the inning with a double to center that would normally have been a single, but an aggressive step around first allowed her slide into second safely. Turner would work a walk and Benner would single to load the bases.

Morrison would hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Hopp on a very close play at the plate. Eschman then singled driving in two more to make it 6-3.

"She was letting me swing away. I knew I just had to make contact," Eschman said after the game.

Woodruff said Eschman is very versatile and provided options.

"It's great that she's there. I mean we can do a squeeze – we can do a lot of things with Zoe, but anybody could step up there and I would have confidence in them," Woodruff said.

Lone Tree would bring in Lorack, who walked Watkins after being up 1-2 in the count. Eschman and Watkins would move up on a passed ball and then Brisby drove one right down the line in right that clanked off the fence for a 2 RBI double, with fans in the outfield indicating the ball hit the foul pole for a home run. The double stood for an 8-3 lead.

Shanna Buford kept the hits coming with just one out with a triple that scored Brisby. Arrowood followed with a single scoring Buford forcing another Lone Tree pitching

change.

Kinley Hayes stepped in the circle and proceeded to give up singles to Hopp, Turner, and a game-winning single by Benner to right to invoke the 10-run rule at 13-3.

Woodruff said she told the girls in the fifth down by two that the game wasn't over.

"We had one bad inning and threw the ball around and that's not us," Woodruff said.

"Megan struggled a little bit on the mound, so we brought Sophie in and I said, 'you can't give up, the game's not over.' We played a little small ball and it just kept going and going after that."

Eschman said things got a bit contagious in the dugout in the sixth.

"Everyone's attitude just got way better after we started hitting. It got smoother. Everyone just came together," she said.

The Hawks face a tough test Thursday night when they travel to 2019 Southeast Iowa Superconference South division champs West Burlington for a 7 p.m. game.

"I think we can beat them," Eschman said. "But we have to get our bats and attitudes together. When we hit, our attitudes are positive so we just have to bring our bats."

HITTING: Arrowood – 2-4, 1 RBI; Woodley – 0-1; Eschman – 2-3, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Morrison – 2-3, 1 RBI, 1 run; Watkins – 1-3, 1 run; Hopp – 3-4, 2B, 2 runs; Brisby – 2-4, 2B, 5 RBI, 1 run; Buford – 1-4, 3B, 1 run; Benner – 2-4, 1 RBI, 1 run; Turner 0-1. PITCHING: Hopp – 4 2/3, 7 hits, 1K, O BB, 3 runs (2 earned); Turner 1 1/3, 2 hits, 0 runs.

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Sports

Central Lee boys improve to 5-0 with 16-4 win at Lone Tree

BY PCC STAFF

LONE TREE – Jadon Hawk and Dylan Stueker combined for 5 RBI and 4 runs as Central Lee stayed unbeaten in boys high school baseball with a 16-4 win over Lone Tree Wednesday.

The Hawks have done most of the winning on the road having only one home win, a 14-0 win over Davis County on June 16. The other two home games have been cancelled or postponed due to rain.

Monday's home clash with Burlington Notre Dame was postponed until July 1. The Hillcrest Academy game was cancelled and won't be made up.

On Wednesday night, the Hawks jumped on Lone Tree early with four runs in the top of the first. The Lions' Josh Mills had trouble on the mound early hitting TJ Stutes in the lead off spot. Evan Pohren would single moving Stutes to third, then a couple walks and an RBI groundout to short by Dylan Stueker had Central Lee on top 2-0.

Kade Myhre would reach on passed ball third strike that scored Hawk and then a wild pitch would plate Adam Boeck before Corbin Pohren struck out swinging to end the top half with the Hawks up 4-0.

Lone Tree would get one back in the bottom unearned on a throwing error.

Central Lee would put five more on the board in the top of the second. The Hawks would combine for three walks and four hits highlighted by Jadon Hawk's two-run single to center scoring Stutes and Evan Pohren. Corbin Pohren's smash back to the pitcher brought in Boeck before Mills got a strike out to end the inning.

Central would blow the game open in the top of the fifth up 10-3. Snider would score on a wild pitch with one out and Evan Pohren would ground out to short-



stop for the second out. Then Hawk would single, Simmons would walk and Boeck would get hit by a pitch loading the bases. After a Stueker walk scored one, Myhre would connect on a 2-run single to left. Corbin Pohren would reach on an error scoring Stueker. Myhre would then score on a balk for a 16-3 lead before a

ground out ended the inning.

Myhre would come on in the sixth to close out the game. Boeck got the win going four innings and giving up three runs, one earned on four hits and fanning eight.

Hawk led Central at the plate going 2 for 2 with 2 RBI and three runs scored. Stueker had 3 RBI on the night. The Hawks get the second home game of the year when West Burlington (2-2) comes calling Thursday night for a 7 p.m. game.

HITTING: C.Pohren – 1-3, 1 RBI; Hawk – 2-2, 2 RBI, 3 runs; Stutes – 1-3, 3 runs; E.Pohren – 1-4, 2 runs; Myhre – 1-4, 2 RBI, 1 run; Stueker – 1-3, 3 RBI, 1 run; Boeck – 0-1, 1 RBI; Snider 1-2, 2 runs; Simmons – 0-3. PITCHING: Myhre – 1 IP, 1 hit, 1 run, 1 ER; Boeck – 4 IP, 4 hits, 8K, 0 BB, 3 runs, 1 ER.



HTC girls last full seven with L-M

BY PCC STAFF

WEST POINT – Holy Trinity spotted Louisa-Muscataine (8-1) seven runs in the first two innings enroute to 13-1 loss at home Wednesday night.

Mary Hellige went the distance again for HTC giving up 13 runs, just four earned, on 18 hits and three walks. She struck out one and falls to 0-5 on the year.

Anna Sobczak had the only hit of the night for HTC, a one out single in the bottom of the third with the Falcons up 7-0. The hit loaded the bases with Kelli Meierotto and Raquel Schneider on at 3rd and 2nd. Brooke Mueller would ground into a fielder's choice at second where Meierotto was gunned down on a force at home.

The runners advanced on Mueller's hit. Haily Cain would then work a base on balls to score Schneider from third for the Crusaders' only run of the night. Hellige would ground out to third to end the inning.

Louisa-Muscataine would then bring in Haley Sanders, one of the top pitchers in the state, who came into Wednesday's game with 52 strikeouts. She earned the billing fanning 11 of the next 12 Crusaders to step to the plate. Laura Mehmert was the only Holy Trinity girls to put the bat on the ball when she grounded an 0-1 pitch to first with one out in the seventh.

HTC was still in the game after six, but the Lady Falcons put up a six-spot in the top of the 7th to put the game away.

Holy Trinity will host their third game of the week Friday at South Park against Hillcrest Academy (0-4) in a varsity only 6:30 p.m. start.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LEE COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2020**

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met electronically due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Present: Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Gary Folluo, Rick Larkin and Rich Harlow

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Pflug, to approve the agenda with one amendment-adding an additional Personnel Action. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Pflug, to approve the Tuesday, June 16, 2020 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve the payment of claims, adding one additional claim-a water heater for the South Courthouse in the amount of \$463.29. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Harlow, to approve a grant agreement for Emergency Watershed Protection on Valley Road and authorize the County Engineer to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Harlow, seconded by Folluo, to approve a quote and contract with Cessford Construction Company, Burlington, for road rock stockpile. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve the second reading of the Floodplain Management Ordinance. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Larkin-aye, Harlow-aye, Folluo-aye and Fedler-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve Resolution #2020-81. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Folluo-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2020-81

RESOLUTION SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE
WHEREAS, the Lee

County Conservation Board is in possession of certain property described as the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 67 North, Range 5 West of the 5th P.M., Lee County, Iowa;

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation is interested in purchasing this property to construct a slip ramp;

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has submitted an offer of \$8,100.00, which represents just compensation of the right of way;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auditor is instructed to publish notice of public hearing to be held the 7th day of July, 2020, at 9:01 a.m., the meeting to be held electronically, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

At that time the Board of Supervisors will determine if the offer will be accepted, and, if so, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign the Quit Claim deed on behalf of the Lee County Board of Supervisors to effectuate the transfer of said property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors will accept comments from the public until the 6th day of July, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. by calling 319-372-6557 or emailing auditor@lee-county.org.

Dated and signed this the 23rd day of June, 2020.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Harlow, to approve letters of support for a Joint Education Center. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Harlow, to approve a 5 year support and services agreement with Solutions, Inc. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Folluo, to approve Resolution #2020-79. Roll call: Larkin-aye, Folluo-aye, Harlow-aye, Pflug-aye and Fedler-aye.

**RESOLUTION
2020 - 79**

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM RURAL BASIC TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Roads Fund during the 2019-2020 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 is \$2,313,484.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transfer-

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ring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on June 23, 2020 is as follows:

Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Roads Fund .. \$578,371.00.

Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 23rd day of June 2020.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2020-80. Roll call: Folluo-aye,

Pflug-aye, Harlow-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye.

**RESOLUTION
2020 - 80**

CORRECTIVE INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM GENERAL BASIC TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the General Basic Fund to the Records Management Fund during the 2019-2020 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 is \$18,081.36

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order

a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on June 23, 2020 is as follows:

General Basic Fund to Records Management Fund \$18,081.36.

Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 23rd day of June 2020.

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Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve a proposal from J. Alan Janssen for a certified appraisal on Lee County EMS properties, in the amount of \$2,400.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve updates to the county Pandemic Policy, effective June 23, 2020. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve publication of wages for Fiscal Year 2021.

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- Emily Biddenstadt... 26.86
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- Margaret Cook..... 28.09
- Leslie A Dettmers... 29.24
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- Jeri C Giebelhausen 25.01
- Amy Hayes 25.48
- Jillian Ireland..... 25.38
- Janie Johnson 22.28
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- Shelly Lay 15.49
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- Raegan Swainey ... 24.61
- Michelle M Terhune 17.63
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LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member; /s/ Rich Harlow, Member; and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.....

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve a salary increase for Treasurer's Office employee Joni Pumphrey, Motor Vehicle Deputy, from 77% of Treasurer's salary \$51,233.64/annually to 80% of Treasurer's salary \$54,294.35/annually, effective 7/1/20; step increase for Auditor's Office employee Kimberly Spear, Accounting Tech II, from \$17.95/hr. to \$18.46/hr., effective 6/25/20; step increase for Auditor's Office employee Heather Billings, Real Estate Tech II, from \$17.95/hr. to \$18.46/hr., effective 7/1/20 and new hire for the Treasurer's Office, Lisa Mott, Clerk, \$14.96/hr., effective 6/24/20. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Squeal Inn in Harrison Township.

Committee Reports: Harlow reported on a Conservation Board meeting. Folluo reported on a Restore Lee County meeting. Larkin reported on a Workforce Development Board meeting and the Restore Lee County meeting. Fedler reported on a meeting he had concerning the PORT Trail.

At 9:50 a.m. a motion was made by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be an electronic meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Ron Fedler, Chairman
Attest:
/s/Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

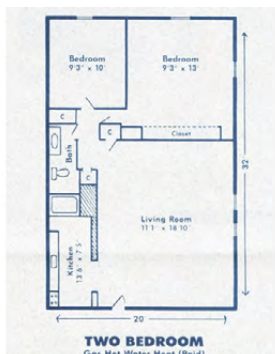
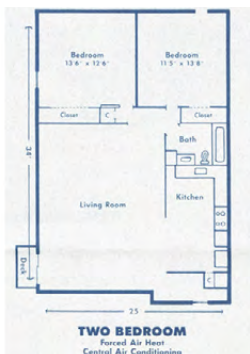
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gation they needed to be a part of the effort.

"It's a wonderful project. you can sit and talk and socialize. We really needed that this year," she said.

She said the church has an older congregation, and that is a hindrance to getting volunteers, but this year it was a bit tougher with the COVID awareness still a part of people's daily lives.

"I always tell them - when they say they're old and can't climb a ladder - 'but you can clean up, or you can go get things, whatever'. It's good to get out. And you know what, when you're all done it makes you really feel good," Spencer said.

"I would like to see every church in town get a group of 8 to 10 or whatever and help. You just feel really good when you're done."

Gary Spencer said this year was very important to keep the project going.

"This is only the third year and if it doesn't continue it will fizzle out. So this was an important year to keep it going," he said.

The Paint-A-Thon

takes place every year in June with homes selected based on certain criteria of income, ownership, and other qualifiers.

Sue said there was conversation about cancelling the event this year, but she said even if the project had to be just one home this year, it would be better than cancelling.

"Even if we did just one home, it would be easier to keep it going that to try to restart the program after not doing it a year."

The Paint-A-Thon volunteers also repainted a home at 1923 Avenue L and 3207 Avenue I.

The work is shouldered mostly by volunteers from the community, with help from Community Action of Southeast Iowa, and with sponsorships from Kempker's True Value & Rental, Iowa Fertilizer Company, Climax Molybdenum, Scotts Miracle Gro, Fort Madison Community Hospital, Connection Bank & Insurance, Midwest One Bank, KLM Realty, Lee County Bank, Farmers Savings Bank and ConAgra.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison Partners' Executive Director Tim Gobble and Iowa Fertilizer Company's Darcie Uhlmeier work on a home on Avenue I Thursday as part of the annual Paint-A-Thon.

FSA taking virus assistance apps

WASHINGTON, June 25, 2020 - USDA's Farm Service Agency will now accept applications for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) through an online portal, expanding the options available to producers to apply for this program, which helps offset price declines and additional marketing costs because of the coronavirus pandemic. FSA is also leveraging commercial document storage and e-signature solutions to enable producers to work with local service center staff to complete their applications from home.

"We are doing everything we can to serve our customers and make sure agricultural producers impacted by the pandemic can quickly and securely apply for this relief program," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "In addition to working with FSA staff through the phone, email and scheduled in-person appointments, we can now also take applications through the farmers.gov portal, which saves producers and our staff time."

Through the portal, producers with secure USDA login credentials—known as eAuthentication—can certify eligible commodities online, digitally sign applications and submit directly to the local USDA Service Center. Producers who do

not have an eAuthentication account can learn more and begin the enrollment process at farmers.gov/sign-in. Currently, the digital application is only available to sole proprietors or single-member business entities.

USDA Service Centers can also work with producers to complete and securely transmit digitally signed applications through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. Producers who are interested in digitally signing their applications should notify their local service centers when calling to discuss the CFAP application process. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs.

USDA has several other options for producers to complete and submit their CFAP applications. These include:

Downloading the AD-3114 application form from farmers.gov/cfap and manually completing the form to submit to the local USDA Service Center by mail, electronically or by hand delivery to an office drop box. In some limited cases, the office may be open for in-person business by appointment. Visit farmers.gov/coronavirus/service-center-status to check the status of your local office.

Vehicle chase ends at DM county line

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the vehicle before it got into Burlington in congested traffic.

"We coordinated with Des Moines County to get them out with stop sticks and they put them out in three places. The first ones missed, but the second set worked and got his tires and that's when Des Moines County took over pursuit," Weber said.

Just when Lee County backed off the chase, the driver struck the back end of another vehicle just before the Burlington city limits causing disabling damage to both vehicles. The driver jumped out of the vehicle, but Gibbs, Weber and other pursuing officers, quickly took him into custody.

The other motorist was taken by ambulance to the hospital. Jefferson was taken to FMCH for treatment and then released.

"I was kinda hoping to avoid that. We were hoping the stopsticks would get it under control before

anyone got hurt," Weber said.

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