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County sees surge in cases

CORONAVIRUS: LCHD issues warning on the heels of position statement

FORT MADISON – Just a week after releasing a position statement cautioning against all large group events in the county, the Lee County Health Department issues a warning Friday about a surge in positive cases of COVID-19.

Lee County Health Department released a statement informing the public of an increase in community-level spread of COVID-19 cases since Monday.

From July 20, 2020 through July 24, 2020, 9 new active cases have been reported and investigated. The current positive case count to date is 68, with 21 cases still considered active. This week's case count is tied with having the highest number of cases over the last 12 weeks.

In light of these increases, LCHD would like to remind the public of the importance to continue practicing social distancing from those outside of your own household, wear a face covering or mask when out in public, avoid large gatherings of people especially when social distancing cannot be

maintained and other public health mitigation measures are not in place. Residents should make informed decisions about protecting their own health and that of others.

LCHD also supports and is promoting #StepUpMaskUpIA. We hope everyone recognizes and understands that wearing a face covering in public is more than a simple gesture or courtesy, it protects others and can reduce COVID-19 spread.

LCHD encourages all large-scale event planners to consider cancelling scheduled events involving mass gatherings in 2020. When making decisions, all event planners should carefully review information on the CDC link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/considerations-for-events-gatherings.html>. This guidance also includes the link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/COVID19-events-gatherings-readiness-and-planning-tool.pdf> a community readiness planning tool.

FOOTBALL CHANGES

IHSAA resets football to 7-week season

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES – The Iowa High School Athletic Association released a condensed version of the 2020 fall football schedule Friday afternoon that includes five mandatory games, two optional games and all teams qualifying for the post season.

Fort Madison competes in Class 3A and the new schedule allows 3A schools and below to play their previously scheduled district games by moving each week up two weeks.

Fort Madison Activities Director Jeremy Swink said his conversations with Head Coach Derek Doherty focused on playing all seven games, but he said which two fit into the optional weeks is yet to be determined.

“I obviously haven't had a chance to talk with any schools yet, but when Derek and I chatted we decided we would like to find an opponent for those first two weeks. But I don't know who that's going to be,” Swink said.

He said initially the home/away schedules should stay intact for district games starting Sept. 11.

As it stands currently, Fort Madison will play Washington on the road Sept 11, Keokuk at home on Sept 18, Burlington on the road on Sept. 25, Mt. Pleasant at home on Oct. 2 and Fairfield at home on Oct. 9, with the playoffs starting the following week.

The other four games the Bloodhounds had scheduled include West Burlington/Notre Dame, Centerville, Albia, and Clear Creek-Amana. Fort Madison could will likely grab up two of those four.

“Our position on wanting to play all seven games goes back to giving the kids the opportunity to compete and putting themselves in the best position to win,” Swink said. “But, like we did with Muscatine in softball, if



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SWINK



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Rocky Aschbrenner works on cleaning up the grounds at the Lee County Republican office at 1127 Avenue H on Thursday morning. The office is now open daily as the country gets ready for the fall general election.

EMPTY NEST - By Curt Swarm

Coronavirus sculptures threatened a jinx

Ironically, I may have brought this on myself. Being an artist, I see beauty in a lot of odd places. I couldn't help but admire the beauty of the novel coronavirus. Dangerous objects are often beautiful. For example, the King Cobra is deadly but stunningly attractive. I

wracked my brain, trying to figure out how to make a sculpture representing COVID 19. Then it came to me. Take a bowling ball—one of those pretty, colored ones—drill holes in it, insert painted lag screws, mount the bowling ball on a stand and, voila, there you have it. I made three: “Son of Covid,” “Daughter

of Covid,” and “Covid 2.0.” Most people think the sculptures are “clever,” others, “morbid.” You be the judge. (Andy Warhol's pop art is now worth millions.) I brought Covid 2.0 into the house.

Right away I noticed a sore throat,

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WEATHER

MON 27 Jul.....Warm, Light Rain, 80° F/ 66° F
TUE 28 Jul.....Warm, Light Rain, 83° F/ 65° F
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OpenWeatherMap

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 07/25.....32 36 46 47 48, Star Ball: 6, All Star Bonus: 2
LUCKY FOR LIFE 07/23.....5 6 23 33 45, Lucky Ball: 3
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PICK 3 07/23/07/24/07/25 MIDDAY.....5 0 3/0 7 4/3 4 5
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Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

PATRICK J. KAMP

Patrick J. Kamp, 81, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at The Madison. He was born on April 29, 1939 in Fort Madison, IA to John & Kathryn Bohnenkamp Kamp. He married Sharon Kay Juel on June 24, 1967 in Fort Madison, IA. Pat taught elementary school at Nauvoo Colusa Grade School for 30 years after graduating from Parsons College. He was beloved by his many students, who all said he was an enthusiastic and caring teacher. Pat played basketball and baseball when he was young and continued his love of sports later in life as a coach and umpire. He was blessed to be able to see his Cubs finally win a world series. Pat was interested in history, astronomy, playing chess and listening to his records, especially Frank Sinatra & Nat King Cole.



KAMP

Pat is survived by: his wife: Sharon Kamp of Fort Madison, IA; 2-daughters: Kristy (Greg) Clore of Dunlap, IL & Wendi (Nick) Otte of Cedar Rapids, IA; 3-grandchildren: Shamus Shannan, Camry Otte & Amelia Otte and 1-brother: Jerry Kamp of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents & 7-brothers and sisters.

Anyone who knew Pat can agree that he never met a stranger and loved to sit and talk with friends and family. He also spent countless hours doing chores and running errands for his family and neighbors. His kindness and patience will be greatly missed.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date at Claypoole Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

Weekly jobless claims drop 18K from last week

DES MOINES - The number of initial claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, July 12, and Saturday, July 18, was 9,505. There were 8,720 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 785 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state. The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims for July 12-18 was 116,810, a decrease of almost 18,000 from the previous week.

The U.S. Department of Labor adjusted last week's initial claim number down to 10,653 (a decrease of 472) and continuing claims to 134,284 (a decrease of 2,752 for a total decrease of 3,224). 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 \$31,755,710.09 for the week of July 12-18. The following industries had the most claims:

- Manufacturing (2,085)
- Industry Not Available - Self-employed, Independent Contractors, etc. (1,703)
- Health Care & Social Assistance (864)
- Retail Trade (599)
- Accommodation & Food Services (596)

A total of \$85,603,350 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits was paid during the week of July 12-18, 2020. Since April 4, 2020, a total of \$1,396,698,553 in FPUC benefits has been paid.

A total of \$5,880,641 was paid in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits during the week of July 12-18, 2020.

A total of \$3,506,721 in benefits has been paid in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits for the week of July 12-18, 2020. Since May 27, 2020, a total of \$31,832,322.06 in PEUC benefits have been paid.

"The significant decrease in continuing claims from the prior week is a welcome bit of good news," said Beth Townsend, Director, Iowa Workforce Development. "While one week is not a trend, it is the biggest decline in continuing claims we have had in a single week since the beginning of the pandemic. We hope we continue to see similar declines in coming weeks as more and more Iowans return to work."

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation benefits end July 25th in Iowa. This means the \$600 weekly additional benefit will stop and at this time, no extension or change to the program has been made by Congress. Claimants will therefore see a corresponding decrease in their weekly benefit amount. Individuals who have exhausted the additional 13 weeks of PEUC benefits may be eligible for State Extended Benefits (EB) announced in June. Claimants should continue to file weekly claims so that their claims can be reviewed to determine eligibility for State EB. These benefits may provide eligible claimants up to an additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits. Not everyone who qualified for PEUC will be eligible for State EB. More information is available here: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/state-extended-benefits>.

Employers are now required to notify their employees about Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code Section 871-22.19. The requirement ensures that workers are aware of the benefits they may be eligible for if they become unemployed or experience a reduction in hours.

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Health News/Iowa News

Loebsack presses Reynolds on Tyson numbers

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack today sent a letter to Iowa Governor, Kim Reynolds, asking why the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) released the inaccurate number of individuals employed at the Tyson pork processing plant in Columbus Junction who became infected with COVID-19. On May 5th, the IDPH stated that 221 workers at the plant had tested positive for COVID-19. However, recent reports have shown that the IDPH were told prior to their May 5th announcement that the actual number of positive cases was 522. In his letter to Gov. Reynolds, Loebsack asked her office to provide answers about why the incorrect number was initially reported.

“The employees working at these plants play a critical role in maintaining the stability of our nation’s food supply and agricultural sector. I am deeply concerned that by concealing information about the true extent of the virus’ spread, the IDPH only served to further risk the health and safety of these essential workers, and in doing so, the health and safety of their families and the entire surrounding community,” Loebsack wrote to Governor Reynolds. “Iowans deserve access to the truth about the presence of this virus in their communities and their places of work. Concealing this important and necessary information will only put more Iowans at risk and prolong the duration of this



LOEBSACK

pandemic.”
A full copy of the letter and questions from Loebsack can be found below.

Dear Governor Reynolds,
I am writing to express my serious concern regarding recent reports that the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) significantly underreported the number of COVID-19 cases in the Tyson pork processing plant outbreak in Columbus Junction earlier this year. On May 5, 2020, the IDPH confirmed 221 positive COVID-19 cases at the plant, however recent reports indicate that Tyson officials had reported 522 positive cases to the state prior to the May 5th announcement.

The employees working at these plants play a critical role in maintaining the stability of our nation’s food supply and agricultural sector. I am deeply concerned that by concealing information about the true extent of the virus’ spread, the IDPH only served to further risk the health and safety of these essential workers, and in doing so, the health and safety of their families and the entire surrounding community. Our communities must have access to the most accurate, up-to-date information available in order to take the correct steps necessary to slow the spread of the virus and protect as many individuals as possible from contracting this disease.

I respectfully request that your office provide mine with answers to the following questions:
•On what date were IDPH officials made aware that there were 522 positive COVID-19 cases at the Tyson plant in Columbus Junction?
•Have any individuals responsible for the misinformation been held responsible?
•What remedies have been put in place to ensure that outdated or inaccurate numbers will not be reported again?

Will your administration ensure that all information regarding outbreaks at meat processing facilities is fully accurate, up-to-date, and available to the public on coronavirus.iowa.gov?

It has been reported that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offered on-site assistance on multiple occasions, and assistance was declined in both instances. What data did your administration consult to make these determinations, and what assistance was being offered that you deemed unnecessary?

Iowans deserve access to the truth about the presence of this virus in their communities and their places of work. Concealing this important and necessary information will only put more Iowans at risk and prolong the duration of this pandemic. Thank you, and I look forward to your response.

State DHS updates timeline for pandemic food card delivery

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) announces a new date in the timeline for delivery of Pandemic Food Assistance Benefits cards. Eligible Iowa children and their families should now expect to receive the benefits cards no later than August 5, 2020, which is a

change from the previously expected July 29, 2020, date.

The Families First Coronavirus Act allowed states to issue Food Assistance benefits to households with children in Pre-K through grade 12 who lost access to Free and Reduced Price School Meals due to pandem-

ic-related school closures in Spring, 2020. In Iowa, benefits are being distributed in two ways. If an eligible child’s household received Food Assistance benefits anytime in April, May, or June, their P-EBT benefits have already put on the household’s EBT card. The remaining eligible chil-

dren will receive their benefits cards in the mail.

\$29,042,161 of the total of the \$76,268,223 P-EBT food assistance benefits were distributed to 94,354 Iowa children via their current EBT

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Sports

Griffin takes Late Model feature

BY BRIAN NEAL
PEPSI LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY

DONNELLSON - The racing action on Friday, July 24th at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa was just as hot as the temperatures outside. As a smooth and dry slick racing surface helped to produce some great two and three wide racing, which was brought to you by Darkside Tint & Graphix and Coal Haus 337. At the end of the night two driver's claimed their first wins of the season at the track, while four others remained red hot.

Up first on the night was the 20 lap IMRA Midget feature, with Brian Stanfill and Bart Andrews drawing the front row. Stanfill used his draw to his advantage to jump out into the lead on lap 1 over Andrews and Brent Burrows. While Stanfill paced the field out front, Andy Baugh, who had troubles in his heat race and had to start 14th in the feature, was working his way towards the front. On lap 8 Baugh was able to over take Burrows for the runner up spot, and then went to work on chasing down Stanfill for the top spot. Baugh got the help he was looking for when Will Armitage spun in turn 2 on lap 11 to bring out the yellow, and bunched the field up for the restart. On the restart Stanfill moved back out front, with Baugh and Burrows close behind. Just after the lap was scored complete the red would come on, as Kevin Battefeld, who was running 4th, got upside down in turn 4. He would climb from his car okay. Stanfill once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Baugh and Burrows following. Baugh tried to keep pace with Stanfill over the final laps, but Stanfill was too strong on this night. As he held on to claim his first win of the season at the track. Baugh was 2nd, Burrows was 3rd, Kevin Douglas came from 8th to 4th, with Jacob Sollenberger finishing 5th after starting in 10th.

Josh Barnes and Kaycee McGregor led the field to green in the 15 lap Discount Tire and Service IMCA Sport Compact feature, with Barnes grabbing the lead on lap 1 over McGregor and Jared Heule. While Barnes set the pace out front Jason Ash, who started 7th, and Brandon Reu, who started 11th, were working their way towards the front. The action up front was slowed on lap 6, when Braeden Barlow spun in turn 2 to bring out the caution. On the restart Barnes jumped back out front, with Heule, Ash and Reu battling for the runner up spot. The second caution of the race appeared on lap 10, when Robert Sturms lost a right rear tire coming off turn 4 to bring out the yellow. Barnes once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Ash over taking Heule for second. Heule's run up front came to an end on lap 13, as he slowed to a stop in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Quinton Shelton got into McGregor and she would spin down the frontstretch to bring the yellow light back on. Barnes, who was running the middle of the track, and Ash, who was running the top, raced around the 3/8th mile track side-by-side over the final two laps, with Ash edging out Barnes at the line by inches to pick up his third win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Chuck Fullenkamp came from 10th to finish 3rd, Kimberly Abbott started 9th

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Central Lee wants to play seven games

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there is a game of concern or a hot spot, that's not something were interested in playing."

Doherty said he was happy that the state was looking for creative ways to make the season happen, rather than shut it down.

"Honestly, my fear was that they were going to shut it down," he said.

"Were just excited for opportunity to play and our goal is to play those optional games as of now. Jeremy is going to start making some calls to see what's happening, but he reached out right away to see if we wanted to play those."

Doherty said he understands the all-in on the playoffs considering what the state is up against, but he wouldn't want a format like that on-going.

"I understand for this year and that's one of the things they've talked about in the past. But the competitor in me doesn't like that. We wanna do it the right way. Fort Madison hasn't made the playoffs since the late 80s, but the competitor in me wants to earn it. I'm not a fan of an every-year thing."

Swink said allowing everyone in provides some room for schools that may encounter the virus and have to miss a couple games. The state encountered that issue with a few high-caliber teams that got left out of the summer post season due to virus' impact.

"I think the rationale to allow everyone to play in the playoffs is that if a strong team were to be unfortunate enough to catch this and would have to be out 14 days or whatever, that wouldn't hurt the team in the playoffs," he said.

Central Lee, playing in Class 2A, will have it's first district game against Mid-Prairie on the road Sept. 11, followed by Davis County at home, Eddyville-Blakesburg at home, West Burlington on the road on Oct. 2 and Williamsburg at

home on Oct. 9, with the first round of playoffs on Oct 16.

Banks said he anticipates the Hawks will keep their first two games, drop the second two and then districts will start.

"I don't know anything 100% solid at this point, but that would be my guess and I would think that's probably what other schools will do as well," Banks said.

"I just want football - plain and simple. I just want a season and I back the IHSAA 100%. They've done a great job with baseball this summer and now our kids can go out and compete."

Banks agreed that having everyone make the playoffs isn't the best option, but considering the circumstances he understands the decision.

He said Central Lee Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier, who is on the IHSAA Board of Control, and AD Jerry Ireland have been instrumental in helping the sports program adhere to guidelines and recommendations for the safety of the programs.

The Hawks' out-of-district games were Pekin, Van Buren, Cardinal and Louisa-Muscatine in that order. Banks said he would guess the Pekin and Van Buren games would stay on the schedule and the other two would just drop off.

The new scheduling does not penalize teams for missing games due to the potential of positive COVID-19 cases forcing players and teams to miss games in the regular season. A missed game due to COVID-19 will be considered a "no contest" and will not be made up. Teams may work with the IHSAA and new possible opponents should they have open dates due to scheduled opponents missing games.

The state will also not be compiling the regular RPI Power index this year and post season assignments will be based on geographic, quality and team availability as the primary considerations.

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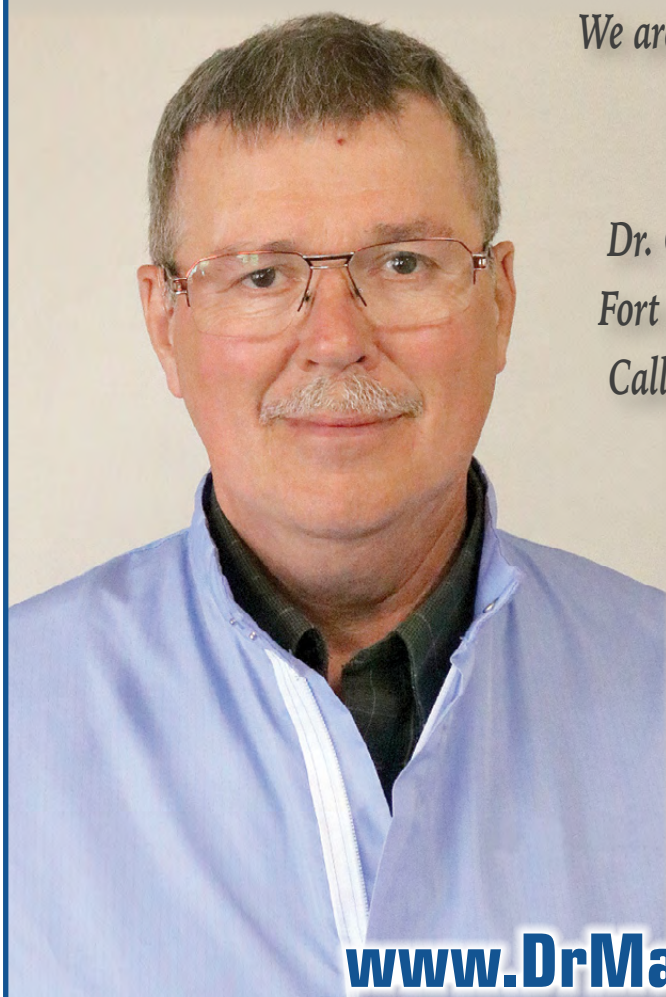
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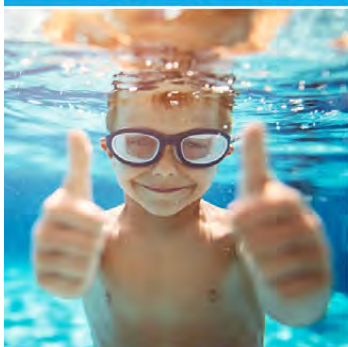
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From the Front/Classifieds

COVID quarantine yields its own rewards

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but didn't think too much about it. The day before, I had accompanied a crew of detasslers through a cornfield doing "research" for one of my articles. Maybe the pollen had irritated my throat.

When the sore throat was still with me the next day, I took my temperature—99.8 degrees. Uh, oh. My temperature usually runs below normal. At 72, I'm in one of the "risk groups" for Covid. I talked it over with Ginnie. She said maybe I had a "virus" (ha, ha) but should call the doctor.

I called the doctor's office and listened to the recorded message: "If this is COVID 19 related, call such-and-such number." I called the number and was instructed to go to the state website testiowa.com to get a COVID testing number. I did that; it's fairly easy. For people without internet, there's a telephone number. The only problem, or major inconvenience, was that this was Thurs-

day, and I wouldn't be able to be tested, at the Southeastern Community College parking lot, until Monday. And then the results wouldn't be available for another three-five days. In the meantime, I was to self quarantine.

Well, gee willikers. What do people with families and full time jobs do—take two weeks out of their lives and wait? But these are unusual times. Ginnie had a kitten. She works part time as a lab tech at a hospital. Was she supposed to quarantine also? She had no symptoms. (She and I never come down with the same illnesses.)

It is what it is; we self quarantined. We had plenty of food. If we needed groceries (or toilet paper) we could order on line and pick up without getting out of the car. I kept busy mowing, doing garden work, welding and going crazy. Fresh air and sunshine help a lot.

My symptoms, some of them "gas light-

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



ing symptoms," went up and down like a roller coaster: nausea, lower GI, vertigo, weakness/tiredness, tightness in chest, fever, headache, sore throat, and whacko taster (I craved sweets, especially chocolate). I did not have the upper respiratory issues you hear so much about. My days would progress from feeling perfect, to not so good. Ginnie wrung her hands.

We watched a lot of internet movies, one of them "Contagion" with Matt Damon and a slew of stars. We were warned to not watch disaster movies during this pandemic. Did we listen? Nooooo. Our anxiety level went through the roof.

Testing day finally arrived. Ginnie went with me to observe (in case she had to be tested, also). I got the Q-tip stuck up my

nose, sneezed three times, and was told to go home and continue self quarantining. Ginnie wagered I was positive, me, negative.

Miracle upon miracles, the test results arrived by email the next day, a Tuesday (Tuesday is Goodnewsday!). "Negative." Whoopee! No more pity pot for me; Ginnie and I did the happy dance. I must've had some kind of flu bug. To celebrate we went out for dinner at a restaurant that has outdoor dining, then an after dark drive to view Neowise—the comet that won't be around for another 6,800 years. Is Neowise a harbinger of great events to come?

Will I continue to make morbid, I mean "unusual" sculptures? You betcha. I want to make "BLM" and "Suffrage." Warhol move over.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

State pandemic food cards were to be delivered July 25

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cards on July 15, 2020. The remaining \$47,226,062 in benefits will begin arriving in the mail this week.

"We are aware that Iowans are anticipating receiving the benefit cards and are working to ensure they arrive as soon as possible. Many states required an application process to receive P-EBT benefits, or issued only to families already receiving EBT. Since we

decided against an application process and are and issuing benefits to all Free and Reduced Price School Meals recipients, the scale of our mailing is significantly larger, which has impacted the distribution timeline," said Jane Harvey, DHS Division Administrator of Adult, Child and Family Services. "We have confirmation that thousands of cards are being put in the mail each

day beginning earlier this week, so they should arrive in mailboxes for families in Iowa very soon."

The mail vendor has confirmed that all cards will be in the mail by Saturday, July 25, 2020, ensuring that all eligible children will receive their cards by August 5, 2020. Cards will arrive in white envelopes addressed with the child's name from an Austin, TX return address. The cards inside will be white, with black font, with IOWA

P-EBT printed at the top, and will bear the name of the eligible child. Families will need to follow the included instructions to activate the card.

A comprehensive FAQ document in English and Spanish, including eligibility information, and images of the card and envelope, are available on the DHS website here. We encourage the public to visit the website to find answers to all their P-EBT questions.

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
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Sports

Long edges LaVeine in Sonny's IMCA modifieds feature

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and finished 4th, with Reu rounding out the top 5.

The 20 lap Shottenkirk Parts Express IMCA Late Model feature was up next, with Dustin Griffin and Matt Strassheim making up the front row for the event. Griffin would take advantage of his starting spot to grab the lead on lap 1 over Nick Marolf and Mark Burgtorf. Marolf tried to keep pace with Griffin over the entire race. But without a caution there was no catching Griffin, as he pulled away to claim his first win of the season at the track. It was also Griffin's first win in three years, as he has sat out of racing. The win was worth \$850 thanks to the Sunoco Racing Fuel bonus. Marolf settled for 2nd, Burgtorf was 3rd, Tommy Elston was 4th, with Denny Woodworth coming from 9th to finish 5th.

Nicholas Profeta and Bobby Six led the field to green in the 18 lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMod feature. Just as the green flag was waved the caution light would come on, as Brian Bergheger spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. On the original restart Profeta edged out Six at the line to lead lap 1. After the lap was scored complete, Bergheger spun in turn 3 to bring out his second caution to end his night. Tanner Klingele, who was working the top of the track, swept around Profeta and Six on the restart to grab the lead. On lap 5 Klingele moved down the track a groove, which allowed Austen Becerra, who started 8th, to use the high line to grab the top spot. Then just after the lap was scored complete Logan Cumby spun in turn 2 to bring out the caution. Disaster would strike Six on the restart, as Powell got into him and spun him in turn 2. which

collected Barry Taft, Jim Walker and Kyle Hamelton to bring the yellow light back on. Becerra jumped back out front on the next restart, with Brandon Dale, who started 12th, over taking Klingele for second. The fifth and final caution of the race appeared after lap 6 was scored complete, as Profeta spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. Once again Becerra grabbed the lead on the restart, with Dale and Klingele following. Despite lapped traffic late in the race, there was no challenging Becerra who went on to win his second in a row and fifth of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Dale was 2nd, Klingele was 3rd, Adam Birck came from 10th to finish 4th, with Powell coming back to 5th.

Up next was the 18 lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature, with Beau Taylor and Jerry Jansen making up the front row. But it was third place starter Jerney Pundt who jumped out into the lead on lap 1 over Taylor and Jason Cook. While Pundt, who was working the bottom of the track, set the pace out front, Taylor, Cook and John Oliver Jr. raced two and three wide for the runner up spot. Oliver Jr. was able to take control of the runner up spot on lap 8, and then went to work on Pundt for the lead. Pundt and Oliver Jr. crossed the finish line side-by-side on lap 12, with Pundt still scored the leader. But coming off turn 2 Oliver Jr. was able to clear Pundt to take command of the race on lap 13. From there Oliver Jr. would pull away to pick up his second win in a row and third overall at the track. Pundt was 2nd, Cook was 3rd, Taylor was 4th, with Jansen coming home in 5th.

The final feature to take to the track was the 20 lap Sonny's Super Market IMCA Modifieds, with Todd Bates and Daniel Fellows leading the field to green. Fellows used his front row starting spot to his advantage, as he led lap 1 over Michael Long and Dennis LeVeine. The lead for Fellows lasted for one lap, as Long raced past him for the top spot on lap 2. The action was slowed on lap 4, when Levi Smith spun in turn 2 to bring out the caution. On the restart Mark Burgtorf and Bill Roberts Jr. got together in turn 4 to bring the yellow light back on. The following restart saw Long jump back out front, with LaVeine and Jeff Waterman following. Without a caution over the final 15 laps to bunch the field up, there was no catching Long on this night. As he pulled away to claim his fifth win of the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. LaVeine was 2nd, Roberts Jr. recovered from the lap 4 caution to come back up to finish 3rd, Burgtorf also recovered from the lap 4 caution to come back up to finish 4th, with Waterman rounding out the top 5.



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