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## PODS WORK AT CENTRAL LEE



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Central Lee Elementary Principal Heather Fuger gives an elbow tap to students in Montrose Wednesday afternoon after delivering meals to the pod.

## DISTANCE LEARNING: More than a dozen property owners give up space for students

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

**DONNELSON** – With the state of Iowa now reporting more than 1 in 10 people tested for coronavirus are positive, a clever move to create safer learning in classrooms is holding up well at Central Lee.

When the Iowa Department of Education required a Return to Learn plan from all public and private schools in the state in July, Superintendent Dr. Andy Crozier and the administrators in the district came up with a unique strategy for the K-8 students.

The district reached out to community stakeholders to find remote pod locations to hold elementary classes. That move put students in more than a dozen locations around Montrose and Donnellson, creating valuable social distancing space for students.

As of Sunday morning, Lee County's positivity percentage was 18.1%. According to DOE protocols, districts with rates higher than 15% combined with an absentee rate of at least 10% for staff and students not enrolled in online-learning, can request of waiver from the state to go to strictly online

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## POLLMILLER

### Conservation group meets playground fundraising goal

BY PCC STAFF

**LEE COUNTY** – The Three Rivers Conservation Foundation is proud to announce it received a Small Match Grant from the Wellmark Foundation. The funds secured from this grant help the foundation reach its fundraising

goal for the Pollmiller project. Lee County Conservation and Three Rivers Conservation Foundation plans to have the playground installed by next spring. "This will be a great new addition for Pollmiller Park. With the recent campground improve-

ments and other enhancement projects, the number of people visiting Pollmiller is increasing. The new playground will help improve the visitor experience and encourage more families to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. We ap-

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## TRI-STATE RODEO

### Coronavirus blocks 2020 Tri-State Rodeo

Committee holds late Friday meeting before cancelling

BY PCC STAFF

(The following is a release from the Tri-State Rodeo committee on Friday afternoon. Officials declined to comment on the story Friday to gather more details on the impact of the cancellation.)

**FORT MADISON** - The health and safety of the Tri-State Rodeo's patrons, volunteers, performers, and our community is the single most important thing to us. Since we first began evaluating and implementing protective measures against the COVID-19 pandemic, our home county has seen a significant increase in the rate of COVID positive cases. Upon thorough review of the most recent data available and careful consideration of the community's input, we have made the unfortunate but ultimately necessary decision to cancel the 2020 Tri-State Rodeo. We genuinely believe this to be the safest and most responsible course of action. We understand that this will doubtlessly be a disappointment to many, but we are also confident that everyone will recognize that our highest priority always is the well-being of everyone involved. Rest assured, the Tri-State Rodeo will be back in 2021 bigger, better, and more thrilling than ever! For those who have already purchased tickets, please be patient. As soon as determine how to most efficiently issue timely refunds to our loyal patrons, we will be emailing all ticket holders as well as posting information regarding refunds on all our social networks and on our website.

For any other announcements please make sure to check our website [www.tristaterodeo.org](http://www.tristaterodeo.org) or by following us on Facebook and Instagram both @fmtristaterodeo.



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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### RONALD E. CARR

Ronald Eugene Carr, 79, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Sunday, August 23, 2020, at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa. He was born on August 13, 1941, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Russell Eugene and Nina Fern (Zimmerman) Carr. On July 16, 1966, he married Janie Kempker in Fort Madison, Iowa.



CARR

Survivors include his wife: Janie of West Point; two daughters: Mindy (Jason) Mohrfeld of Ankeny, Iowa and Julie (Nathan) Lemley of Waterloo, Iowa; six grandchildren: Taylor, Kaitlyn, Zachary, Jacob, Aidan and Elijah and one sister: Linda Thye of Fort Madison, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Ron served in the United States Navy for four years during Vietnam. He retired as a conductor from the Santa Fe Railroad after forty-three years. He loved fishing and taking trips to Minnesota.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

A memorial has been established in his memory for West Point Fire and Rescue and can be mailed to the family at: Janie Carr, 811 Avenue C, West Point, Iowa 52656 or Schmitz Funeral Home, P.O. Box 22, West Point, Iowa 52656.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://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.

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## OBITUARIES

### ROBERT J. MORRISON

Robert Joseph Morrison, 81, of rural Montrose, IA, passed away at his home at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020. He was born December 28, 1938 in Morning Sun, IA, the son of Robert Emmett & Lela Mae Beck Morrison. He married Patricia L. Meford on April 23, 1960 in Burlington, IA.



MORRISON

He worked for J.I. Case Company in the assembly repair department for 29 years, retiring in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two children, Theresa (Kerry) Kitterman of Selma, IA, and William Lee (Jodi) Morrison of Mount Pleasant. Also surviving are his nephews, Bobby Garland and Larry Garland, and niece, Judy Lanferman; 4 grandchildren, Michael Morrison, Kayla (Wayne) Pendell, Lindsey Morrison, and Addison Morrison, all of Mount Pleasant; and one great grandson, Carter Morrison-Swenka, of Mount Pleasant. He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Alan Morrison, two sisters, Betty Mae Morrison & Nancy Rose Garland, one brother-in-law, Stephen Garland, one uncle, Joseph Beck, and one aunt, Mrs. LeRoy (Lillian Beck) Pinegar.

Early in their marriage, Bob and a friend, Terry Raines, used to go to gun shows in Aledo, Peoria, and other areas. Then, years later, Bob & Pat enjoyed traveling to various places in the US and joined the Skiowans and spent several winters downhill skiing in Wisconsin, Colorado and Nevada. Bob enjoyed cannons and had several with one being a full sized King Howitzer which was part of the Wedding of the Wine and Cheese Festival in Nauvoo, IL. He has been a member of the Shooting Club near Montrose for some years. He was an avid flyer and had a runway strip and planes at the home in Henry County. Later he got into sailing on the Mississippi River and was a member of the Old Fort Yacht Club in Fort Madison. He enjoyed racing and received several trophies over the years. Later he became interested in antique wooden boats and Bob and Pat acquired a 1956 Milo Craft boat which they named "Lets Dance". They became members of the Antique and Classic Boat Association and exhibited the boat in several events, including the show at Fondalac, Lake Geneva, WI.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Bob will be cremated following the visitation and a memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Pete Hagglund officiating. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon at Oakland Mills Cemetery in Oakland Mills, IA. A memorial has been established for Fort Madison Community Hospital Hospice or the American Parkinson Disease Association. Online condolences to Bob's family may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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# Obituaries/Lee County News

## DROP BOXES

### Fraise says county will keep voter boxes

*Code says boxes can stay if they are part of the county buildings*

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY – Despite state officials saying drop boxes were not going to be allowed for returning voted ballots, Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said this week that the Auditor's Office will continue providing drop boxes at both locations for voter's convenience.

Fraise said at a training session last week provided by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, auditors were informed that drop boxes were not allowed for returning voted ballots.

"Everyone on the training was surprised by this since we used them during the Primary Election," Fraise said.

"I at once reached out to County Attorney Ross Braden for his interpretation of the Iowa Code section that pertains to returning voted ballots."

Braden issued the following statement in response to Fraise's request.

"I have reviewed the information provided to me and the limited avail-

able literature on the subject. I have reached out to the (Attorney General's) office and spoke with Mike Bennett regarding the specific question of whether Ballot Drop Boxes can be considered an extension of the Auditor's office per the requirements of Iowa Code Section 53.17. The guidance offered is that an appropriate legal interpretation is that a drop box that is located at the same building as the Auditor's office (and not some remote location) would meet the legal standards required by Section 53.17 of the Iowa Code. It is also advisable to keep those drop boxes as secure as possible to include video surveillance and frequent emptying."

Fraise said the boxes help voters stay safe while exercising their right to vote.

"I am responsible to the voters of Lee County. These drop boxes were purchased with taxpayer money for convenience to voters and to have another way for voters to stay safe while exercising their right to vote."

Drop boxes are available at two locations in Lee County. In Fort Madison, it is located behind the County Administrative Building in the alley. In Keokuk, there is a drop box located on Blondeau Street next to the Courthouse.

Questions can be answered by calling 319-372-3705 or email [dfraise@leecounty.org](mailto:dfraise@leecounty.org).



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## OBITUARIES

### LASCA E. YERINGTON

Lasca E. Yerington, 90, of Fort Madison, Iowa, went home to be with the Lord at 12:26 a.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at Montrose Health Center in Montrose, Iowa.

She was born on May 13, 1930 in Hillsboro, Iowa, the daughter of Isaac and Opal (Shoemaker) McCracken. She grew up in Bonaparte and Farmington, Iowa. She married Willard Courtney, who became a minister.



YERINGTON

She and her husband attended Tennessee Temple College in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Together, they had four children. Lasca started a home based business of making and selling fur animals that looked like the natural animal, as she had to stay at home with her husband. Willard had Parkinson's so bad and someone had to be with him at all times. She also helped others file claims that worked at the Iowa Army Ordinance Plant. Willard passed away and in 1995 she married Rev. Donald Yerington.

They moved to Memphis, Missouri on a small farm where she continued making her animals. She retired in 2000 when she and her husband's health failed.

Survivors include one daughter: Kathleen Walters or Orion, Illinois; two sons: Dr. David Courtney of Nauvoo, Illinois and Dr. Rick (Debbie) Courtney of Fort Madison, Iowa; four step-children: Greg (Becky) Yerington, Jeff (Jayra) Yerington, Lynette (Gary) Hughes and Barbara (David) Reid; seven grandchildren: Lt. Co. Sarah (Danny) Santoro, Rachel (Jeff) Lamb, Micah Walters, Megan Walters, Katie Courtney, Becca Courtney and Abby Courtney; ten step-grandchildren; two sisters: Paula Graham of Fort Madison, Iowa and Lueene McCracken of Florence, Oregon. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; one son: William F. "Bill" Courtney; one daughter-in-law: Sandy Courtney; three sisters: Milleta Collins, Rue Johnson and Lona Anders; four brothers: Dr. David McCracken, Lonzo McCracken, Don McCracken. and Harvey McCracken.

Family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 31, 2020, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington, Iowa.

A Funeral Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, August 31, 2020, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington with Pastor Dean Graber officiating.

Those attending are encouraged to wear a mask and are required to social distance. Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery, Farmington, Iowa.

A memorial has been established in her memory for First Baptist Church in Fort Madison.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

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## Sports

# Larson, Johnson shine in Hounds' season opener

BY CHUCK  
VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Head Coach Derek Doherty could point to a number of key plays in Friday's seasoning opening 23-8 win over West Burlington/Notre Dame, but it may have been a punt that set the stage for the win.

With Fort Madison pinned down on their first possession of the game on 4th and 5 from their own 33, Xander Wellman let go with a 58-yard punt that spiraled up and over the Falcons' deep returners and pinned the visitors at their own 9.

The Hound defense would hold West Burlington to a 4 and out, before Fort Madison would get on the board first when a 10-play drive took the Hounds to the Falcon 11. Senior quarterback Will Larson would miss Calem Maclearn in the endzone on 3rd and goal, but Wellman would clean things up with a field goal for a 3-0 Fort Madison lead.

The Hounds would again

hold the Falcons without a first down forcing a punt.

Junior Jakob McGowan would take the first hand off for four yards, before junior Tate Johnson just missed a 40-yard TD reception when he stepped out at the 14.

Two plays later Larson would reward Johnson with a 14-yard TD strike to get the Hounds up 10-0. Johnson would finish with 63 yards and two TDs for Fort Madison.

Johnson said he and Larson had success in the preseason and that spilled over into the opener.

"We work a lot of in practice. We expected to come into this game and win obviously. But we didn't take them lightly. There a good team, we just wanted to come out and compete with



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them," Johnson said.

The score would hold at 10-0 through the first half, despite a 11-play drive spearheaded by Falcon sophomore quarterback Hayden Vandenberg. Vandenberg went 4-5 for 42 yards starting at their own 19, and Travon Donaldson picked up 20 on a 2nd and 9 at the 50 to put West Burlington in scoring position with time ticking away in the half.

But junior Gavin Wiseman would step in front of Vandenberg's pass on 4th and 9 at the 19 to kill the drive and end the half.

The Falcons would cough it up on the first play from scrimmage in the third quarter, and senior Ethan Deacon would pounce on it, his second fumble recovery of the night, to put the Hounds in good shape at West Burlington's 28.

Larson and Johnson would hook up again on 3rd and 11 and Johnson would get taken out at the 1 setting up a Larson plunge just off the center's left side for a 17-0 advantage.

Both teams would go four



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bloodhound junior Jakob McGowan tries to get outside of Carson Chiprez (8) in Friday's 23-8 Fort Madison win over West Burlington/Notre Dame. The Hounds are scheduled to take on Centerville Friday.

and out before Larson would pick off a Vandenberg pass at the West Burlington 49. With Larson cramping up after the play, Landes Williams would take over behind center and lead the Hounds 9 plays and find Johnson again on the left side of the endzone for a sliding TD catch and a 23-0 lead.

The Falcons would get all the way to Bloodhound 2 on the next drive, but a unsportsmanlike penalty pushed them back to the 17 and Fort Madison was able to stop the Falcons on 4th and 2.

West Burlington would eventually score in the fourth period on a Johnson 1-yard plunge, but the Hounds would run out the clock for the win.

Larson went 15-24 for 228 yards, 1 TD and an interception. Williams was 2 of 5 for 23 yards and a touchdown. Williams and Larson each had 27 yards on the ground to lead Fort Madison.

Tanner Settles led the Hounds on defense with eight tackles, four solo. Austin Ensminger had five tackles, two solo and Keaton Poe had the only Hound sack on the night.

Fort Madison's KeatLarson said Fort Madison was able to take advantage of the Falcon's blitz packages.

"We just were able to find receivers open. They're a blitz heavy team and they like a big box, so we just spread them out," Larson said.

Doherty said he was pleased with how Johnson worked in the secondary with both quarterbacks.

"We know what their capable of and their capable of doing some really great things," he said.

But he said the running game still hasn't blossomed. Jakob McGowan couldn't get much headway with a beefy Falcon front four.

"Jacob runs hard but is still a bit immature in the run game and a year away

from something great. He tends to try and bounce when he needs to put his foot down and drive, but he'll fix it."

The Hounds were able to control the larger Falcon lineman from the get go.

"We're athletic up front. We know we're strong and our kids in the weight room do phenomenal things. We may not be tipping the scales at a high number, but our kids are forceful and they can move really well," Doherty said.

Lineman Ethan Deacon, a senior who plays on both sides of the ball, said double teams were key to helping the Hound stretch things out.

"We run a lot of double teams in our offense. When we did that we just had our guys synch down and we were able to really overpower 'em," Deacon said.

The Hounds take there 1-0 mark to Centerville on Friday.

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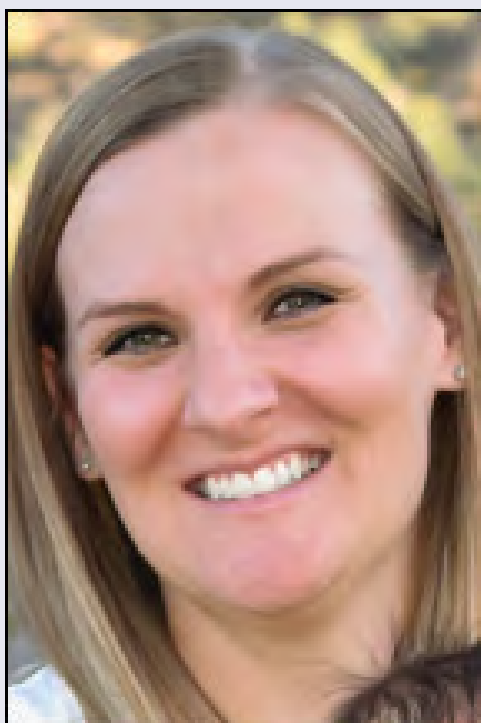
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## Sports/Classifieds

# Pekin bottles up Betker on final play for win over Hawks

BY JOHN  
BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

DONNELSON – Chuck Banks paced the Central Lee sideline, telling his team the same message over and over. Bend, he would say. Don't break.

He had that same message after Friday's 37-31 loss to Pekin — bend with this defeat, but don't let it break you.

In a season in which every team will make the playoffs, this loss would still hurt, Banks said. But put that away as soon as possible, because there was a full season ahead.

Still, Banks said, he understood the pain.

"As an old-school coach, there's one thing about life in general," he said. "The one thing I hate more than anything is losing. It is what it is, right? Our kids are going to be able to battle back. They're strong kids."

The Hawks fell inches short. Jaedon Betker was stopped on a run inside the 1-yard line as time ran out, ending what looked to be an impressive final drive.



Central Lee had two fourth-down conversions, the second one coming on a Betker 4-yard run on fourth-and-1 from the Pekin 5. Out of timeouts, the Hawks were able to spike the ball to run one final play.

It was Betker up the middle, but he fell just short.

"At the end of the day, you hate to lose," Banks said. "But we competed. That's a heck of a Pekin team."

Pekin had 454 yards of offense, all but four on the ground. Michael Jones rushed for 220 yards and Mason Juhl had 164.

It was Juhl who provided the two crushing touchdowns. He scored on a 10-yard run with under five minutes to play. Then, after Pekin recovered an onside kick, the Panthers drove for the eventual game-winner, a 15-yard run by Juhl with 1:50 left.

The Hawks struck to open the game when Kade Myhre returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown on the opening series. It was one of three touchdowns for Myhre, who also caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Dylan Stuecker in the third quarter and a 14-yarder in the fourth.

Central Lee lost quarterback Mason Schau to an injury in the first quarter, but Stuecker took over for the rest of the game and threw for 270 yards.

"We got a lot of momentum (from the Myhre interception), but it hurt when Mason went out," Banks said. "Dylan came in and played well. We have two great senior leaders at that spot."

The Hawks play Van Buren next Friday.

"I know we'll be ready," Banks said.



### Offense/Defense

At left, FMHS junior Tate Johnson (13) slides into the endzone after hauling a TD pass from Landes Williams to give Fort Madison a 23-0 lead in the second half. At right, Keaton Poe (hidden) breaks up a pass intended for the Falcons' Anthony Hoffman in the endzone.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Project No.  
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1. Sealed bids will be received by the Lee County Auditor at her office in Fort Madison, Iowa until 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2020 for the various items of construction work listed below.

2. A Certified check, made payable to the County, or a Cashier's check, made payable to either the County or to the contractor drawn upon a solvent bank or a bid bond, shall be filed with each proposal in an amount as set forth in the proposal form. Cashier's check, made payable to the contractor, shall contain an unqualified endorsement to the County signed by

the contractor or his/her authorized agent. Failure to execute a contract and file an acceptable bond and certificate of insurance within 30 days of the date of the approval for awarding of the contract, as herein provided, will be just and sufficient cause for the denial of the award and the forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

3. Plans, specifications and proposal forms for the work may be seen and may be secured at the office of the County Engineer.

4. All proposals must be filed on the forms furnished by the County, sealed and plainly marked. Proposals containing any reservations not provided for in the forms furnished may be rejected, and the County Board reserves the right to waive technicalities and

to reject any or all bids.

5. Attention of bidders is directed to the Special Provisions covering the qualifications of bidders and subletting or assigning of the contract.

6. As a condition precedent to being furnished proposal forms, a prospective bidder must be on the current Iowa Department of Transportation list of qualified bidders; except that this requirement will not apply when bids are received solely for materials, supplies, or equipment.

7. Lee County shall issue sales tax exemption certificates through the Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance to the successful bidder and subcontractors to enable them to purchase qualifying materials for the project free of sales tax.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE 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, September 17, 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:

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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>

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 require-

ments and the bidding documents before submitting a bid.

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#### VAN BUREN COUNTY PROJECT NO. 20-06-89-03

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Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00  
Completion Date: 04/30/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 09/17/2020  
Project Description: Severe hail damage to roofs, gutters, and siding,

#### Description of Proposed Work: Bank Stabilization:

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

to various buildings, has occurred at Lacey Keosauqua State Park. This project will repair that damage with new roofs, siding and gutters to bring the structures back to their original look.

**POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 20-04-78-04**

Lake Manawa State Park  
Day-Use Security Gates  
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00  
Completion Date: 04/30/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 09/17/2020  
Project Description: This Project will install six (6) new security gates at three locations within Lake Manawa State Park. These gates will keep people out of the Park while closed and allow free access to the Park during operational hours.

**DICKINSON COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-01-30-01**

Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery  
Update for RAS  
Proposal Guarantee: \$50,000.00

Completion Date: 03/01/2021  
Bid Letting Date: 09/17/2020  
Project Description: The purpose of this contract is to upgrade the existing Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS).

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Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
Public Input  
Consider Approval of Tuesday, August 25, 2020 Board Minutes  
Consider Approval of

Claims  
Consider Approval of Resolution Requesting Reimbursement from Iowa CARES Act  
Consider Approval of Contract with Mohrfeld Electric for Jail Cameras Personnel:  
A. Transfer from Part-time to Full-time (5)-Sher-

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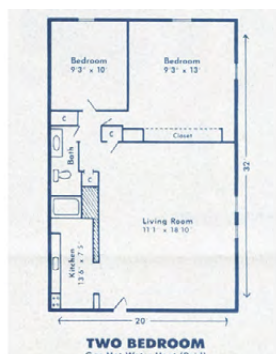
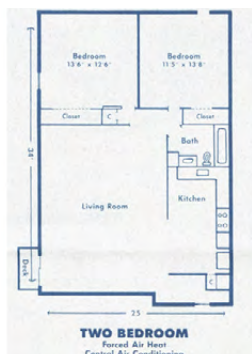
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## From the Front

# New focus has streamlined learning at elementary

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learning.  
Central Lee Elementary  
Principal Heather Fuger

gives an elbow tap to students in Montrose Wednesday afternoon after delivering meals to the pod

No school in the district has announced they are seeking that waiver as of Friday.

Central Lee Elementary principal Heather Fuger said the move has been received extremely well by parents and the community.

She said when the district rolled out the pod-oriented elementary plan and went to mandated masks in classrooms, families felt safer putting their children back in classrooms.

“Our survey data over the summer had showed us that parents were ready to come back to school,” Fuger said. “But what we’re hearing from people is that when we rolled out this program and went to mandated masks they were more comfortable coming back.”

She said now the district is under 10%, or about 100 students, taking the on-line-only option for learning during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Students started class on Monday and finished their first full week on Friday without any early dismissals. Fuger said each day was smoother than the previous one.

“Every day has gotten better. Every day is smoother. We did all the planning we could do and until we actually did it, we really didn’t know how well it was going to work,” she said.

With classes in community centers, churches, and business spaces, the only ask was for the district to cover utilities. But in many of the locations the property owners are not asking for any compensation.

One church even installed some window air conditioners for student comfort.

“The community absolutely came out to support our kids, asking ‘what can we do, how we can help,’” Fuger said.

The Montrose Riverfront has the largest class with 26 4th grade students, but the venue provides a unique historical setting and a dynamic view of the Mississippi River.

Fuger said 4th grade teacher Steve Finney has used the opportunity to include a segment on Montrose history in his lesson plan.

“He’s decided because he’s connected to such a historical area with a museum nearby, he’s going to do a whole unit on Montrose history, because he said why not take advantage of this and the river,” Fuger said.

Logistically, the transition has been very smooth including transportation and meal changes.

Families were given a choice to either bring their children to the pods or go to the school and be shuttled around to the pods.

Meals are then delivered by district staff to the pods, with one van going through Montrose and a separate staff delivering to Donnellson.

Students are at 10-foot banquet tables and spaced out to maintain the social distance requirements. They also wear masks all day in the classroom, unless they have an exemption for health reasons.

“We’re of course thinking this is temporary until data and conditions tell us otherwise,” she said.

Curriculum Director Angie Fransk said the goal of the district’s professional development during the break was on keeping students at the same pace whether learning from home or in classrooms.

“With pods, it was a priority for us to make this as seamless as possible and easy on parents so kids are in the same place, and there is equitable access to good quality education,” Fransk said.

Fransk said she is unaware of any other district in Iowa using a similar remote



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Central Lee administrators and volunteers deliver meals Wednesday to students in learning pods around Montrose. The district is teaching in 13 pods in Donnellson and Montrose during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

site learning process.

“We were very intentional on that. Professional development prior to school for our teachers was all based on supporting that remote learning and online presence. We knew there could be a chance where we would go online at some point.”

Fuger said the district is also now more streamlined at the grade level than they’ve ever been.

“We’ve always been working towards it, but this actually kinda pushed us to that last little bit. Now, if a family chooses to come back to classroom learning because that’s what they need, we don’t want them to be behind or out of the loop,” Fuger said.

Fuger said she is planning to put out a message of thanks to the entire elementary district.

“It’s a message of complete admiration and thanks for our kids. Our kids have been amazing. They’re so patient, calm and excited, just to be back learning,” she said.

“And our teachers – their hearts are finally back to doing what they love to do. They’re rolling with the little changes and have a little less planning time because of the travel, but I’ve had zero teachers complaining.”

## Three Rivers supports LCCB efforts

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precipitate everyone who has helped make this project a reality,” Nathan Unsworth, Lee County Conservation Director, said.

Three Rivers Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit that strives to help Lee County Conservation Board financially by supporting education programs and special projects. In 2019, the foundation launched the “Places to Play Campaign” to improve playgrounds at county parks. Pollmiller will be the first playground project completed through this effort.

For more information on this project or about the Three Rivers Conservation Foundation, please call the Lee County Conservation Office at 319-463-7673. Those interested in donating to Three Rivers Conservation Foundation can send donations to 2652 Hwy 61 Montrose, IA 52639.



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