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## FMAAA's Garden Tour this Sunday

**7 HOMES:** Annual tour features showcase spaces and art Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – The annual stroll through the neighbor's gardens is this weekend and the Fort Madison Area Arts Association has a full slate of activities for people to get out of the house.

Seven different homes will open their fence doors to allow the community to stroll through and take a look at the creative spaces, art, and horticulture in play on Sunday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m.

The homes and activities are listed below. Tickets are \$10 in advance at Gate City Seed in Keokuk; Kempkers True Value & Rental, Inc, Hy-Vee, and the FMAAA in Fort Madison; and Zaiser's Florist and Greenhouse in Burlington. Tickets can also be purchased Sunday in the Grigsby, Gilpin, and Fedler gardens for \$13.

### Bruce Grigsby: 3822 Ave L

Bruce has a dedication to housing tropicals in a non-tropic climate. He has some container pots that he has harbored for 30 years. Matching the plant with the container pot is key. Incidentally you don't want heavy container pots for large plants! They winter in the basement going dormant, with LED lights on 10 hours a day and watering once per month. He has a rare Psalm of India that looks like an alien of sorts. It blooms once a year and smells like rotten flesh. Several palm varieties are in his collection, as well as Sejo palm, Date palm, Ixora palm (live in Florida only), orange and lemon trees, Bougainvilleas, Bird of Paradise, Cycad, and Nigres Grass. The Sejo palm self-generates new growths of pups. The pups can be cut off and grown. The more pups the better the litter.

### Roger Becker & Rita Cashman Becker : 3111 Ave K



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

The Randy and Jane Gilpin backyard is on the FMAAA Garden Tour this Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

This couple met over 6 years ago when each was taking care of their spouses that had cancer. The spouses died 2 months apart and Roger and Rita joined forces afterward. The garden is a juggernaut with 10 raised beds and themes of Mandevillas as well as dog and cat garden décor. The front yard is symmetrical on both sides with Japanese maple, Rhododendrons, and Black Petunias. A gazebo on the east side of backyard creates an inviting atmosphere for relaxation and reflection. Rita has a liking for gazing balls and some great décor from her family. Roger just did some extensive brick reworking on the raised beds on west side of backyard.

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## KIDDIE PARADE

# Korschgen Parade just a bit different

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The 108th annual Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade will be just a bit different this year.

But Chairman Andy Andrews said there was no way he wasn't putting it on.

"I was going to have it whether I had five kids or 125 kids," Andrews said. "That's my impression of it. It's been pretty dear to my heart since I got involved with it back in the 50s."

The annual parade celebrating our community's youth, and our nation's birthday, will begin as usual down Avenue G eastbound from 18th Street through downtown to the Moose Club at 6th and G, on Saturday, July 4 at 10 a.m.

But due to the COVID outbreak, a few tweaks had to be made – the most important being there will not be a registration.

Andrews said participants should show up in the staging area and he will just feed them into the route along with the other usual participants.

No school bands will be part of this year's event, and health guidelines are prohibiting hot dogs from being served.

"We'll still have the push pops and bottled water," Andrews said. "We usually have hot dogs, but the health department isn't allowing that this year."

The parade will also be without judging, trophies, or prize money. Andrews said this year it will be just a parade in the truest sense of the word.

Not only is the COVID spread directly "raining on the parade" but Andrews said there is marked lack of volunteers and funding, which could also be blamed in part on the virus.

The Grand Marshals for the parade

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## BROADBAND BILL

# Loebsack signs on as sponsor of Internet for All Act

WASHINGTON – Congressman Dave Loebsack on Wednesday joined House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (SC-06), members of the House Rural Broadband Task Force and House Democrats to introduce the Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act, which invests \$100 billion to build high-speed broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved communities and ensure that the resulting internet service is affordable.



LOEBSACK

and the other members of the Rural Broadband Taskforce to put together this legislation that will help connect folks living and working in rural areas

"It is imperative that every home and business, no matter where they are located, have access to high-speed broadband," said Rep. Loebsack. "I am pleased to have worked with Whip Clyburn

with the high-speed internet they need to work, learn and play. I look forward to working with my colleagues to help pass this important legislation to expand access and help close the digital divide."

"Over a year ago, I formed the House Rural Broadband Task Force with the goal of bringing affordable high-speed internet to 100 percent of Americans,"

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# For the Record/Lee County News

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

06/22/20 – 9:00 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kimberly Ann Sandeffer Boorman, 35, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue F, on charges of lottery fraud, credit card fraud and forgery. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/22/20 – 9:00 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Dustin Lee Humphrey, 39, of Fort Madison in the 2200 block of Avenue F, on charges of aiding and abetting lottery fraud, credit card fraud and forgery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/22/20 – 7:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 3000 block of Avenue N.

06/22/20 – 8:27 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited and released Bradley Traman, 33, of Burlington, in the 2700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving under suspension.

06/23/20 – 10:00 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Payton Wrage

Vanpelt-Vice, 24, of Fort Madison, at the police station, on charges of driving while barred, operating without owner's consent and leaving the scene of an accident. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

06/22/20 – 12:31 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Gene Meyers, 44, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Mississippi River Road on a charge of 3rd-degree burglary. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/22/20 – 2:00 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited and released Travis Gene Meyers, 44, of Keokuk, on a charge of driving under suspension.

06/22/20 – 2:11 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Andrew Jay Woods, 60, of Burlington at the Lee County Jail on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was held in custody.

06/22/20 – 6:07 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's depu-

ties arrested Christopher Michael Sanderson, 47, of Keokuk, in the 2800 block of Hwy. 61, on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under suspension, speeding, having an open container of alcohol and no proof of insurance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/22/20 – 7:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan Wade Siegrist, 41, of Fort Madison, at Wilson Lake on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody, and a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/22/20 – 10:27 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brett Allen Michael Montgomery, 26, of Keokuk at the intersection of 255th Street and Hwy. 61, on a warrant for violation of probation and driving while barred. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/23/20 – 5:38 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Levi Garrett

Krome, 26, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of willful injury and assault with injury. He was held in custody.

06/23/20 – 8:12 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Lee Davis, 33, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of violation of parole. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/23/20 – 8:47 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristie Lynn Stepp, 32, of Burlington in the 2100 block of West Point Road on charges of OWI and child endangerment-no injury. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

06/23/20 – 10:44 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited and released Jordan Dale McCormick, 29, of Fort Madison near the intersection of 235th and 240th Avenue in Donnellson on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

# Task Force nabs Keokuk man on felony drug rap

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk man on Felony and Misdemeanor charges.

Dennis Hitsman Jr, 31, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on June 18th, 2020 in the 3400 Block Main St. in Keokuk, Iowa. Hitsman was picked up on his 4 outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants. Hitsman was additionally charged with Felony Possession of Methamphetamine a Class D Felony; Possession of Marijuana Enhanced an Aggravated Misdemeanor; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor.

The arrest of Hitsman stems from an initial traffic stop where Hitsman eluded Law Enforcement in the Keokuk area before being taken into custody following a second traffic stop. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force was contacted to assist with this investigation due to specific circumstances of this case.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, Keokuk Police Department, The Lee County Attorney's Office, and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

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## Sports/From the Front

# Hawks shut out Van Buren Tuesday

KEOSAUQUA – Senior Jaden Hawk struck out nine and gave up just three hits in a 4-0 shutout Tuesday night in Van Buren.

The Hawks move to 4-0 on the year with the win. Hawk gave up a single in the first and then retired the side in order in 2nd through 4th innings. He gave up just a two-out single to the Warriors' Casey Yochum in the bottom of the fifth.

In the bottom of the sixth, Hawk found himself in the only real trouble of the night. Senior Tommy Adkins singled to center and then moved to 2nd on wild pitch. Taylor Sprouse then hit into a fielder's choice, but Hawk was able to get Adkins at third. Hawk then fanned the next two Warriors to end the inning.

In the seventh, with the Hawks up 6-0, Hawk plunked Treyton Bainbridge to start the inning, but then struck out the next three hitters all looking at a third strike.

The Hawks put up three in the third inning when Evan Pohren started things off with a hard infield hit off Bainbridge at the mound. Hawk then wore a pitch moving Pohren to second.

Luke Simmons smashed a grounder to second that Van Buren couldn't field cleanly driving in Pohren and Hawk. The two had executed a double steal on a 1-1 pitch with no outs to get in scoring position. Adam Boeck then singled to center to push courtesy runner Tommy Eschman to third.

Dylan Stueker then hit into a 6-4-3 double play, but

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The 108th annual Charlie Korschgen 4th of July Kiddie Parade will be held with some changes this year, including no registration, judging, or prizes. Volunteers are still needed.

# Volunteers still needed for 4th of July Kiddie parade

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are area 2020 high school graduates, and the newly conferred grads will lead the parade with Mr. Korschgen's big bass drum that has been part of the parade since 1949.

Andrews said the real disappointment is that without a registration, the kids that take part in the parade this year, will not be a part of the parade's history.

The Parade dates back to 1912 and has taken place every year on the 4th of July holiday with the exception of a few years where the rain date kicked in on the following day. Andrews said one year he had to delay the start until 1 p.m.

Andrews has been involved with the parade since the 1950s and stepped away for a four-year stint in the Navy. He returned in 1968, where he stepped in and chaired the event again for the Fort Madison Jaycees, and then rotated chairing the event for years with Bill Holvoet.

Anyone interested in helping with the parade and keeping the children safe along the route is asked to call Andrews at 319-371-5379 or Rusty Andrews at 319-470-9413.

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## Sports

## Williams brothers stymie Washington in sweep

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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WASHINGTON – Landes and Kane Williams are pretty stingy on the mound this year. And the Fort Madison Bloodhound defense has their backs.

The two both threw complete game wins in Tuesday's make-up doubleheader at Washington, and Fort Madison is now 4-1 on the year.

Landes Williams opened the night with a four-hitter in a 3-1 win, where he didn't allow a walk and struck out six Demons.

Jason Thurman went 2-for-4 on the night with a double and 2 RBI, while sophomore Tate Johnson had a triple and Vasin Thurman had the other RBI.

Fort Madison jumped in front in the top of the first when Landes Williams reached on an error at short and Thurman doubled to right field moving to Williams to third. After Brandon Reichelt struck out swinging, Vasin Thurman grounded to third scoring Williams for a 1-0 lead. A fly out by Turnbull would end the inning.

Williams would give up just three hits, all singles, through the sixth inning without giving up a run.

In the third Fort Madison tacked on another run. Garrett Hannum hit a grounder to 3rd and would advance to 2nd on the play as Wilx Witthoft's throw got away. Hannum would advance to third when Sanders grounded out to 1st and he would come around to score on Jason Thurman's grounder to second. Reichelt would fly out to center to end the inning.

In the 7th, the Hounds put up an insurance run by Bur-

gher when he walked to start the inning. Burgher would steal 2nd and move to 3rd on a Landes Williams ground out. Jason Thurman would then lace a drive to right field plating Burgher. Reichelt again would fly out to center to move to the bottom half.

Washington would avoid the shutout when Reece Mayer would homer on a line drive to right. But Williams would settle in and get Ethan Ziegłowsky to fly out to Johnson in center for the win.

In the nightcap, Kane Williams went the whole way allowing just two hits and three walks, while striking out three. Williams didn't give up a hit until the fifth inning, but that fire was put out with a grounder and fly ball to end the inning.

Vasin Thurman would get things going in the first for Fort Madison with a two-out line drive to left, sending Jason Thurman to third after he reached on a third strike passed ball. Reiburn Turnbull then grounded hard through short-stop scoring Jason Thurman and sending Vasin Thurman to second.

Vasin would move to third on an error at first and come around to score on another Demon error for a 2-0 Hound lead. Tate Johnson would fly out to right to end the top of the first.

Williams recorded the first two outs on six pitches, but then walked Lucas Kroll. Brandon Dickel came in to run for Kroll, and Ziegłowsky singled to left to put runners at 1st and 2nd. Two back-to-back errors would send Dickel to the plate before Williams could get a strikeout and strand one for a 2-1 lead.

The Hounds would add one in the fourth when Johnson

would score after doubling to left. Williams hit a shot to Turner at short that was mishandled allowing Johnson, who advanced to 3rd on a passed ball, to score for a 3-1 lead.

In the top of the 7th, Williams singled past third and senior Jace Burgher reached on an errant throw of a bunt attempt. The throw allowed Williams to move all the way to 3rd and Burgher to 2nd. Williams would score on wild pitch.

Hounds coach Ron Walker would signal for the squeeze, but Burgher was caught at home. Jason Thurman would fly out to end the top half, but Williams would button things up in the bottom half for the win.

Johnson 1 for 3 with a double and a run scored. Turnbull went 1-3 with a RBI. Kane Williams and Vasin Thurman had other two hits. Turnbull and Jason Thurman had stolen bases for the Hounds in the win.

Through five games, Jason Thurman is leading all Hounds at the plate with at least 10 at bats. The junior third in the Southeast Conference hitting .438 with two extra base hits and 7 RBI. Vasin Thurman his hitting at .385, all singles with 3 RBI. Landes Williams is third at .263 with 4 RBI.

Kane Williams is 1-0 on the mound with a 1.27 ERA having allowed just eight hits in 11 innings pitched. Landes Williams is tied for most wins in the state at 3-0 with a 2.56 ERA, giving up 11 hits in 13 innings pitched, but also leads the team in strikeouts with 13 on the year, second best in the loop.

The Hounds have committed just one error in the past four games after starting the year with two in the opener at Mt. Pleasant.

The Hounds currently lead the Southeast Conference at 4-1 and take on Keokuk Thursday in a double header at home.

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## Boeck's homer seals win for Hawks

**HAWKS** -  
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Eschman scored on the turn. Kade Myhre would single with two outs and the bases empty, but Corbin Pohren would strike out to end the inning.

In the fourth, TJ Stutes hit a one-out single to right, and after two quick throws to first to keep him close, the senior swiped second before Evan Pohren would move him to third on a ground out to short. Hawk would come through with a two-out single to plate Stutes. Simmons would single again, but Boeck would fan leaving two on and the Hawks up 4-0.

The Hawks last two runs came in the top half of the sixth when Boeck sent one over the right field fence for two runs.

The Hawks (4-0, 3-0) travel to Lone Tree tonight for a match up with the Lions. Van Buren falls to 1-2 with the loss.

Hitting: Evan Pohren – 2 for 4, 1 run; TJ Stutes – 1 for 3, 1 run; Jaden Hawk – 1 for 3, 1 RBI, 1 run; Kade Myhre – 1 for 2; Dylan Stueker – 1 for 4; Adam Boeck – 2 for 4, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 run; Luke Simmons – 2 for 3, 2 RBI. Pitching: Hawk – 7 innings, 9 Ks, 0 BB, 3 hits, 0 runs.



# Sports/Classifieds

## HOUD SOFTBALL

# Fort Madison girls take two from Lady Demons Monday

WASHINGTON – Fort Madison used a 10-run fifth inning to get back into the nightcap in Washington, then put up two more in the sixth to get a 17-16 win and sweep a doubleheader.

The Hounds blew out their hosts 14-2 in the opener.

In the second game, Fort Madison held a 5-1 lead going into the bottom of the fourth. Erika Kruse was in the circle for the Hounds and had given up just one run in the first three innings.

But Washington would blow the game open with eight runs in its half. Kruse would walk the first two hitters and hit the Demon's Anna Venenga to load the bases. Rylee Fishback would then hit a two-run single to right field, followed by Cameron Malichky's RBI single to center.

Kruse would then give up a two walks and two singles to the next four hitters, around a wild pitch for four more runs. Lauryn Helmick would take over pitching and give up just a single, while getting a fly out, strikeout, and ground out to short to end the inning.

Fort Madison would respond in kind with a 10-spot in the top of the fifth.

Ivy Geerdes, Macy Featheringill and Alyson Helmick all singled to start the inning. Geerdes would score on a throwing error off Helmick's hit and Featheringill would score from third on a wild pitch.

Clary Fuerman would then draw a walk before Emily Steffensmeier slapped a single to left. After a flyout, Kylee Cashman and Lexi Whaley would scat-

ter RBI singles. Dalyn Wondra would draw a walk on four pitches, before Geerdes would plate Cashman and Whaley on a one-out fielder's choice.

Helmick would connect on her second hit of the inning, a 2 RBI single to right center. She would swipe second and come around to score on Fuerman's single. Steffensmeier would reach on an error and get caught stealing to end the inning with Fort Madison on top 15-9.

But Washington would stay in the hunt getting the best of Helmick. The Demons put up seven runs in the bottom half of the fifth. The Hounds gave up a three singles, two walks, two hit batters and a double before Helmick got Haley Mitchell to fly out to left for the first out. The first seven Demons up to bat scored before Fort Madison could retire the side down 15-16.

Logan Johnson would knot things up with a home run to left field on the first pitch of the sixth. Cashman would reach on a two-base error in center and Whaley would drive the go-ahead run in with a single to center. Wondra, Geerdes and Featheringill would go down in order to end the inning with the Hounds up 17-16.

Neeley Rehm would come in and shut things down for the Hounds striking out three against no hits and no walks in the final two innings.

Helmick and Whaley each had three hits for the Hounds and combined for five RBI. Johnson was 2 for 5 with the dinger and two RBI. Cashman, Fuerman, Steffensmeier, and Featheringill all had hits in

the win.

In the opener, the Hounds invoked the 12-run rule after three innings with a six-run top of the fourth with Rehm going the distance and shutting out the Demons the final three innings. The freshman also belted a three-run homer in the third inning to put Fort Madison up 8-2.

Featheringill and Cashman sparked a five-run second inning with two 2 RBI doubles to center field. Whaley connected on a two-run home run with no outs in the fourth inning to give Fort Madison a 10-2 lead. Steffensmeier would then hit a two-out double to deep left scoring Rehm and Lauryn Helmick and Johnson would follow up with an RBI single to left to end the scoring.

Rehm went the distance striking out three, while allowing four hits and two walks.

Cashman went 2-4 at the plate with the double and 3 RBI. Johnson, Rehm, Steffensmeier, Lauryn Helmick, Featheringill, Geerdes, Wondra and Whaley all had hits in the win.

Fort Madison moves to 4-3 on the year and hosts Keokuk in a varsity double header at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

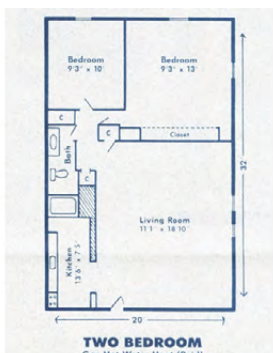
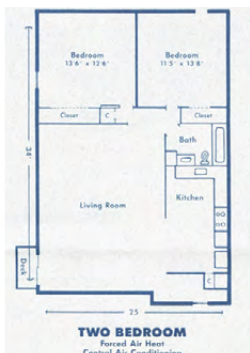
On the year, Whaley is leading the Bloodhounds at the plate with a lofty .545 batting average. The eighth grader also has three homers and nine RBI to lead Fort Madison. Rehm is hitting .400 on the year through seven games in ten at bats. She's also 2-2 on the year in the circle with 14 strikeouts and 3.18 ERA, both tops on the team.

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Artist in the Garden: Carlene Atwater will plein air paint the scene.  
**Steve & Deb Hay: 3004 Ave K**

The wraparound deck and pool was a multi-year project, starting with the overhead porch deck with ceiling fan, followed by the expansive deck, and finished with the burn pit for a 360 degree environment above the yard. The deck overall provides a pretty good place for a party. The waterfall pool element had to be moved from its initial location, as the acorn tree keep shedding pollutants in the pool. The garden has primarily shade varieties. The signature red knights serving watch on the property have been collected over time. Like everyone else Steve fights moles but has an immaculate grass covering.

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**Ray & Judy Reyes :2407 Ave J**

47 years of memories surround the garden which is half sun and half shade. The impressive pergola is 6 years old and a surprise on Mother's Day. When the Reyes went on vacation, there it was! Judy gets many ideas from Garden Tours. She likes green with her abundance of flowering shrubs, but keeps annuals for continuous color. For her it has been "one bed at a time". Judy makes the glass garden statues that adorn the garden after reading an article on it 5 years ago. The statue of St. Francis designates the pet cemetery bed. The newest bed under construction is in memory of Judy's mother with a gazing ball from a friend as the centerpiece.

Artist in the Garden: Jessica Kirby-Runge will begin her plein air path at this location.

**Todd & Ellen Cullen: 2101 Ave I**

So many neat elements in this garden that the couple have worked since 1998 with only the hostas being present in the beginning. Another garden that incorporates water fun with foliage landscaping. The pool gets winterized, but the hot tub made its way from the garage and is used all year. The pergola has a mister spray that emanates from the top for immediate cooling; in fact, the entire garden has underground water supply so Ellen has "no heat or mess watering". Todd says the goal for the backyard is to eventually never have to mow again. A neat idea he picked up from the internet was incorporating marples into his fence to give off hints of light to the environment. He added all the pavers for the patio space. You can tell the Cullens know Bruce Grigsby, as tropical container pots augment the scene.

Artist in the Garden: Claire Graham will be a wandering minstrel, fiddling her way from garden to garden.

**Randy & Jane Gilpin :3514 175th Street**

This hidden garden has a bit of a horse décor theme as Jane has always owned and loved horses. The couple have lived here 11 years and brought the clematis with them from Burlington. The floral varieties are 50/50 perennial to annual. There are 2 canopied outdoor dining areas where folks congregate for music, food, and friendship. The LED lights around the fence and canopies add to the ambiance with plenty of pastel colors to enhance the feel. The front enclosed porch has a turquoise color them similar to the backyard.

The Randy and Jane Gilpin back yard is on the FMAAA Garden Tour this Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Artist in the Garden: Stained glass gazing balls by Craig Wills on display and for sale.

**David & Trish Eaves Fedler: 1930 303rd Ave**

A water oasis in the country developed over 12 years. The size of the in ground pool has doubled since emplacement, housing koi, shubukins, and sarrasas. On the other side of the space, the deck&pool have been added in the last 2 years, replete with adorning rope from Dallas City Boxing Club, from Trish's dad Lester. Many Niota transplants from her parents ended here including the outhouse. The pallet wood walk was installed by handy David. The split diesel tank veggie garden is quite unique, boasting zucchini, cucumber, and kohlrabi. The fire pit was installed in 2014 as Mother's Day gift after Trish's mother passed. David has done the landscaping by hand using items that were there and adding to the mix.

Artist in the Garden: Glassblower Jim Topic bring sparkle to the space.

**Bill asks for \$80B in funding**

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said Whip Clyburn. "Since then, the disparity between those served and unserved has become clearer. In my home state alone, nearly 1 in 10 South Carolina households lack access to a reliable broadband connection. That is why I am proud that the Rural Broadband Task Force, in collaboration with members of the Energy and Commerce Committee, crafted the Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act to address this issue once and for all."

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The Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act would do the following:

Encourage Universal Broadband Access by:

- including \$80 billion to deploy broadband infrastructure nationwide;
- allocating \$5 billion for low-interest financing of broadband deployment through a new secured loan program; and
- establishing a new office within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to ensure efficient use of federal money.

Ensure Internet Affordability by:

- requiring an affordable option for internet service plans offered on the newly-built infrastructure;
- providing a \$50 monthly discount on plans for low-income consumers; and
- directing the FCC to collect and publicize data on prices charged for broadband service throughout the country.

Promote Internet Adoption by:

- providing over \$1 billion to establish grant programs for states to close gaps in broadband adoption, as well as digital inclusion projects for organizations and local communities to implement;
- including \$5 billion to enable students without internet at home to participate in remote learning; and
- authorizing funding for Wi-Fi on school buses so students can stay connected, especially in rural areas where longer bus rides are common.

This legislation is the product of extensive collaboration between the House Rural Broadband Task Force and members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and is included in House Democrats' Moving Forward Act, a transformational infrastructure package to create jobs rebuilding America. The Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act currently has over 30 cosponsors.

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