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Grassley wants funding for Iowa towns

MUNICIPALITIES: Senator says next stimulus should include gap funding

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – U.S. Senator Charles Grassley said he wants to see local government gap funding in the next stimulus package Congress puts together.

During a videoconference today sponsored by the Lee County Economic Development Group, Grassley said current stimulus packages do nothing for Iowa's cities and leaves them at the mercy of state officials.

With LCEDG CEO Dennis Fraise moderating the 30-minute question and answer period, Grassley said there was \$150 billion on the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery and



GRASSLEY

Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act that goes to states on a per capita basis. He said cities with populations of more than 500,000 get direct support from the federal government.

“Those people will get money separate from state money. But in Iowa towns like Fort Madison, you don't get any (federal) money. No town in Iowa gets any money so you're going to have to go to the state and see how they want to distribute to each community,” Grassley said.

“On the fourth round of appropriations after we get this

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COVID-19

Lee County has 3rd test positive

(The following is a release from the Lee County Health Department printed in its entirety.)

LEE COUNTY - The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Lee County Health Department have identified one additional case of COVID-19 in the county, a middle-aged adult who is currently in isolation. This makes three cases in Lee County to date.

The Iowa Department of Public Health has created a new Coronavirus Dashboard on their website, <https://coronavirus.iowa.gov>. We encourage interested residents to check this website if inter-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Work continues to take place on the Southeastern Community College facility in downtown Fort Madison. Crews are rehabbing the old CarSmart offices at the corner of 6th and Avenue G to open the facility for adult education and training facilities.

GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

Northeast Iowa region gets 1st risk score of 10

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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JOHNSTON – Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds says data has pushed the northeast region of the state to a risk assessment score of 10 forcing residents to their homes.

At Thursday's daily COVID-19 press conference, Reynolds said data from long-term care facility outbreaks has pushed Region 6, which represents the northeast corner of the state, to the highest level seen since the Regional Medical Coordination Centers were established.

Workers in those states will still be allowed to go to work at those designated essential business in the region. But other self-mitigation efforts were minimal including canceling social activities and only immediate households were allowed

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LATE WINTER

Winter storm warning fizzles out over Lee County

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Area weather experts have issued a winter storm warning for today through 7 a.m. Friday morning.

According to the National Weather Service, rain and snow were expected to begin falling in the area at around 2

p.m. Thursday afternoon with a total daytime accumulation of up to two inches.

Precipitation is predicted to change over to all snow by Thursday night with additional accumulations projected at 6 to 10 inches by early Friday morning.

Weather models have the heaviest snow hitting the northern Missouri,

southern Iowa band up to Interstate 80, and into west central Illinois, but as is normally the case, forecasters can't predict where the heaviest precipitation will occur.

The warning area has Lee County in the southernmost part of the band and

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WEATHER

FRI 17 Apr.....Snow, 36.7° F/ 32.9° F
SAT 18 Apr.....Clear Skies, 53.4° F/ 47.8° F
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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

WAYNE E. ST. CLAIR

Wayne Earl St. Clair, 65, passed away on April 14, 2020, just half a mile west of his home in Croton, Iowa.

Wayne was born on June 9, 1954, in Keokuk, Iowa, the 2nd child of DeWayne Edward St. Clair and Reta Fae (Kite) St. Clair. Wayne was united in holy matrimony to Nancy Lee Shoenhair on August 6, 1983, in Swea City, Iowa. They treasured 37 fulfilling years together until his recent passing.



ST. CLAIR

Wayne was a 1973 graduate of Harmony High School. Following his graduation, he worked as a custodian at Harmony Middle School and did construction with Sam Lamborn Construction. Wayne was a licensed Master Plumber, working in HVAC and plumbing work, his favorite being new construction and remodels. His most recent employment was with Paul's Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling in West Point, Iowa, where he worked for many decades for owners, Paul and Judi Scott. Wayne was grateful for his many years of affiliation with Paul's, and always spoke of how well he was treated by them.

Wayne enjoyed hunting, gardening, fishing, and time with family. His favorite place to for fishing and family time was Lake Wilipyro and Cable, Wisconsin. Wayne always looked forward to relaxing in the family cabin on the lake during various weeks throughout the year, and visiting cousins Paul, Jim, and Joe. A photo of him standing on the cabin's dock gazing at the lake graces the cabin in his memory.

Out of everything in life, Wayne's absolute favorite role was Papa. He had a special smile he reserved specifically for his granddaughters. Just talking about them lit up his face in a way nothing else could. Aubrey and Ava gave Wayne's life a whole new purpose, and he spent many weekends and days off with them (and their parents) in Marion.

To know Wayne was to know friendship. He had a friend everywhere he went. Wayne was known for his giving spirit. If you ever had a question, or needed some input on a project, Wayne was the person to call. He was always willing to offer his guidance to help a friend in need.

Survivors include his wife: Nancy Lee St. Clair of Croton, Iowa; daughter and son-in-law (and best friend): Lauren Lee and Robert Joseph Udell, of Marion, Iowa; two granddaughters: Aubrey Robyn Udell and Ava Stephanie Udell; brothers: Paul (Nancy) St. Clair of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Mark (Emily Trevathan) St. Clair of Hannibal, Missouri; brother-in-law: Tim (Heidi) Brown of Burlington, Iowa; mother-in-law: Janet Shoenhair of Ames, Iowa; sisters-in-law: MaryEllen (Jim) Power of New Providence, Iowa, Sue Daker of Edgewood, Iowa, and Carol Scharff of Ames, Iowa; several nieces and nephews, and his Embury UMC family, where he was a regular attendee and active member.

Wayne was preceded in death by his sister: Eva Marie Brown; mother: Reta; father: DeWayne; father-in-law: Dick Shoenhair; and sister-in-law: MaryAnn St. Clair.

Due to current Covid-19 regulations, a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Wayne is now in heaven, and he wants you all to know it is amazing. He hopes to see you there one day!

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

04/13/20 – 7:41 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 35th Street.
 04/13/20 – 10:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue I.
 04/13/20 – 12:27 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 200 block of Avenue H.
 04/13/20 – 3:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1000 block of Avenue G.
 04/14/20 – 6:30 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2100 block of Avenue L.
 04/14/20 – 12:30 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Darrin Michael Fitzgerald, 18, of Keokuk, in the 2800 block of Avenue I, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.
 04/14/20 – 4:19 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Jerry Myer Caviness, 46, of Donnellson, in the 1800 block of Avenue O, on warrant for aggravated eluding, trespass, and numerous traffic offenses. He was released upon citation.
 04/14/20 – 8:28 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 1200 block of Avenue F.
 04/15/20 – 6:08 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 5200 block of Avenue O.
 04/15/20 – 6:14 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1200 block of Avenue E.
 04/15/20 – 12:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 800 block of Avenue E.
 04/15/20 – 1:21 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue G.
 04/15/20 – 6:51 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1400 block of 34th Street.
 04/15/20 – 8:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Anton Robert Kempker, 42, of Fort Madison in the 3300 block of Avenue N, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released after being cited.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

04/12/20 – 9:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident near 230th Avenue and Carbide Lane. According to the report of a Utility vehicle driven by Edward Thomas Stack, 39, of Keokuk, lost control on loose gravel,

rolling the vehicle on its side. Stack, and two passengers Ruger Mitchell Grelk, 13, of Keokuk, and Ethan Hoffman, 29, of Hamilton were taken to UnityPoint Health in Keokuk. Stack was cited for failure to maintain control
 04/14/20 – 4:07 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Stacy Marie Miller-Gilpin, 37, of Fort Madison, on charges of possession of controlled substance. She was released after being cited.
 04/15/20 – 7:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Travis Edward Scott, 41, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of 258th Avenue, on a charge of trespass. He was released after being cited.
 04/15/20 – 7:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Milisa Ann Johnson, 46, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of 258th Avenue, on a charge of trespass. She was released after citation. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

04/13/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one assist, one gas leak, and one false alarm
 04/14/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, and one car accident liquid cleanup.
 04/15/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.

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From the Front

Grassley supports boosting PPP funding

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first \$2.2 trillion spent, the next money that goes to the states, we'll see that those small communities get some of that money."

But he said the rest of the money that's gone into the first three phases of economic aid is doing what is intended to do. He did say the money earmarked for the Paycheck Protection Program is about exhausted through the country's local banks.

Fraise pressed Grassley on whether additional funds will be added to some of those programs to help mitigate losses due to the coronavirus and COVID-19 illness.

Grassley said he favored an additional \$250 billion "or whatever people think is necessary".

"As a matter of equity we want to make sure every small business is given every opportunity others have had with the first \$350 billion," he said from his farm in Iowa.

He said a WHIP call on the 100 senators would clarify any opposition, but he said that money can be made readily available by unanimous consent. Grassley said he also favored extending the time frame of the usage of the

money from the current eight weeks, to possibly 12.

"My voice has been in support of that amount of money, but when that will happen we don't know."

He said Congress is slated to return to session on May 4, if Washington D.C. looks under control in the metro area.

With COVID-19 outbreaks happening heavily now at state meat processing facilities in and around Iowa, Grassley said it's going to be very important to get assistance to those facilities, but his recent conversations with Sec. of Agriculture Sonny Perdue was that putting a program in place could take some time due to logistical issues.

"That's going to be a real economic problem if we don't get some money into that," Grassley said.

"I talked with Sec. Perdue about getting that out and he thinks because it's a new program and software has to be changed and regulations have to be approved, it wouldn't get out until June 1. So I called the Secretary of Treasury because he's got more ooomph with the White

House."

Grassley said he's heard from pork producers who are euthanizing pigs because their refrigerators are full and there's no place to take them for slaughter.

President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he was going to withhold funding to the World Health Organization. Grassley said the government needs to maintain is relationship with WHO, but the organization needs to not be carrying the water for China.

"It's pretty obvious that WHO was trying to protect China and China has too much influence with them. We put \$500 million in the group and China puts in \$40 million.... We don't want the money to go there if it's more of the China Health Organization."

Grassley said going forward the look of commerce will be different and sporting events many not have fans for a while.

"Restaurants will have less people and spaces between seating and in some places I don't think you'll see it open up for another month," he said.

"I think it'll be eight weeks before we see

some normalcy. And big gatherings like ball games and sports events, you may not have any seating at all or very little, for a very long period of time."

Congress as whole, Grassley said, is working pretty well in getting money out, but people who question the government's action need to realize that nothing like this has happened in 240 years.

"This is unprecedented and if I had been in Congress for 240 years this would be the first time this happened," he said.

"Hopefully, it won't take a war to get us out of this depression like it did in the 30s. We went in with the strongest economy the US has ever had and we'll get out of it quicker."

IDPH launches new website for COVID-19 data

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ested in knowing county testing data, confirmed case counts, and other useful information moving forward.

Reminder all residents should: Stay home as much as possible. Leave only for essential errands like groceries or getting medication. When you run these errands, send only one person from the household, if possible and consider wearing a mask.

Stay home when even mildly ill (the kind of illness that normally wouldn't prevent you from your everyday activities)

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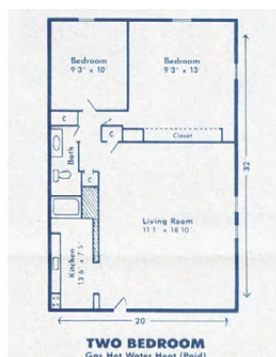
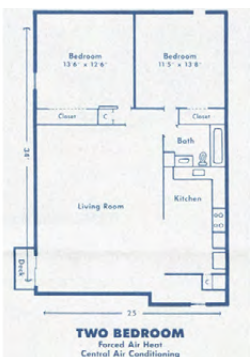
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GBP webinar features local politicians on COVID-19 issues

BURLINGTON- Wednesday the Greater Burlington Partnership hosted a webinar with Congressman Dave Loebsack, Senator Chuck Grassley, Senator Joni Ernst and our local legislators to give their insight on and discuss COVID-19 on both the State and Federal levels. The question and answer format allowed legislators to discuss ongoing concerns while soliciting feedback from local businesses.

The legislators spoke on topics ranging from when things will get back to normal, Small Business Administration loans, future legislation helping businesses and workers, additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program and more. In addition, Della Schmidt, President and CEO of the Greater Burlington Partnership passed on concerns of local businesses to the legislators.

The entire webinar recording can be viewed at GreaterBurlington.com/Covid19.

Snow could miss if it shifts north

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a shift to the north could result in reduced snowfall over the duration of the weather advisory.

Snow is predicted to continue overnight when rain will enter the mix at about 9 a.m. Friday morning. The snow is expected to be heavy and wet with reduced visibility during the higher snowfall rates.

Power outages are also a possibility due to the predicted heavy, wet snowfall.

Temperatures are expected in the range of 32 degrees overnight to 45 on Friday with winds in the 20-25 mph range Thursday night and slowing down to 5 to 15 mph range out of the northeast on Friday.



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Jobless claims start to taper off this week

DES MOINES - The number of initial claims in Iowa reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, filed between Sunday, April 5, and Saturday, April 11, was 46,356. There were 43,862 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 2,494 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state.

The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims is 128,819.

A total of \$37,881,985.37 of unemployment insurance benefits were paid to claimants for the same week.

The following industries had the most claims: Health Care and Social Assistance (6,789)

Manufacturing (6,002)

Retail Trade (5,813)

Accommodation and Food Services (4,292)

Industry Not Recognized (9,604)

Iowa Workforce Development began paying CARES Act benefits this week including the additional \$600 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) weekly benefit amount as well as unemployment claims for the self-employed. This week a total of \$60,999,000 in benefits were paid to 93,546 Iowans.

Employers or claimants with questions can email Iowa Workforce Development at uicclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov or call us at 1-866-239-0843. Please check www.IowaWorkforceDevelopment.gov for the specific information needed within the email in order for us to answer your questions. We continue to update our website several times a day and it contains the most recent and accurate information. It also contains videos, webinars, FAQs and other forms of assistance for all of the different types of claims and programs such as the most updated information on the CARES Act benefits and payments.

Iowa Workforce Development does not accept paper applications for unemployment benefits. We ask that Iowans not file paper applications or utilize applications that provide paper applications on your behalf. This will significantly delay processing and payment of your unemployment claims. We encourage Iowans to continue to utilize our website to file for unemployment benefits.

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

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Officials seeing more outbreaks at long term care centers, packing plants

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to gather. Reynolds said 80% of the state's businesses are currently considered essential.

Weddings and funeral were limited to 10 people and residents were encouraged to continue practicing social distancing. Reynolds did not issue a shelter in place order.

She did say additional testing was being sent into the area and strike teams would be put in place to work with large businesses and law enforcement on educating residents on how to deal with the virus activity.

"So today, based on that ranking we are implementing additional mitigation. Effective at 11:59 p.m. in all Region 6 counties all gatherings for social activity will cease through April 30, only immediate household are allowed to gather with exceptions such as weddings and funerals, which will continue to be restricted to 10 individuals or less," Reynolds said.

"Of course residents of Region 6 and all Iowans should continue to take personal responsibility for their health and those of others by staying home, practicing good hygiene, social distancing and isolate at home if your sick. If you need medical attention, call the doctor first."

Reynolds said the state Department of Public Health has activated additional response teams for testing, tracing and education efforts in the



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region. She said "Strike Teams" are being dispatched to long-term care facilities and large business where outbreaks are occurring or anticipated.

Another outbreak at a meat packing plant in Waterloo is now being investigated and Reynolds said 1,500 tests are being sent to that facility in Blackhawk County today.

Two more outbreaks were confirmed at long-term care centers in the state, including Linn Manor Care Center in Linn County, and Lutheran Living Senior Campus in Muscatine County. The outbreaks bring the number in the state to nine confirmed.

Region 5, which include Lee, Henry, Des Moines, and Van Buren counties among others, had 12 new patients hospitalized Wednesday, with 66 currently in hospital beds. Sixteen are currently on ventilators and 29 are in ICUs in the region.

The State Hygienic Lab had 146 new positive cases against 660 negative cases. The state has seen 2,141 positive cases and 8,534 negative cases. Health officials claim 987 patients have recovered and there were seven additional deaths, two were employees at the Tyson facility. The state has now had

60 people die from the COVID-19 illness, 30 of those were residents of long-term care centers.

The state will launch a new initiative in the coming days called Test Iowa, which will be a ramped up testing initiative

"Test Iowa is an initiative to enable us to conduct large-scale testing and tracing across the state. Test Iowa will ramp up testing capacity by more than 3,000 per day," she said.

She said plans are still being formulated for the rollout of the new tests and the state will also begin doing serology testing, which is a blood-based test that looks for antibodies for specific proteins made by the body in response to infections, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

She said serology testing will begin in two locations, but didn't specify which two those would be. She said the state was awaiting supplies and reagents to launch the testing.

When asked by pool reporters about the additional meat packing plant potential outbreak, Reynolds said USDA and OSHA officials are always inspecting those plants and some have inspectors on site daily as a matter of practice, indicating the additional testing and strike teams are the additional resources being applied to the outbreak.

IDPH Deputy Director

Sarah Reisetter reaffirmed the state's intention of using Iowa Department of Human Resources staff to augment contact tracing that's going on in rural Iowa counties.

IDPH Director Dr. Caitlin Pedati said the state realizes the challenges and limitations around testing, but they are working daily to expand those resources aimed at stopping the virus.

She said health experts are still learning from COVID-19 and what immunities are being produced and challenged.

"H1N1 was this type of illness where we may see it once and it goes away, or goes down and becomes a seasonal illness. As we learn more it's important to keep that in mind, because it's not about a percentage of people that need a test," Pedati said.

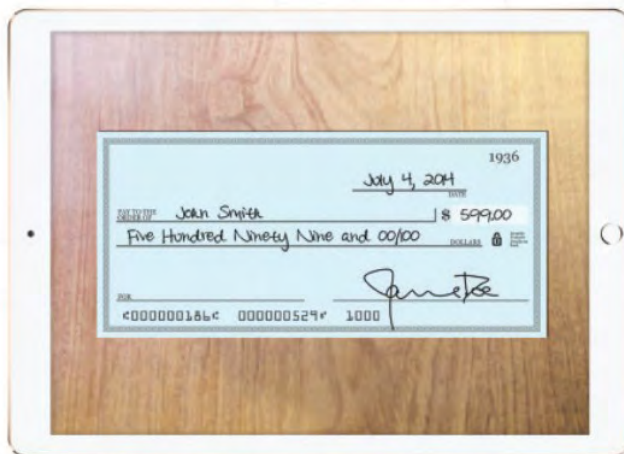
Pedati said the body produces quick antibodies to fight off a bacteria or virus either in the blood or mucous membranes, but then other antibodies come two to four weeks later.

"Those give you a memory or a lasting immune response. That's important if you can teach your immune system to fight something so they can do it again in the future. That's why you plan your flu vaccine two to four weeks before flu activity," she said.

Reynolds said she would participating in a governor's conference call with President Donald Trump today focusing on reopening the country's economy. She said she would be able to provide details on how that would look from a state and federal perspective on Friday.

"There could be some overlap, but we look forward to working with the administration and the Department of Public Health," she said.

There was also some anticipation that Reynolds would cancel school for the remainder of the year today, but no discussion that took place. Reynolds said earlier that she would let school officials know two weeks in advance of the April 30 deadline, which would be before Saturday.



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