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State seeing 36% licensing backlog

LEE COUNTY: Drivers license official says online renewals could ease situation

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Lee County Treasurer services are going strictly by appointment starting Monday, but one county official say the office is working hard to keep up with a pandemic-created demand.

The Lee County Treasurer's office sent out a notice last week that it was moving to an appointment-only platform eliminating all walk-in traffic.

Becky Gaylord, deputy of driver's license services in Lee County, said the appointment process is working well. However, she said residents need to continue to do as much online as possible to help keep things moving.

"When we opened back up that first week we just let anyone in and soon realized we couldn't even answer the phones with all the people who were coming in for renewals," Gaylord said.

With the pandemic came proclamations from Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds that extended driver's license and vehicle registration renewals. But after close to five month of office closures, Gaylord said there is a backlog of renewals and the county is trying to get to them as fast as they can.

The Iowa County Treasurer's Association sent an email to county offices on Friday indicating the state was experience a 36% backlog on eligible renewals. The notice said that

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GOV. REYNOLDS

Governor puts out open letter to Iowans

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Kim Reynolds released the following open letter to the state of Iowa:

"Tomorrow marks five months since we learned of the first positive cases of COVID-19 in Iowa. Since then, our lives have been disrupted in ways we couldn't have imagined. Schools and businesses closed. A record number of Iowans were suddenly out of work. And our normal daily routines were turned upside down as we prioritized doing things differently to mitigate the spread of the virus.

From the start, we've each had a role to play to protect our own health, and that of our families, friends and fellow Iowans.

Early on, as cases were on the rise, Iowans dug deep and did their part. And it made a difference. Positive cases trended down, hospital capacity remained stable, businesses began to reopen and life started to feel a bit more normal.

But normal during a pandemic isn't the same normal as before. COVID-19 is still a reality, and circumstances still demand we do everything within our control to contain and manage it.

Over the last several weeks, we've seen case counts ebb and flow, just as many other states across the nation have. And while we know that the majority of them are driven by young adults gathering socially, it's the unintended consequences of those activities that are cause for concern. Especially the potential impact to vulnerable Iowans.

Now is not the time to let our guard down.

Iowa has a lot to gain by working together to keep our communities healthy. Especially now, as we're preparing to safely return to school.

Our individual actions will either keep us moving forward, or put the progress we've made at risk.

Preventive health measures are still the best defense against COVID-19. Wash your hands often and disinfect frequently used items. When you're in public, maintain social distance and wear a face mask if you're able. Stay home if you're sick. And please... carefully consider whether certain social or recreational



REYNOLDS

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COVID cases continue to rise in Lee County

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – According to state coronavirus reporting on Sunday, Lee County hit a high in positive case counts on Thursday with eight. Lee County Health officials reported just one on a report sent out at approximately 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Lee County Health Department Lee County COVID-19 Case Numbers		8/7/2020
New confirmed cases reported today		
Child (0-17):	Older (61-80): <u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Adult (18-40):	Elderly (>80):	
Middle Age (41-60):		
Total confirmed cases to date		<u>107</u>
Recovered cases reported by IDPH to date		<u>53</u>

Reported cases from Coronavirus.Iowa.Gov and Lee County Health Department may differ due to reporting timing and procedures.

EMPTY NEST

Unexpected birthday gift yields good news

Except when I was 13 and got a Winchester single shot, .22 rifle, this may have been my best birthday ever. It started out on Tuesday, July 28th with presents from Ginnie: cologne, an UNTUCKit shirt, Willie Geist coffee mug, three Lands' End shirts, Iowa State socks, an Iowa State face mask (sign of the times), and chocolate covered almonds. Ginnie spoils me. Instead of cake, she made a coconut cream pie, my oh my, I'm a lucky guy! For a birthday dinner,

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



Ginnie scored reservations on Martini's outdoor patio overlooking the Mississippi River and the Hwy 34 bridge in Burlington.

Not wanting to work on my birthday, I searched my brain for some-

thing fun to do. On a whim, and since our dinner reservations in Burlington were for 5:30 p.m. (seniors like to eat early, you know), we decided to bop over into Illinois and see if we could hustle another newspaper into carrying my Empty Nest column. I had heard about "The Quill" that serves Henderson and Hancock Counties from Stronghurst and La Harpe, Illinois. Off we went. I like to drop in on newspaper offices

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WEATHER

MON 10 Aug.....Hot, Rainy, 86° F/ 69° F
 TUE 11 Aug.....Overcast, 78° F/ 63° F
 WED 12 Aug.....Clear, Warm, 82° F/ 62° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 08/08.....1114 29 31 48, Star Ball: 5, All Star Bonus: 2
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 08/06.....14 18 30 43 45, Lucky Ball: 9
 MEGA MILLIONS 08/07.....4 44 53 64 70, Mega Ball: 3 Megaplier: 2
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 PICK 3 08/06, 08/07, 08/08 EVENING.....5 19, 7 2 6, 7 6 8
 PICK 4 08/06, 08/07, 08/08 MIDDAY.....15 8 9, 7 5 4 2, 0 8 7 4
 PICK 4 08/06, 08/07, 08/08 EVENING.....8 6 7 3, 7 6 0 0, 15 4 1
 POWERBALL 08/08.....2 3 14 40 51, Powerball: 24, Power Play: 3

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MARGARET JEAN CAMPBELL

Margaret Jean Campbell, of Fort Madison, IA, died at 10:24 p.m. at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa. She was blessed to be called Home on her 95th birthday with her three daughters by her side.



CAMPBELL

Jean was born on August 6, 1925 in Fort Madison. She was the daughter of Elmer & Parthena Ryan Bennet. On February 3, 1946; she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Lester Campbell in Topeka, Kansas. He preceded her in death on November 13, 2010.

Jean retired after 25 years of service at Modern Dairy Farms. She enjoyed working puzzles. She loved to play Bingo. She was a member of The First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Jean is survived by 3 daughters: Barbara (David) Guzman, Bonnie Bowen, & Diana (Larry) Peck, all of Fort Madison; 10 grandchildren: Dave, Jr., Todd, Cory, & Edward Guzman, Chad, William & Douglas Bowen, Matthew & Brian Waldren, and Grace Peck; 20 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Francis Stein, and one son-in-law, Michael J. Bowen.

Visitation for Jean where family will receive friends will be from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service in Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery will follow the visitation, with Reverend Leslie Dalstra officiating. A memorial has been established for The First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

EVELYN M. HAMILTON

Evelyn M. Hamilton, 79, of Keokuk, IA, died Friday, August 7, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.

She was born July 22, 1941 in Clark County, Missouri the daughter of Fred and Bernice Bainter Bushchling. In December of 1959 she was united in marriage to Jerry Hamilton at Bluff Springs Church in Rural Canton. He preceded her in death on May 4, 2011.



HAMILTON

Evelyn graduated from Clark County R-1 High School. She was employed at the Free Press/Daily Gate City in Keokuk. She also cleaned several houses in the area.

She was a member of First Christian Church in Keokuk.

Evelyn enjoyed going to auctions. She loved spending time with her family especially going for rides with Jerry.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda Stephenson (Rick) of Keokuk, and Melissa Anderson of Burlington, three grandchildren, Brandon VanAussdall of Keokuk, Jennifer Anderson of Burlington, and Tate Anderson of Ft. Madison, one step grandson, Paul Stephenson of Keokuk and three great grandchildren, Aria Stephenson, Laith Schneider, Jr and Saphira Schneider.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by a daughter Deborah Hamilton.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 7 p.m. She will be laid to rest with Jerry at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

Social distancing requirements will be in place at the service and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

STEPHEN R. GENCK

Stephen Ray Genck, 67, of Donnellson, IA, passed away at 4:02 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA. He was born on August 17, 1952 in Fort Madison, IA to John &



GENCK

Dolores Shepperd Genck. He married Jo Ann Miller on January 22, 1972 in Fort Madison, IA. He was a truck driver for 42 years with a spotless record. He enjoyed his horses, dogs and his Harley.

Steve is survived by: his wife: Jo Genck of Donnellson, IA; 2-daughters: Vera "Suzy" (John) Roark of Wilcox, AZ & Billie McKeown of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Jesse (Jessica) Genck of Donnellson, IA; 14-grandchildren; 6-great grandchildren;

1-sister: Karen (Ben) Anderson of Donnellson, IA and his mother: Dolores Genck of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by his father & 1-great grandson, Hunter.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and no services are planned. Online condolences to Steve's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

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ANNABELLE LAMMERING

Annabelle Lammering, 89, of Keokuk died Friday, August 7, 2020 at River Hills Village in Keokuk due to complications after hip surgery.

She was born April 29, 1931 in Keokuk, the daughter of Everett and Florence Klein Stice. She graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1949.



LAMMERING

On August 1, 1952, Annabelle was united in marriage to John R. "Jack" Lammering, Jr. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk, IA. He preceded her in death on June 17, 2008.

Annabelle had worked at Dr. Bill Rankin and Dr. Robert Kemp's office in Keokuk for thirty years as a Bookkeeper/Secretary. She retired in 1992.

She was a life-long member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk, IA and an active member of the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). One of Annabelle's favorite activities was the annual church rummage sale.

Annabelle loved going to garage sales with her dear friend Mary Lou Brunstein and having lunch with friends. She also enjoyed going to flea markets and auctions where she looked for treasures. She loved playing games, cards, computer games, putting together jigsaw puzzles and watching the Hallmark channel. Annabelle was a caring, loving woman who was devoted to her husband and children and the life they shared. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the sunshine of her life and she loved spending time with them.

She is survived by three daughters, Debby (Robert) Glasgow of St. Charles, MO, Jane (David) Fay of St. Louis, MO, and Barbara Lammering Ames of Keokuk, IA, eleven grandchildren; Sarah Pendergast, Rob (Jennifer) Glasgow, Denise (Brandon) North, Anne (Anthony) Isom, Don (Beth) Shinn, Jennifer (Mike) McCawley, James (Kim) Glasgow, Joseph (Brittnee) Glasgow, Alex (Breanna) Glasgow, Bryan Fay and Adam (Erin) Fay, twenty-two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband she was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, John Lammering III, one grandson, John Thomas Glasgow and nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Keokuk with Father Larry Snyder officiating. Burial will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

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

Social distancing requirements will be in place and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are required at the church and strongly encouraged at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Episcopal Church Women of St. John's Episcopal Church (ECW) in Keokuk.

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

OBITUARIES

DELORES PAGE

Delores "Dodie" Page, 84, of Keokuk, IA died Thursday, August, 6, 2020 at her home in Keokuk.

She was born June 12, 1936 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of John and Georgia Hall Benedict.



PAGE

Dodie graduated from Keokuk Senior High School. She had been employed by Sheller Globe in Keokuk until her retirement.

She enjoyed doing beadwork, crocheting afghans and blankets and personalized plastic canvas crafts.

She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Rueter of Hannibal, MO, Pamela Cole of Newton, IA and Vickie Ray of Largo, FL, and her grandchildren, Chrissy, Raymond, Fay, Angeline, Bradley, Rebecca, Donnie, Denise, Richard and Vikki, special great grandson, Patrick Martinez and numerous great grandchildren and her sister, Louise Wilcoxson, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Lee Page, four daughters, Teresa Page, Marjorie Grek, Renee Page and Louise Coon and two grandsons, Matt Page and Charles S. Stamper, six sisters and one brother.

A Gathering of Remembrance for family and friends will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk. Social distancing requirements will be in place at the gathering and attendees may be limited according to those requirements. Masks are strongly encouraged.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

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



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From the Front

County encourages online renewals when possible

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there were 30,786 Iowa residents who were supposed to renew their license between March 16 and July 31, 2020.

As part of the governor's proclamation, the state gave a 60-day extension on any motor vehicle or driver's license renewals.

"Right now we're just trying to get to those people that are past the 60-day extension.

But Gaylord said residents need to remember that straight renewals and other services can be done online.

"On the driver's license side, there are an enormous amount of things that can be done online," Gaylord said.

"Anybody over 18 and under 70 can renew online, file change of addresses, get duplicate licenses. People

who are just wanting a new picture, we're not doing that. So those types of optional things we're pushing off a bit."

Gaylord said Iowa residents also need to remember that they can file for a 6-month extension on their license online, which would also help reduce the backlog. She the new Real ID requirement, which requires a new driver's license with a Real ID designation on it for commercial travel throughout the United States, has also been extended until October 2021.

But that license upgrade cannot be done online and requires an in-person appointment to travel after Oct. 2021.

Gaylord said her best advice is that anyone who's license is expired but hasn't been able to get in for a renewal, should go online and apply for the six-month extension.

"Whatever they can do online, we would certainly want them to do that," she said. "But it's not just Lee County or Iowa, this is the whole United States and everybody is dealing with it."

Those who are interested in renewing online or requesting an extension can click on the following link: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/renew>.

The site also includes information on REAL ID requirements and documentation needed at the time of the local appointment.

Local officials can be reached by calling 319-372-3405. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Masks are required for all in-person services at Lee County offices.

"We're doing the best we can. Asking for a little bit of patience. And we're stressing the public do as much as they can online so we can make appointments through priorities," Gaylord said.

Do Your Part!

Great River Regional Waste Authority encourages you to wear gloves when moving bins for residential trash pick-up.

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Governor makes appeal to Iowans

REYNOLDS - Continued from P.1

activities are worth the risk.

Just as importantly, if you or someone you were in close contact with tests positive for COVID-19 and you're told to quarantine, take it seriously. You have the ability to effectively stop the spread of the virus by isolating yourself from others during the full 14-day incubation period.

These sacrifices seem small when compared to what's been asked of other generations of Iowans and Americans over the decades, but that doesn't mean it's easy.

COVID-19 has tested each of us, and it will continue to. But we can't let it deter or divide us.

When emotions are high and opinions are strong, it's important to take a step back and realize that we're all working toward the same goal.

And even though we may not always agree on which path to take to get there, we are united in our desire to get back to the way of life we value as Iowans.

We're all in this together.
-Governor Kim Reynolds



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Classifieds/Public Notices

PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Fort Madison City Council at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison concerning Public Improvement Project 2019-03, Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 3 Hospital Connector. The purpose of the hearing will consist of approving plans, specifications, contract documents and estimate of cost for the project.

As a result of concerns for the health and safety of the Council members, staff and public presented by COVID-19 pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8, persons may participate in this meeting either in person or electronically.

Persons electing to participate electronically can comment on an agenda item by joining the Zoom Meeting by calling in by phone by dialing (312) 626 6799 and entering the meeting ID (838 0268 8016). Persons may also obtain further information or express your views concerning this issue either in person or through an authorized representative at the public hearing, or prior to the meeting by fax at (319) 372-8661, by telephone at (319) 372-7700 ext. 206, by E-mail at mblind@fortmadison-ia.com or in writing to the Fort Madison City Clerk, P.O. Box 240, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa, 52627 no later than 4:30 PM on August 18, 2020.

Melinda L. Blind
City Clerk

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Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Public Input

Consider Approval of Tuesday, August 4, 2020 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims

Consider Approval of Two Change Orders for Boiler Project at Courthouse in Keokuk

Consider Approval of Fireworks Display Permit for Stumptown Shooters for Fireworks Display September 5, 2020 at The Hitching Post, West Point

Personnel Actions:
A. Change from Part-time to Full-time-Health Department

Reports:
A. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected
B. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected
Commission or Committee Reports

Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 8/4/2020

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presid-

YARD SALES

Country Club Lane Yard Sales

Fri. Aug. 14 • 1PM-7PM
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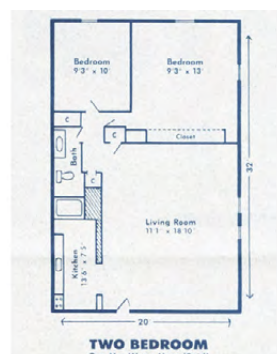
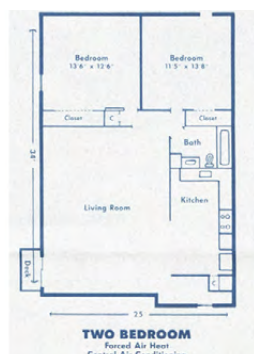
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ed with Council Members Bowker, Morawitz, Andrews, Lair, Rink and Cangas present. Cangas participated electronically. Council Member Miller was absent.

This meeting was held with Council, staff and some members of the public present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8) due to social distancing issues because of COVID-19.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 7/21/2020; Payroll of 7/31/2020; Claims dated 7/30/2020; 5-Day Beer License: Fort Madison Partners for Downtown Market, effective 8/17/2020; and Liquor License Renewals: Fort Madison Fast Break, effective 9/20/2020 and Loyal Order of Moose #671, effective 8/1/2020.

At 6:15 P.M., the Mayor opened the public hearing concerning P.I.P. 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Foundation – Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail. Doug Abolt questioned the City's use of HR Green for engineering for the project. With no written comments, at 6:16 P.M., the Mayor closed the public hearing. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-44, approving plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for PIP 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Foundation – Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-45, awarding construction contract in the amount of \$1,206,777 to Jones Contracting Corp., of West Point, Iowa, and approving contract and bonds of Jones Contracting Corp., pending receipt of the documents.

On motion, Council approved the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 2, Boards and Commissions, by amending Title 1, General Provisions, Section 1, Terms and Term Limits; adding a new Chapter 2, Boards and Commission, Chapter 11, Construction Board of Appeals and amending Title 3, Building, by adding a new Chapter 8, Appeals. A motion to suspend the statutory rules so as to pass the above ordinance on it's

third reading failed. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 8, Public Ways and Property, Chapter 4, Sidewalks. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-63, amending Title 1, Chapters 6 and 13; Title 4, Chapter 8, Title 7, Chapters 2 and 7, Title 8, Chapters 6 and 10, Title 9, Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 of the Fort Madison City Code. On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-64, amending Title 9, Traffic, Chapter 15, Golf Carts, ATVs and UTVs. On

motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-39, ordering construction and setting public hearing for P.I.P. 2019-03, Connecting Fort Madison! Phase 3 Hospital Connector.

On motion, Council approved the City Manager's signature on a Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Runway Lighting Improvement Project.

At 7:00 P.M., the meeting adjourned until August 18, 2020, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
	7/31/2020		
General	\$59,587.47	General	\$37,633.00
Special Revenue	430,995.74	Special Revenue	17,904.85
Road Use	185,898.43	Road Use	16,474.49
Debt	1,160.48	Debt	0.00
Capital	16,845.74	Capital	43,693.66
Water	312,747.99	Water	43,128.86
Sewer	269,615.05	Sewer	56,426.79
Solid Waste/IWC	64,959.71	Solid Waste/IWC	1,293.61
SW Utility	17,648.60	SW Utility	80.14
	\$1,359,459.21		\$216,635.40
PAYROLL			
	7/31/2020		
General	\$148,289.97		
Marina	632.99		
Old Fort	3,882.55		
Road Use	20,777.84		
Tourism	1,368.28		
Water	23,130.23		
Sewer	32,358.22		
Solid Waste	10,248.79		
Airport	312.77		
Merschn Trst-Lib	482.50		
Storm Water	2,957.79		
	\$244,441.93		

CLAIMS - 8/4/2020
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, PRINTER LEASE865.56
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC.....32.15
ALTORFER INC., SWITCH14,902.88
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, DISPLAY BOARD432.20
AMSOIL, INC, OIL/FILTERS784.33
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM932.51
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL710.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., TUBE CUTTER/DRILL/TAP.....485.00
BURLINGTON MUNI

WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE85.00
CALHOUN-BURNS AND ASSOCIATE, PROF FEE - SWAP 52802,125.90
CIVIC PLUS, ANNUAL FEE.....4,250.00
CUSTOM BRICK - STONE CO., INSTALLED FLASHING.....3,340.00
DANIEL HORN, MOWER SHEAVE147.75
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, PAPER/PENS10.49
DOUDS STONE, LLC, ROADSTONE591.56
DRIPS, LLC, SAND BAGS.....46,920.00
EBERT SUPPLY, TOWELS.....97.00
ENTENMANN-ROVIN CO., BADGE.....242.50

FASTENAL COMPANY, PARTS115.28
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER.....27.05
GALL'S, AN ARAMARK COMPANY, MISC CREDIT326.31
GREG HOWARD, NUISANCE CLEANUP460.00
HACH CHEMICAL CO., TESTING SUPPLIES1,280.74
HEUSS PRINTING, INC, ADVERTISING265.50
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, TREE REMOVAL (1235 E).....1,150.00
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, NIPPLE/BUSHING16.18
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - PARKING LOTS57,689.25
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, SAFETY BOOTS - KERN2,431.43
HUMBURD'S AUTO SERVICE, REPAIR TIRE46.79
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, INC, FILL SAND1,384.57
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC MOTORS, TUBING CUTTER190.00
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RES., DISCHARGE ANNUAL FEE1,275.00
IOWA MUNICIPAL WORKERS, INSTALLMENT 23,458.00
IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES153.40
K-LOG, INC., COUNCIL CHAIRS3,938.35
KEMPKERS TRUE VALUE, PARTS/RENTAL/SHIPPING1,220.56
LAND & WATER VEGETATION COMM, CONTROL RIPRAP.....595.00
LEE COUNTY RECORD-

ER, RECORDING FEE134.00
LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEAT123.93
MADISON TURF & TIMBER, REPAIR WHEEL BEARING138.04
MCFALL, ANDREW, CLEANING SUPPLIES70.62
MCFARLAND, DISH SOAP.....19.50
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICE, BATTERIES/FOAM CONCENTRATE1,021.14
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, GAS518.39
MIGUEL LANDEROS, NUSIANCE CLEANUP1,723.11
MOBOTREX, INSPECTED TRAFFIC LIGHTS1,150.00
MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, OUTDOOR LIGHTING1,365.82
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, ADAPTER/CLAMP/METERS2,012.50
MWCNC, MODIFIED RISER.....175.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, PARTS235.24
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL/M WELLS-BUSTER1,695.50
PAULA KROPP, REFUND - NEW LIONS10.00
PETROLEUM MARKETERS MANAGEMENT, INSURANCE ON UST1,042.00
PITNEY BOWES, RENTAL171.00
POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON, WATER BILLS/PAST DUES1,442.56
PROCESS SOLUTIONS, VITEC 30006,769.48
QUARRY CREEK ELK AND BISON, SAFETY

BOOTS - R BOE...160.49
QUILL CORPORATION, PENS/INK.....386.87
QUIXOTE/HEARTS & TUMMIES, COOK-BOOKS - RESALE114.47
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, MULTIFAK916.67
SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING COMM, SIREPA2,000.00
SHOEMATE, REBECCA, REFUND - COVID..35.00
SHOTTENKIRK SUPERSTORE, SERVICED ENGINE9,772.99
SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TRAINING75.00
STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC, PROF FEE - HENRY LADYN RELO9,477.50
TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY TEST.....497.18
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, STARTER ROPE12.50
TRUCK REPAIR INC., BATTERIES.....245.90
U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES1,513.63
UPS, SHIPPING75.00
USA BLUE BOOK, TUBE/PRESSURE GAUGE687.24
VERMEER IOWA, SUCTION HOSE.....674.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS17,195.29
GENERAL37,633.00
SPECIAL REVENUE17,731.15
ROAD USE.....16,474.49
CAPITAL PROJECTS43,693.66
WATER43,128.86
SEWER56,426.79
SOLID WASTE ..1,293.61
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From the Front

Quill picks up local columnist's work

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unannounced, and take Ginnie with me. I introduce her as my wife and editor, show some samples of my writing, and a list of the newspapers that carry my column. The fact that it's free is a plus. Since I started taking Ginnie (lady luck), our success rate has been 100%. Knowing that my writing has had a second look before it comes to them is a clincher. Ginnie has that "eagle eye" look about her.

The drive was magnificent. I've never seen the crops looking as good as they do this year. With mild temperatures and abundant rainfall, walls of living, breathing corn lined the highways. Rolling hills boasted sweet smelling hay and pastures dotted with cattle standing belly deep in ponds. Weed-free soybeans were in competition with the corn for greenness: dark green for beans, light for corn, like a flashing green billboard advertising a cornucopia of abundance.

At The Quill office in Stronghurst we met Dessa Rodeffer, the publisher and owner of the newspaper. She welcomed us and my column with open arms. In fact, she was putting together the weekly newspaper right then and would include my column. It doesn't get any better than that.

In high spirits, we were off to Burlington and dinner, marveling at the unplanned birthday surprise. Tuesday is goodnewsday!

Martini's outdoor patio, overlooking the Mississippi River and Hwy 34 bridge was everything we had expected and then some. At 5:30 we were the first ones there, so we had a great waiter, Joe, all to ourselves. He recommended the porterhouse steak for two and we bit (literally!). Looking up, there was an early evening moon smiling down on us. The soft breeze off the river was all Iowa.

But the birthday wasn't over. For the weekend, we invited my family for a backyard barbecue—tomahawk ribeyes!—along with veggies from our garden. If you don't know what a tomahawk ribeye is, it's a roast-size ribeye with the foot long rib bone still attached. They're sort of a special occasion novelty. (Cook slowly.) My son-in-law ate a whole one! If you think that's a lot of beef, you're right! (But that's what my cholesterol medication is for.) More presents and Gator rides for the grandkids were in order. My week long birthday was drawing to a close.

Ginnie's birthday is August 28th, mine on July 28th (so I won't forget). She's expecting an encore. We'll see. Ginnie'll be 69, looking fine, and she's all mine.

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County positives up to 113, 2 deaths

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The county's rolling 14-day positive count hit 31 on Saturday, also a high for the county since reporting began in March. There were no reports of positive cases on Friday, but two each on Saturday and Sunday as of 2 p.m. Sunday.

On July 18, the county hit its lowest 14-day total since April 18 when only three had tested positive in the previous two weeks. But since that time the county has been on the incline.

The county has seen a total of 113 positive cases with a 3.7% positive test rate, however over the last 14 days, the county has seen an increase positive rate at 5%. The county has seen two deaths attributed to the virus.

As of Sunday 36% of those testing positive in Lee County are in the 18-40 age group, with 41-60 year olds making up 31%. Children under the age of 18 make up only 5% of the positive cases, while older adults 61-80 make up 21% and those older than 80 make up just 6 percent of all positive cases.

Des Moines County is also seeing a marked uptick in the 14-day rolling positive case counts.

On Thursday, that county recorded 10 positive cases and Saturday reported nine more positive cases setting a new 14-day rolling total high of 39. The state is reporting Des Moines County with a 3.9% positive result rate and 175 total positive cases.

Des Moines County has lost two residents to the virus according to state reporting.

In Iowa 930 people have died from the virus to date with 88% of the deaths coming in adults older than 61. Just 10% of the deaths attributed to the disease have been in younger adults 41-60 and just 2% in Iowans 40 or younger.

Iowa Department of Public Health is also reporting that just 55 of those 930 deaths are attributed to the coronavirus alone, with 645 of those dying presenting pre-existing conditions. However, the state lists 230, or about 25% of the cases, as "pre-existing condition unknown".

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