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County wants to get tough on trashy road

Resident tells supervisors the solution is fining violators

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - A Lee County resident has had it with cleaning up the ditches near the county landfill and asked officials Tuesday morning to send a message that enough is enough.

Steve Koellner spoke to Lee County Supervisors during a workshop after Tuesday's regular meeting asking why fines and citations aren't being issued to landfill users who aren't tarping their loads.

Koellner initially read a prepared statement to the supervisors.

"I have spoken with Fort Madison City Man-

ager David Varley and Public Works Director Larry Driscoll, who both said this is the responsibility of the county," Koellner said. To give everyone here an example, in spring of 2016 I personally picked up trash from the bottom of the 15th Street Hill to the bypass. It took me six weeks and I picked up 65 bags of trash, these are the orange 55 gallon bags. In addition to that, I picked up two pickup loads that wouldn't fit in a bag namely plywood, lumber, tires, large pieces of cardboard etc."

He said then in 2017 he contacted Holy Trinity Catholic High school to get students to help pick up the road from Airport

“
I don't believe it's only the responsibility of the county and the city and the landfill, but it's ungodly the responsibility of the people bringing in these loads”

-Don Hunold
Lee County board chairman

Road to the bypass and more than 40 bags were collected.

"This is the most highly traveled road coming into Fort Madison from the bypass. This litter presents a negative



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Lee County resident Steve Koellner, right, and Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble address the Lee County Board of Supervisors Tuesday morning about the trash piling up along 303rd Avenue from the top of 15th Street to the bypass.

image for not only Fort Madison, but Lee County and the State of Iowa. It's sending the wrong signal to first time visitors, tourists, rodeo visitors, etc. In addition this eye sore is doing nothing for

economic development. I truly believe that first time visitors will never return when they see this."

Currently, motorists hauling trash face a fine up to \$100 for running

unsecured loads through town to the Great River Regional Waste Authority landfill, across from Rodeo Park on 303rd Avenue. Landfill staff can

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On-board computers next for sheriff

New systems already in the budget for upcoming year

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTROSE - Lee County Supervisors heard a brief update on a program to put computers in patrol cars beginning in July.

At the Tuesday workshop following the regular Lee County Board meeting, Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber updated the board on a proposal that was in the department's 2018-19 budget to outfit 10 deputy patrol cars with new computers.

"What we want is to outfit the 10 patrol deputies with computers in their cars. We'd like to have an 11th, because computers are one of those things that can just quit without any warning, so we'd like to have an extra.

An outright purchase isn't something we thought we can just do, so we looked at a lease agreement."

Weber said the department originally looked at a 3-year lease, but would be open to a 5-year lease to drop the payments down a little, but said interest on the agreement would be a little higher.

Lee County Chief Deputy Will Conlee told supervisors the computers, which most of the rest of the state already have, would save time for deputies, staff, and residents. He said tickets would be an issue of a scan of a driver's license and registration and the citation would be printed out immediately. The citation or accident report would also go directly into the county system which would save staff time entering the records into the system.

Weber said he expected the systems to last 10 years and are functional up to -40 degrees below zero, and

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WEBER

Auditor gives reminder for upcoming election

BY PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Auditor Denise issued the following reminder for the upcoming April 3rd Special Election. Have your driver's license ready to show the precinct officials. Central Lee voters vote at Central Lee High School. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fort Madison School District voters vote at your normal school election precinct. Fort Madison Wards 1-5 and Jefferson Township vote at the Fort Madison Library; Washington, Green Bay Townships and Union Township in Des Moines County vote at Grace Bible Church in Wever and Denmark, Pleasant Ridge, West Point, Cedar, Franklin, Marion Townships and the Cities of West Point, Houghton, St Paul and Baltimore Township in Henry County vote at the West Point Library. Hours for Fort Madison School District are noon to 8:00 p.m. Questions-call the Auditor's Office 319-372-3705.

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Health News/From the Front

Conlee: On-board computers would allow deputies more time on the road

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are built to be in squad cars.

The lease agreement would be all inclusive with installation and maintenance included. At the end of the lease, the department would have the option to purchase the equipment at what Weber

called "fair market value." "They'll even pick our cars up to install them, we don't even have to do that. If there's a problem with one, they come down," he said. "It's all part of the agreement. That's part of the reason why I wanted to get the 11th one so they

can pick up the one that doesn't work and we can go on."

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said the issue would have to put up for a public hearing because it's a non-current budget year purchase and spans more than one year. The

supervisors could then approve the lease agreement following the public hearing.

The systems would require some training and other scheduled issues to get the computers in, but those trainings would be done locally.

GRHS hosts diabetes classes in April

WEST BURLINGTON – Great River Health System-Diabetes Education offers four-week group diabetes classes every month. The next afternoon series will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays beginning April 9. Morning classes will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays beginning April 19.

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Obituaries/Health News

OBITUARIES

JOHN WILLIAM BROCKMAN

John William Brockman, 73, of Franklin, IA, passed away at 11:03 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2018 at his home. He was born on March 5, 1945 in Franklin, IA to Eugene W. & Anna M. Smith Brockman. He married Patricia L. Schiedel in 2014 in Kahoka, MO. He retired from the DuPont Company and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, golf, bowling & car racing.



BROCKMAN



John is survived by: his wife: Patricia Brockman of Franklin, IA; 1-brother: Paul Brockman of Franklin, IA & 1-sister: Sandy (Marty) Gylander of Park Rapids, MN. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

OBITUARIES

CATHY ANN SELTZER

Cathy Anne Seltzer, 65 of Keokuk died Monday, March 26, 2018 at Lexington Square in Keokuk after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born October 10, 1952 at Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton, CA, the daughter of Martin and Betty Manning Schrapf. She had lived in several places growing up while her father served in the Air Force. Cathy's family later settled in Carthage, IL, where she attended Carthage schools from grades 8-12. After graduating from Carthage High School with the Class of 1970, she attended Robert Morris College in Carthage, IL.

On December 8, 1979, Cathy was united in marriage to Robert Seltzer in Keokuk. He survives.

SELTZER

Other survivors include two sons, Robert and Terina Seltzer of Christiansburg, VA and Eric Seltzer of Keokuk, her grandchildren, Lily Seltzer and Hunter Tibbits and twins on the way this summer, one brother, Darrell (Jessica) Schrapf of Hamilton, IL, one sister, Sherry (Hurshel) Symmonds of Hamilton, IL, several special nieces and nephews, Zack, Logan, Tyler, Nathan, Savannah, Allison and Emilee Schrapf, Kori Savage, Joey Savoie, and Locklon Akers, her father-in-law, Harold (Sharon) Seltzer of Montrose, IA, one sister-in-law, Angela Welch of Keokuk, one brother-in-law, Harold Seltzer of Keokuk and her good friend Terri Jones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Johnny Schrapf in infancy and her mother-in-law, Audrey Seltzer.

Cathy had been employed at Memorial Hospital in Carthage as a nurse and then worked at Mediacom in Keokuk for the past thirty-five years.

She was a reluctant Iowa Hawkeye fan and enjoyed trying her luck at the casino playing penny slots. Cathy was very devoted to her family and enjoyed her dog, Misty. She also enjoyed her job, reading, camping and traveling.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Russell and Anne Gerdin American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Iowa City, IA.

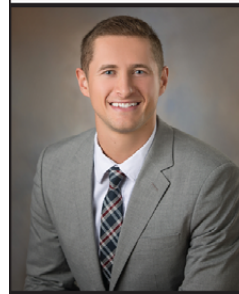
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The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners (NCCDP) is a council that promote standards of excellence in dementia education to professionals and other caregivers who provide service to dementia clients. Sixteen employees at the Kensington received their certification as "Certified Dementia Practitioners". Front row; Cheryl Pieper, Shandra Eastin, Cindy Greer, Rachel Benda and Lynn Hoyer. Back row; Adrienne Bacon, Amanda Sanford, Michele Gaugler, Barb Kryzak, Brenda O'Brien, Rianna Vicent and Mandi Garcia. Not pictured; Imelda Granaman, Kierra Bullard, Chelci Eaves and Juliann Cullen.

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Stuefen promoted to adjunct dental professor at U of I

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Submitted article

IOWA CITY - Dr. Sara Stuefen, a 2003 graduate of FMHS, has been promoted by the University of Iowa College of Dentistry to Associate Clinical Adjunct Professor. She has been instructing senior dental students during their work with patients on a continual part time basis

in the college's Department of Family Dentistry since earning her DDS Degree in 2010.

Of the several awards she received during her senior year and at graduation, the most distinctive was in recognition of her "high ethical and technical standards" and led to her

being recruited as an adjunct instructor. Dr.



Stuefen has owned and operated a thriving family dentistry practice in Vinton, Iowa since 2010. She also actively serves on several committees in both the Iowa Dental Association and American Dental Association and is currently president of the IDA's University District.

In 2015, she was named "Iowa New Dentist of the Year" by the IDA. In

2017, she was honored with the prestigious title of Fellow, International College of Dentists in recognition of her "outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind." She joins dentists from 122 countries worldwide who have been awarded the title of

FICD.

Having participated in the "Iowa Mission of Mercy" for several years, she served as local chair when it was Cedar Rapids' turn to host the event in 2017. IMOM is an annual, two-day, volunteer-run dental clinic that provides free dental care to around one thousand patients.

In addition to her professional affiliations and activities, Dr. Stuefen has devoted considerable time to Vinton community service projects, mostly under the auspices of the Vinton Lions Club, where at present she is serving as the club's president. Dr. Stuefen is the daughter of Fred and Jan Bindewald of Fort Madison.

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Bids shall be for mowing services, weed eating every week (Unless not recommended by GRRWA) and also spraying weeds if needed.

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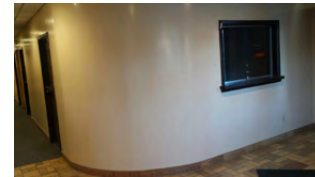
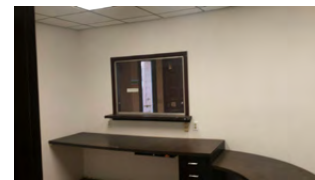
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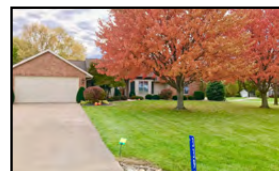


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Law enforcement to be looking for unsecured loads

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also assess a \$10 penalty for any untarped loads on the property.

"There is a \$100 fine for untarped loads and signs are posted both north and south of the landfill entrance. I've personally never seen police or sheriff have anyone pulled over for an untarped load," Koellner said. "Why this isn't happening, I've never found an answer for."

"I don't believe it's only the responsibility of the county and the city and the landfill, but its ungodly the responsibility of the people bringing in these loads," Chairman Don Hunold said.

"I guess I'm a little

objective to even doing a press release. I wouldn't warn them we're coming again," Hunold said. "As far as I'm concerned I wouldn't say a word, you drive in there - you oughta know the rules."

Wade Hamm, GRW-WA director said inmates recently picked up 120 bags of trash along 15th Street. He said Fort Madison Mayor Brad Randolph, who's also chairman of the landfill board, told him the city is currently trying to secure some inmate help from Mt. Pleasant. Hamm said the landfill has decided to pick up trash along the roadway once a week, but if the city is able to get

some inmate help, they will alternate weeks.

"We talked at our meeting last Friday and he said the city is the process of getting a group of inmates and we're going to police that road once a week, weather permitting, from 15th Street to the bypass. We've purchased a litter vac that we can tow behind the truck and we're going to do our best to keep it cleaned up," Hamm said.

Hamm said landfill staff has actually seen motorists pull up to the mailbox on the highway stop and put a tarp on their loads.

"We can't police the highway, but once they're

on the property we can."

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble asked Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber if they could put a deputy in the area on Saturdays.

Weber said deputies have been patrolling the area, but he said most citations are for speeding.

"I can honestly say that I don't recall ever seeing a load that's not tarped. But if it's not mounded up in the back of the truck I don't see it."

Weber said that he will put deputies out there on Saturday more frequently to watch for violations. The sheriff's department issued a release last year about the issue.

"We put out a notice that we were going to start citing people. You'll see a deputy out there Saturday," Weber said. "I'm putting it out there again, you're gonna get a ticket if your load isn't tarped. So don't whine... pay the fine."

Koellner said he's out picking up trash regularly and always sees trucks going by with unsecured loads.

"If you were to put a deputy out there for just a couple hours, I guarantee you'll find somebody. I pick up trash on 15th Street hill and every time I do it I see one or two trucks going there without a tarp and that's

without a doubt. We know the problem, we need to find the solution and the solution is to fine people," Koellner said.

Hunold also asked that residents who see untarped loads take down a license number.

"We may not be able to give you a ticket, but we can give you a call and have a conversation with you."

Supervisor Gary Folluo said the county ordinance is that it should be secured so as to keep debris from blowing onto the roadways.

"That's the key word, it has to be secured and if not then they can be fined," Folluo said.



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Submitted article

KEOKUK - Start off your summer with a fun 5k or 10k walk or run being organized by volunteers from the Hoerner YMCA in Keokuk, plus support the new Girls on the Run program.

The Y-Run 5k/10k will be held Saturday, May 26, at 8 a.m. at the Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk. In addition to the walk/run for the community, you can also cheer on the participants in the Girls on the Run program, who will be completing their program with a 5k run. Girls on the Run is a life skills program with a physical component, serving girls in the third through fifth grades.

The registration fee is \$20 through May 5, when the cost increases to \$25. On race day, the cost increases to \$35. A race t-shirt is available for \$10.

Registration forms are available at the YMCA, online at <http://www.hoernerymca.org> or by searching GetMeRegistered.com for "Keokuk."

The YMCA also is sponsoring a fitness program to help people prepare for a 5K - which is 3.1 miles - or a 10k. More details can be found at the YMCA.



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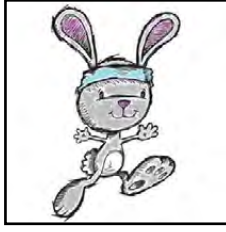
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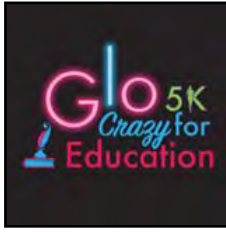
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HTC TAPS 8th Annual Bunny Hop Event – March 31st, 2018



WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd is \$20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is \$25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or www.holytrinitieschools.org. [Click here](#) to download & print your registration form.

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7



FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/.

Lee County Bridges group to hold Keokuk community-wide meeting April 16

The steering committee is hosting the next community-wide Bridges out of Poverty training in Keokuk on April 16th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church located at 1101 Blondeau Street. The Public is invited to attend

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What was once good enough, is not good enough any more

LETTER TO THE EDITOR,

I have heard some say that they won't bother to vote because they have no kids in the school system. Some say they went to school in Fort Madison and the grade schools were good enough for them.

As a senior citizen, who went through the Fort Madison school system, I ask you to remember: When we were in grade school, we had no air conditioning in our homes, or in the places we shopped. Our bodies were used to the heat, so the hot temperatures in the schools didn't affect us. Imagine yourself today, going from your air-conditioned home, or office into a small room with 20-30 other people with the temperature close to or over 100 °.

My children no longer live here, so I will not have grandchildren go through our school system; but - it is still our town, and our responsibility to the children of our town, to see them safe, to see them respected, and to see them get the best education they can, to be our future leaders.

Let's give them the best opportunity. They deserve it.
Blessings,

Jan Garza
Fort Madison

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