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## North Lee County to open Monday

**MASKS REQUIRED:** County to purchase masks to hand out at county office buildings

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Despite some pushback from county department heads, Lee County supervisors voted Tuesday to move forward with plans to reopen county buildings Aug. 3

Supervisor Gary Folluo said during county department head meetings, he's had some employees show hesitation to reopening fully.

"If we're serious about opening our buildings up, we still have to be cognizant of our department heads and their wishes," he said.

The county will continue the current procedure of running

driver's license services by appointment only. Lee County Treasurer Chris Spann said the motor vehicle department is working off appointments only, but will be allowing for a walk-in at the title and registration's desk every 15 minutes.

Folluo said it's important for the public to understand that if someone has an appointment at 1 p.m. and you're in line as a walk-in, you'll have to wait.

"I would encourage everyone to call in and make an appointment," Folluo said.

Folluo cited Lee County's recent uptick in coronavirus infections pointing to the nine that were confirmed over the

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

A Fort Madison family watches a train go by under the Riverview Park footbridge Tuesday evening. Many residents took to the park, Mississippi River, and the city's riverfront as cooler temperatures moved through the area.

### FORT MADISON

## K9 helps police nab FM man who hid from police

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON – Authorities chased down a 42-year-old Fort Madison man with an outstanding sex offender warrant early Tuesday morning in Riverview Park.

According to Fort Madison Police Chief Mark Rohloff, Nathan Eric Washburne ran from an officer after he was approached at the northern side of the foot bridge over the railroad tracks in the park.

The Fort Madison officer attempted to place Washburne, who was with

an unidentified female at the time, under arrest.

Washburne took off up the stairs, over the bridge and back down into the park with the officer in pursuit. The suspect was chased into the

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### SUPERVISORS

## FM trail

## work gets

## county nod

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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LEE COUNTY – County officials approved what amounts to a hold harmless agreement with Fort Madison to move forward with the construction of concrete path from Fort Madison to Rodeo Park.

The document is a 28E agreement and gives the city construction rights over county right of way on 303rd Avenue just north of city limits in the Timberlane Drive area.

Under the agreement the city holds all responsibilities for construction, maintenance and liability of the trail. Lee County Supervisors approved the agreement 4-1 at Tuesday's regular

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### BROADBAND

## LCEDG secures new high-speed mapping tool

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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LEE COUNTY – A \$5,000 mapping study spurred by the Lee County Economic Development Group is painting a clearer picture of high-speed connectivity in the county.

The mapping, done by Vantage Point Solutions out of South Dakota, looked at provider coverage, and combined that with information from student surveys of the three school districts in the county to give local officials a better snapshot of where coverage actually exists in the county.

Federal data collection focuses on census block information which can, and

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### WEATHER

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## Obituaries/Local News

### Fort Madison Food Pantry gets Conagra grant

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Food Pantry recently was awarded a grant from Conagra Brands Foundation to help increase food distribution capacity, improve food storage infrastructure, and provide handicap/disability access to its building. With this very generous grant funding, the Food Pantry will be able to install an automated handicap-accessible entrance, which will significantly increase access for people of all abilities and remove any physical barrier that may have previously prevented residents from accessing the Pantry for the food they need to feed themselves and their families. In addition, significant funding was allocated to expand the Pantry's food storage capacity so that it can safely store and distribute increased amounts of food to the residents of our community. With this funding, the Pantry will specifically be able to increase the Pantry's electrical capacity



to support larger freezers and refrigerators, and increase the Pantry's food storage capacity. The Conagra Brands Foundation focuses its philanthropic support on nonprofits with effective programs that address food insecurity in the communities where its employees live and work.

Each month the Fort Madison Food Pantry serves on average 400 food-insecure households in the Fort Madison area. The Pantry is located at 3421 Avenue L in Fort Madison; its hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9am to noon and 1 to 3pm.

### OBITUARIES

## WILLIAM A. HART

William "Bill" Allan Hart, 59 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Sunday, July 26, 2020 at his home. He was born July 6, 1961 in Iowa, a son of John Marion II and Dorothy Lucille (Meyers) Hart. He married Connie



HART

Wright on June 18, 1994. She preceded him in death on May 13, 2020.

Bill graduated high school and then served in the United States Army. He was a truck driver for more than 25 years, and drove over-the-road with his wife, Connie. He was a backyard mechanic and enjoyed working on his vehicles. He was a San Francisco 49ers fan, enjoyed motorcycles, wrestling, and loud music. He loved his family especially his grandkids.

He is survived by one daughter, Jennifer McCarty of Alexandria, Minnesota; one step-daughter, Angela (Ed) Hart of Fort Madison; one son, Shane LaGrange of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three brothers: Larry, Ed, and John III; three sisters: Linda, Diane, and Sandra; grandchildren including Jenica, Jocelyn, and Rylan; 10 step grandchildren: Seth, Kathryn, William, Robin, Erica, Raven, Daniel, Cody, Toni, and Dylan; 11 step great grandchildren; and other family members



and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one son Billy Gene Hart, one sister Mary Ann Hart, two sisters-in-law Deanna Hart and Jan James, step daughter and son-in-law Terri and Les Ross, one nephew James Hart, his mother-in-law Vera Wright, and his dog of 16 years, Sable.

His body has been cremated. A graveside service to Celebrate the Lives of Bill and Connie Hart will be held at 1:30 pm Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at Oakland Cemetery, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Hart family and an online guest book may be found at [www.barrmemorialchapel.com](http://www.barrmemorialchapel.com).

### For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
 07/27/20 – 3:01 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue L.  
 07/27/20 – 7:05 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Alexander Michael Schweitzer, 24, of Fort Madison in the 1000 block of Avenue D, on a charge of domestic abuse, 4th-degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 07/27/20 – 9:33 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 800 block of Avenue G.  
 07/27/20 – 9:52 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Timothy George Brockman, 56, of Fort Madison in the 800 block of Avenue F, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 07/27/20 – 8:11 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of

a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue F.  
 07/27/20 – 10:40 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Amanda Diane Carruthers, 41, of Burlington, at the probation office, on a two warrants for probation violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 07/28/20 – 1:49 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Nathan Eric Washburne, 42, of Fort Madison, in Riverview Park on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, interference with official acts and warrant for sex offender registration violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

**Lee County Sheriff's Report**  
 07/27/20 – no activity reported.

**Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report**  
 07/27/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters had no calls.



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## Lee County News/From the Front

# Supervisors approve bringing on director for ambulance service

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weekend and Monday.

"We're up to 77 cases - nine over the weekend and Monday and I strongly suggest that if we're not 100% serious about making these buildings as safe as possible, than we need to rethink this," Folluo said.

"My support would be for opening the buildings with proper distancing and masking."

Supervisor Matt Pflug said he would want to see the county offer masks. The county had purchased 3,000 masks for employees to use during the pandemic, but Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said there were some inexpensive masks available that the county could purchase and hand out.

Supervisors voted 5-0 to open the buildings with social distancing requirements and mask requirements.

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber will place security officers in each

building, but said he's instructed those officers not to arrest anyone that doesn't have a mask on.

"We're not going to make arrests because it's not against the law. If the county chooses to refuse service to those who don't want to wear one, the county needs to get behind me," Weber said.

"Or - it's still America and they are going to do what they need to do. We still live in a very nice polite society so I'm not worried about it."

Lee County Health Department Administrator Michele Ross said she has not heard of anyone being required to provide documentation that they can't wear a mask. But she said guidance from the Centers for Disease Control indicates if someone can't wear a mask they shouldn't be forced to, nor should children under the age of 2.

In addition to monitoring for

masks, the officers will also be limiting the number of people that can be in the building at one time.

"The fact that we will have officers on the doors regulating how many people are in our buildings, and we are taking social distancing and masking of people, we can safely open the buildings I hope," Folluo said.

In other action, the board:

- approved a renewal of jail health services with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. for inmate health services.

- approved a motion to hire an ambulance director to help oversee the transition to a county-owned ambulance service.

- approved three different liquor license for Charleston Board of Trade, Boonies Bar and Grill in Fort Madison, and Cornstock in West Point.

# United Way Back to School fest set for Aug. 8

KEOKUK - The 16th Annual Back to School Festival will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 9 AM to 11 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church. We will look different this year, but we have the same goal - to help families get ready for school. Each year, area churches, organizations, and businesses come together to support this event. It's free and open to the public regardless of income or school district. Backpacks with selected school supplies will be distributed for students pre-kindergarten through high school on a first come first serve basis.

Due to COVID-19, backpacks will be distributed "CURBSIDE". Participants should drive to Trinity United Methodist Church. Once there, participants will stay in their car and receive instructions on how to receive backpacks and a meal. Participants should not arrive before 9:00 AM. In order to protect everyone's health, walk ups are strongly discouraged and social distancing will be followed. Other event activities such as visits with area agencies and outdoor games will be suspended this year out of caution for everyone's safety.

Even though the event will look different this year, there are plenty of ways to get involved and help support this annual event:

- Become an event sponsor
- Join the planning committee
- Sponsor a backpack for \$20 each or purchase supplies
- Volunteer to pack backpacks with school supplies
- Volunteer on August 8 to help distribute backpacks

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Sue at United Way at 319-524-4504 or [vc@unitedwaygr.org](mailto:vc@unitedwaygr.org).

# Drugs found on suspect after capture

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wooded area on the west end of the park where other officers joined in and formed a perimeter. They then called for K9 assistance from the Lee County Sheriff.

Deputy Jordan Maag brought K9 Kion to the scene and the dog sniffed out Washburne laying on the ground in the dark next to a tree.

During a search of Washburne, police recovered a small quantity of

marijuana and methamphetamines. He was subsequently charged with "Interference with Official Acts", a sex offender registration violation warrant, and drug possession charges.

There were no injuries in the search.

Washburne was taken and booked into the Lee County jail pending his court appearance. The female subject was not charged.

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### REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

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## Catfish and bluegill fair this week

**DES MOINES** - The following is the weekly fishing report from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for some of the fishing spots in southeast Iowa.

### Big Hollow Lake

Water temperature is in the mid to upper 80's. Largemouth Bass - Slow: Work some of the edges of the brush piles in 5 to 7 feet of water earlier in the morning. Bluegill - Fair: Work the brush piles and trees in 6 to 8 feet of water using small jigs tipped with live bait.

### Iowa River (Columbus Junction to Mississippi River)

The Iowa River in this section is holding at about 4 foot below bank full level with a decent current speed. Channel Catfish - Fair: A few more anglers were out this week. The log jams and snags are holding the fish. Still more than enough water that the catfish are "holed up" at lower water levels.

### Lake Belva Deer

Water is fairly clear, but with a green cast to it. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Go to the upper end of the lake and work over the top of the mounds with crankbaits or soft plastics. Bluegill - Fair: Move out to the deeper water (16 to 18 feet) out around the trees. Black Crappie - Fair: Try slow trolling at the lower end of the lake early in the morning. The bite has slowed a bit.

### Lake Darling

Water temperature is in the mid 80's. Water clarity is decent at about 3 1/2 feet with a green cast to the water.

Largemouth Bass - Fair: Hot weather forecast for this weekend points to a continuation of the morning bite. Bluegill - Fair: Keep working rock and brush piles in 5 to 8 feet of water. Black Crappie - Slow: Slowly drift or troll down the lake in 10 to 12 feet of water over the habitat.

### Lost Grove Lake

Water is fairly clear with a green cast to it. Early and late bite will be best with water temperatures in the mid 80's. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Bass fishing picked up a little bit over the weekend. Still mostly an early morning bite. Bluegill - Fair: Work small jigs tipped with a trailer or live bait in 12 -16 feet of water.


### Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)

The Skunk River settled to a level just under half bank full. Channel Catfish - Fair: Start working to usual summer haunts of the bigger log jams and off the back edges of the sand bars (those that are starting to stick out of the water.)

For more information on the above lakes, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

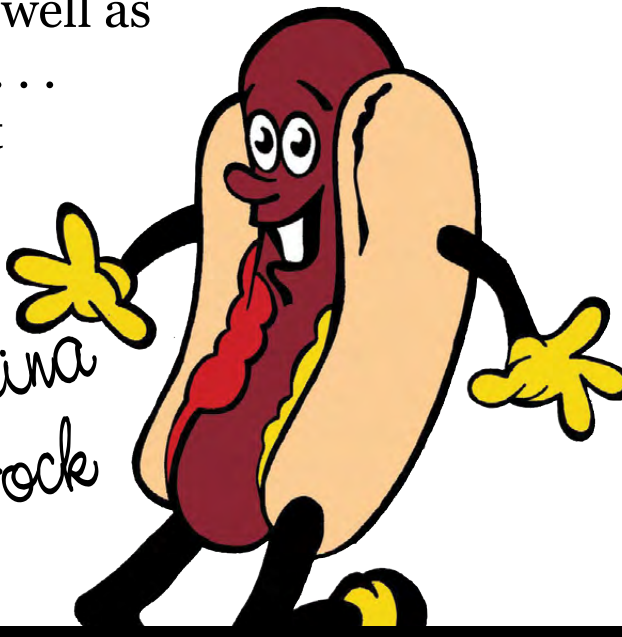
### Lake Macbride

The 10 hp outboard maximum limit is in effect. White Bass - Fair: Look for surface activity towards evening; throw topwater baits or small plastics. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) - Fair: Look for surface activity towards evening; throw topwater lures or small plastics. Walleye - Slow: Troll shad colored crankbaits or worm harnesses in 7-13 feet of water. Largemouth Bass - Fair: Target shallow cover or deeper rock piles.

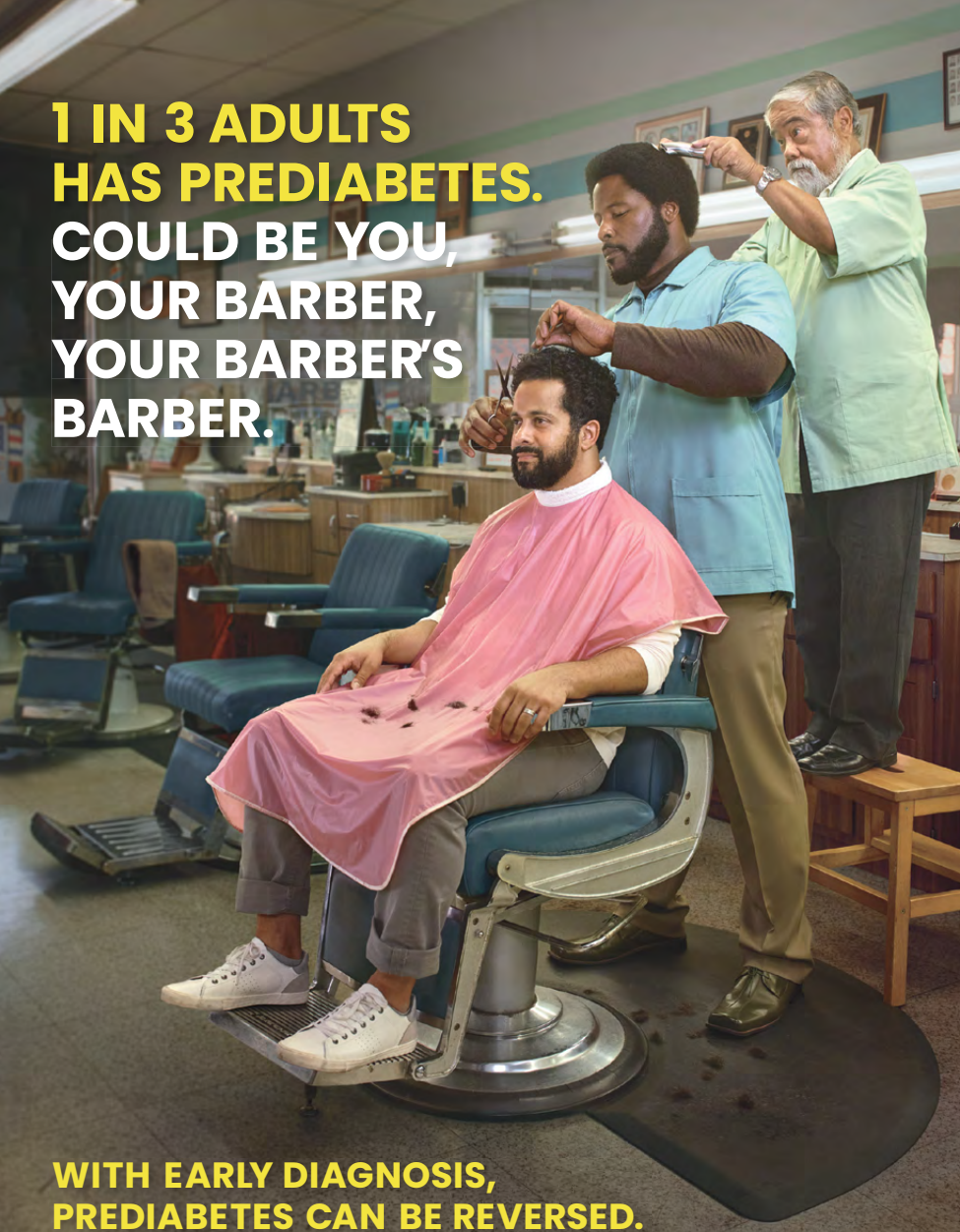


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## Local News/From the Front

# Annual golf outing fundraiser still in the works for United Way

FORT MADISON - The United Way of the Great River Region wants to remind you of their annual 18-hole outing on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course in Fort Madison. Team check in begins at 10 am, boxed lunch at 11 am and the shotgun start at 12 noon.

"We still have room for teams and hole sponsors," says Karen Siefken, Executive Director. "This is going to be a great event! We will be following social distancing protocols, have lots of hand sanitizer available, meals will be individually packaged, everything will be outdoors, and masks are encouraged and welcome. It will be great to get outside and enjoy some golf. We have some great Silent Auction baskets available along with raffle items and games."

Team registration is \$400.00. This includes 4-person team, carts, boxed lunch, grab and go dinner, mulligans and drinks. Hole Sponsorships are \$100.00. The sponsorship includes hole/flag sign and a chance to be present at the course to promote your business. Hospitality Sponsorships are also available for \$300.

Net proceeds will go directly to help fund 24 local nonprofit organizations that show a measurable impact in the areas of health, education, and financial stability. These

organizations include Advocacy Network for Children, Alcohol Drug & Dependency Services, Child Abuse Prevention Council, Clark County Council on Aging, Community Action of Southeast Iowa, Community Services Inc. - Food Pantry, Denmark Ball Association, Emma Cornelius Hospitality House, Food for Thoughts, Fort Madison Community School Child Health Fund, Fort Madison Public Library, Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois, Hancock County Health and Wellness Coalition, Hancock County Senior Services, Hoerner YMCA, Hope Haven Area Development Center, Iowa Legal Aid, Keokuk Christian Preschool, Keokuk Community Child Development Center, Legacy Theater Foundation, Inc., Mississippi Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America, Old Fort Players, Test Kitchen Education Foundation, WOW-Carthage Parks.

United Way also supports key initiatives such as the Literacy Program, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, Lee County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and the Back to School Festival.

To sign up for the United Way Golf Outing or to donate an auction or prize item, contact Karen Siefken at 319-524-4504, or [director@unitedway-grr.org](mailto:director@unitedway-grr.org).

# Fraise: Plan needed to take advantage of federal funding

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does, lead to false coverage data.

The biggest problem with the census block information is that if one home in a block has high speed access, or a school or business, then the whole block is considered to have high-speed access.

But typically in Lee County it's the one location that has service, while the other homes in the same block can't get access.

Lee County Economic Development Group President Dennis Fraise said LCEDG took the lead on the project because high-speed Internet access is critical to growth on many different levels.

"Our organization took the lead on that and we've been working with the Board of Supervisors, the Keokuk and Fort Madison Chambers, the cities and schools, they're all a part of this," Fraise said Tuesday.

"We're educating ourselves to understand what the future looks like. There are so many speed issues, and we don't want to be working on what's good today, but what's next."

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a measure that would allocate just over \$1 billion to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Rural Development Program as part of an appropriations bill.

"The need for high-speed broadband access has not been more apparent, whether it is for work, school, entertainment or telemedicine. It should not matter where you live, in the city, on a farm or in a rural community, everyone needs to have access to high-speed broadband. Unfortunately, that is not the case," said Loeb sack.

"This investment will help provide access to those living and working in rural areas. I am pleased the House has passed this important legislation. Now the Senate must now follow suit and invest in this needed infrastructure."

The new mapping shows dots where students from the three school district's live and then overlays coverages to get a clearer picture of where needs exist.

Fraise said he just got the map today. The group paid \$5,200 for the tool and hopes that some stake holders will jump in and share some of the cost.

Fraise said Iowa got \$50 million for broadband efforts out of the CARES Act, but said without a plan, it will be

hard to access any of that money. The map will help the county define the next steps.

"You have to have a plan to apply for that money," he said.

"The long-term goal will be to understand gaps are and to formulate a county-wide plan and then be in a position, when and if funds come available, to work on those issues. But you have to have a plan, and I see that as our role."

LCEDG also helped form a countywide connectivity committee and he envisions that committee forming subgroups to dive into the information from the new mapping tool to make recommendations.

Fraise said the governments current formula for determining high-speed coverage is a "messy" situation. He compares high-speed connection to the way the government ran electricity to every home.

"This isn't just southeast Iowa or Lee County, the whole country is facing this, but it's the role of LCEDG to take a look at what's next," he said.

"If you don't have high-speed Internet to work on, they're not going to come here. Our role is to be that catalyst to get people to the table. Somebody's got to push to convene people and that's the appropriate role for our organization."

Supervisor Rick Larkin said the board of supervisors should try to find a place to get \$1,000 to put toward the study.

"We need to show our support for this and the rest of the folks on the committee could jump in and help," Larkin said.

Supervisor Gary Folluo said the county already contributes \$200,000 to LCEDG, but said there is an absolute need for service in rural areas. He said the COVID outbreak really highlighted the gaps in connectivity.

"It's brought to light the disservice we have in Lee County because we had school kids that weren't able to get online to do anything with teachers in the early onset," Folluo said.

"We have to have this mapping and identification of our weaker areas."

Fraise said the next step is for the subcommittees to start work on interpreting the map and identifying the next steps towards a comprehensive county-wide plan.

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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 4, 2020, at the Council Chambers of Fort Madison City Hall at 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison concerning Public Improvement Project 2020-03, GRHS-FMCH Community Health Foundation: Fort Madison High School to Rodeo Park Trail. 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 (827 4803 7448). 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](mailto: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 4, 2020.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE NEW CONSTRUCTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Notice to Bidders Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Sealed bids will be received by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources by email, at [procurement@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:procurement@dnr.iowa.gov) until 11:00 am, August 20, 2020 for the public improvement projects listed below, at which time they will be opened publicly. In an effort to mitigate the spread and effects of the COVID-19, the Department of Natural Resources will ONLY be accepting proposals submitted via email for these projects. No bids shall be accepted by FAX, mail or hand-delivery. After the

bid opening, information concerning bid results may be obtained by visiting the Department's website at [www.iowadnr.gov](http://www.iowadnr.gov).

Note: The bid opening for this project will be held by conference call only. No facilities will be available for an in-person meeting. Interested parties may call in to the following number to listen to the bid opening:

Conference call number: +1 (317) 947-5091  
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While bids are due by 11:00 am CST on July 23rd, 2020, the bid opening teleconference will not begin until 11:15 am to allow staff ample time to print bids before reading them aloud.

Project documents, including drawings, specifications, proposal forms, and addenda items for the project are available at Beeline and Blue, at 2507 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines IA 50312. Please visit [www.beelineandblue.com](http://www.beelineandblue.com) or contact (515) 244-1611 for more information.

Alternatively, Bid Documents can be viewed or printed online at <https://>

[programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp](http://programs.iowadnr.gov/engreal/projectlist.asp)

The Department shall comply with all public improvement procurement laws, as outlined in the plans and specifications and including but not limited to: Iowa Code chapter 26 related to public construction bidding; Iowa Code chapter 73 related to preferences; Iowa Code chapter 573 related to labor and materials on public improvements; rules promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise as they may apply; rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Commission, as they may apply; and any federal statutes, rules and/or executive orders that may be associated depending on funding sources. Bidders shall comply with these laws to be considered and are encouraged to be familiar with public improvement procurement requirements and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

Each bidder shall accompany the bid with a scanned copy of the bid security as defined in Iowa code section 26.8. Additionally, bid securities in the form of a certified check, cashier's check,

or money order must also be mailed to the Department at the Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. The bid security must be in an amount set forth in the bidding documents and made payable to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Failure to execute a contract for the proposed work and file an acceptable Performance Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price and a certificate of liability insurance within thirty (30) days of the date of the award of the contract will be just and sufficient cause for the rescinding of the award and the forfeiture of the bid security.

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### DICKINSON COUNTY PROJECT NO. 19-01-30-07

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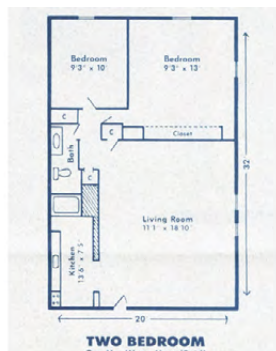
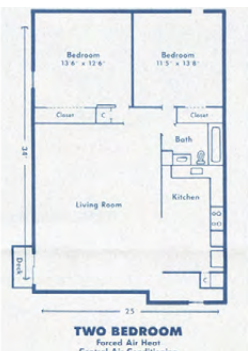
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From the Front/Local News

# Fedler casts vote against county agreement with city

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board meeting. Board Chairman Ron Fedler voted against the agreement.

Valerie Natoli, a resident on Timberlane Drive, has spoken out about the trail that is being built with a \$1.5 million donation from the Great River Health System/Fort Madison Community Hospital Community Health Fund.

Natoli called the plans for the trail “arbitrary and capricious” and said no one has taken the elderly residents of areas affected by the construction, into consideration. Construction of the path would cross over the Timberlane Drive exit onto 303rd Avenue.

“How are we going to get out safely? It’s coming out right across the road where we get out of our neighborhood,” Natoli said.

“Now, you’ve made it legal – not necessarily right – but legal. And I’d like to see something in writing indicating you’re going to get out of your driveway as safe as it was before. That’s our concern.”

Natoli had expressed concerns earlier that motorized equipment would be used on the trails since Fort Madison has an ATV/UTV allowance in city code.

Lee County Engineer Ben Hull said the agreement provides for pedestrians and bicycles only, so no ATVs or UTVs would be allowed on the path other than city maintenance equipment.

Natoli also expressed concerns about noxious

weeds and keeping those down around the trail.

Lee County Conservation Director Nathan Unsworth said it would be no different than hiking on any other county trail and the county does what it can to mitigate those occurrences. The agreement does stipulate the city would be responsible for trimming of vegetation that interferes directly with the trail.

Ron Fedler said he was voting against the 28E because he had heard from several constituents who were against the project.

“The majority of the calls I got were not in favor of it and even though I think it’s great for Fort Madison, I must respect my constituents by voting no,” he said.

Fedler said he congratulated the GRHS on offering such an outstanding donation to the city and was concerned about people getting out and exercising, but he said he wished the project would have been kept within the city limits of Fort Madison.

The trail is completely within Fedler’s district. Supervisor Gary Folluo said he had a couple calls in support of the project and said he was happy the project was done without have to condemn any property.

“I’m glad this trail was designed without any condemnation. We work with the trails all over the county and in the four-county region through regional planning and many times there are condemnation issues,” Folluo said.

“I find it very hard to justify that for these projects.” Bid letting on the work is set to be done in August. The foundation had a timeline restriction as part of the donation.

# Jensen earns FMCH top employee honor for May

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Danielle Jensen as their May Employee of the Month. Danielle is a Certified Medical Assistant in the FMCH Clinics. She has been with FMCH for two years. She was recognized with this nomination:

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“I love working at FMCH because of the family atmosphere and small community,” expressed Jensen. “Dr. (Heather) Perry has been a huge mentor for me. I was placed with her when I did my clinical rotations and then after I got hired. She pushed me to be a better Medical Assistant and to have pride in taking care of all our patients.”

When not at work, Danielle enjoys spending time with her husband, her nieces and watching the Chicago Cubs.



Pictured: Matt Mullins, VP of Physician Services, Danielle Jensen, Katie Sciumbato, Clinic Nursing Supervisor.

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