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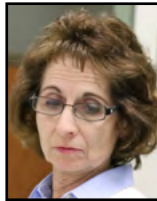
LCHD air quality test was normal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An air quality investigation conducted at the request of the Lee County Board of Supervisors and Lee County Health Department Director Julie Schilling was released Monday and shows no problem areas, according to EMC Insurance of Des Moines, the county's property insurance company.

The LCHD moved from the location in April under an air quality concern at the department's former location at 2218 Avenue H. The department has been housed at the North Lee County Office building since the end of April. No one from the LCHD or the county has elaborated on what the concern was until the report was issued Monday.

The Pen City Current issued a Freedom of Information Act request to the Lee County Attorney's office on June 7. Lee County Attorney Clinton Boddicker and Asst. County Attorney Ross Braden had previously indicated the report would be kept confidential under Chapter 22 of the Iowa code as well as possible litigation.



SCHILLING

tion.

The report is a summary of a mold investigation conducted on April 24. The report has several redactions but indicates the investigation was done at the request of Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise and Lee County Health Department Director Julie Schilling. The report was completed on May 3.

EMC uses a benchmark of 900 spores per cubic meter for indoor spore concentration. However, no outdoor concentration benchmark was indicated. EMC also uses indoor air quality benchmarks, including temperature ranges from 68 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit with humidity under 50%. During the investigation, the temperature was 66 degrees in the sampled areas and the humidity was 48%, all within guidelines.

According to the report, mold spore samples were collected in areas of the lower level's east side, including the waiting room, office area, small storage room, as well as an outdoor sample for comparison purposes.

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EMPTY NEST - By Curt Swarm

Summer swelter tough on life; but art...that's a different story

This has happened so many times, I'm not even surprised anymore. I was loading my garden-art sculptures onto the trailer to take them to an art festival in Keokuk. Someone drove by and saw me loading up and decided it might be their last chance to get that special piece of art they'd been wanting for their father for Father's Day.

What the heck? It makes less for me to haul, except I usually have to dig it off the bottom of the pile. That's life in the art world.



It was a hot day. Ginnie and

I had the air conditioner going full blast in my little six-cylinder pickup, pulling that trailer full of junk, I mean art. I noticed the cool air from the air conditioner turning warm. I looked at the heat gauge on the truck and it was pegged. Uh, oh. I headed for the nearest convenience store.

By the time I got stopped steam was rolling out from under the hood, coolant was gushing out from under the truck, and the trailer I was pulling was greasy wet. Double uh, oh. As I was trying to figure out what to do on a blistering hot day, I noticed that a guy who was mowing close by, kept eyeing my trailer. Sure enough, he pulled over and wanted to buy three geese. Yep. I told Ginnie, who was in the convenience store cooling her heels, and we just shook our heads at the irony of it all. Everything happens for a reason.

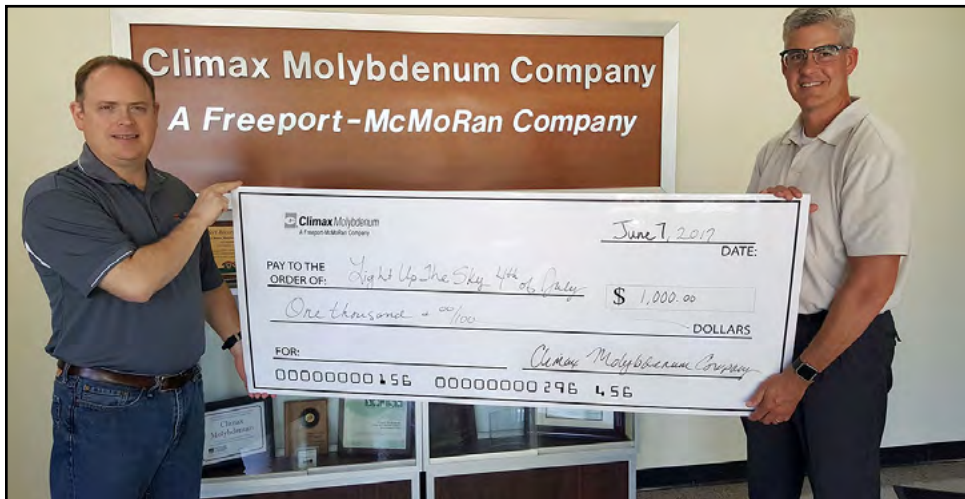
After letting the truck cool down some, adding water, and getting bad advice from a service station, we proceeded on. We hadn't gone far when the engine began to make a clicking noise. Triple uh, oh. We pulled over and called a wrecker.

But what to do with the trailer full of art, I mean junk? I called in some markers and was able to borrow a truck, with a much bigger V-8 engine, for the weekend. We rescued the trailer and headed to the art festival a day late, but not a dollar short. Yet. Had I blown an engine? Probably. Mighty expensive weekend. But, hey, we were all safe and sound and fit to fight another day.

Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe caboose made into

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Partners \$3K short for fireworks



The Fort Madison Partners are still \$3,000 short of their goal of \$20,000 for the group's annual Light Up the Sky on the 4th of July celebration. At left, top, Mike Brewer of Climax Molybdenum Company presents a \$1,000 check to Tim Gobble of Fort Madison Partners. At left, bottom, Alan Hecht of Jim Bailer donates another \$1,000 contribution. Anyone interested in contributing, please contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471



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Business News

Chamber continues quest to visit member businesses

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FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce has launched a new program from their Member Benefits Committee called #ChamberStrong. The goal of the program is to personally visit every Chamber member every two years to thank them

for their membership and support. The first visits took place Thursday. Members that were visited were FMAAA (pictured on page 2), iWireless, Two Rivers Insurance, Faeth's Cigar Store, and Kelly's Cakes, all in downtown Fort Madison.

Members have access to various networking oppor-

tunities throughout the year, professional development opportunities, use of the Chamber facilities, use of the Chamber bulk mail permit, workshops, and more. For more information about becoming a Chamber member, visit their website at www.ftmadison.com or call the office at (319) 372-5471.



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For the Record/Lottery Numbers

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
 06/16/17 - 2:55 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested a juvenile in the 2700 block of Avenue N on a charge of willful assault and going armed with intent. He was taken to the Southeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Center and held.
 06/16/17 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Korderrick Jacolby Jefferson, 29, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of 22nd Street on a charge of domestic abuse assault-2nd offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/17/17 - 12:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Bradley Michael Dettmers, 32, no address listed, at 23rd Street and Avenue L on a charge of driving while suspended.
 06/17/17 - 1:05 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded

to a report of a hit and run in the 1700 block of Avenue E.
 06/17/17 - 3:12 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 2400 block of Avenue L.
 06/17/17 - 7:45 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Kimberly Sandeffer Boorman, 32 of Fort Madison after serving two warrants. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/17/17 - 8:19 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 600 block of 7th Street.
 06/17/17 - 11:35 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle on Harmony Court.
 06/18/17 - 12:03 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary on Harmony Court.
 06/18/17 - 1:11 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of 25th Street.

06/18/17 - 1:27 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 1100 block of 22nd Street.
 06/18/17 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 600 block of 5th Street.
 06/18/17 - 8:33 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Bette Lou Royer, 50, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue G, for OWI-1st offense and driving while suspended. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/18/17 - 9:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited and released Dakota Brice Dunn, 24, of Fort Madison, on Alta Drive for failure to have animals vaccinated.
 06/19/17 - 1:00 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1800 block of Avenue J.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
 06/16/17 - 4:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy. 61 south. According to reports a motorcycle driven by Courtney Allen Kellum, 33 of Keokuk, approached a vehicle ahead too fast and entered the median where he was thrown from the motorcycle. He was transported to Keokuk Area Hospital with injuries. No citations were issued at the scene, however the accident remains under investigation.
 06/16/17 - 6:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jayme Thomese Jenkins, 31, of Fort Madison on a judgement hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released on 06/18/17 for serving weekends.
 06/16/17 - 9:29 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested Kevin Eugene Wilson, 58, of Burlington, no location given, on a warrant for violating a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on 6/17/17 on his own recognizance.
 06/17/17 - 4:54 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Craig Stonehouse, 30 of West Point on a temporary hold order. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 06/18/17 - no time given - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Zackery Charles Franks, 29, of Fairfield at the Jefferson County Jail on a warrant for 4th degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on 06/18/17 on his recognizance.
 06/18/17 - 2:23 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Taj Michael Kite, 28 of Donnellson, in the 2700 block of 195th Avenue on a charge of

criminal trespass and 3rd degree harassment. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.
 06/18/17 - 10:18 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Bette Lou Royer, 50, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Sheriff's office for assault with injury to a law enforcement officer. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire&Rescue report

06/16/17 - Fort Madison Firefighters responded to five medical, two assists, a camper fire on 2100 block Avenue N.
 06/17/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls and one downed power line
 06/18/18 - Fort Madison Firefighters two medical calls.
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Thank you again,
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Sports

Hounds still winless after MP losses

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Offensive struggles continue to plague the Fort Madison Bloodhound baseball team as they were handed two more losses 13-3 and 12-0 Monday night at home.

The Hounds trailed by just two runs in the first game before Mt. Pleasant put up eight runs in the top of the 5th and the Hounds couldn't answer in the bottom half with a run to invoke the 10-run rule.

In the second game, the Hounds came up against Zach Beason, who threw a no-hit shut out giving up only 3 walks in 5 innings. Beason gave up walks to Jace Burgher, Brandon Reichelt, and Elijah Barnes for the only baserunners the Hounds had on the night.

Again it was a single inning that set the tone for the game as the Hounds trailed just 3-0 going into the fourth inning behind

some decent mound work from freshman Burgher. FMHS head coach Ken Steeples brought in senior Brady Reynolds to start the inning in relief of Burgher.

The Panthers jumped on Reynolds after he struck out the first batter and walked the second. Pat Canby singled in a run and after the Hounds Diego Lozano lost a ball in the dark sky in left field, Zac Ebeling laced a double to deep right to plate two more runs. An error by Dayne Cordray at short and a walk was enough for Steeples as he brought in Lennon Barker to finish the inning. Barker got the next two batters out to end the inning.

"He's a senior and we needed to get someone in to help with us with some strikes," Steeples said of the pitching change to start the inning.

The Hounds came up in the bottom of the fourth and went 1-2-3 on two strike outs and a ground out to first to set up the



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS' AJ Nolting tries to beat a throw out at first, but is retired on the grounder to the pitcher. The Hounds dropped a 13-3 decision to the Mt. Pleasant Panthers in the first game of a doubleheader. They fell 12-0 in the night cap.

fifth inning down 7-0.

Barker stayed in for the fifth inning, but the Panthers got five of the six hitters across to put the game out of reach. An error in right and four walks plated four runs. The

Panthers' Colby Potts hit a sacrifice fly to center to score another and Steeples brought in Parker Denning as the third pitcher of the night. Denning gave up a single but then got the next hitter to line out to Burgher at third to end the inning.

The bottom of the fifth wasn't much more productive. Elijah Barnes worked a walk, but a ground out, a strikeout, and a fielder's choice ended the game for the Hounds.

"We've been very streaky," said Steeples after

the game. "We have someone get a hit and then the next kid can get a hit. But then if we get a kid that strikes out, the next kid comes up and strikes out." Steeples said his troops are also struggling as they grow with off-speed pitches.

"We're having trouble hitting the curve ball," he said. "Right now they're getting us on 0-2 curves in the dirt. We're just chasing those right now so we need to get more disciplined at the plate."

Most of the pitching this year is being done by

underclassmen, but Steeples said he isn't seeing the development he had hoped for this year.

"Some of them just have not stepped up yet," he said. "They just haven't improved as much as I thought they would. We have some freshmen and sophomores and a couple of eighth graders, too, that came up."

FMHS is 0-18 on the season after dropping two shutouts last week to Washington. The Hounds host North Scott in a doubleheader Wednesday.



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Hounds third baseman Jordyn Gerdes throws a Panther runner out at first in the nightcap Monday. The Hounds were shut out with a no-hitter 12-0 and are winless at 0-18 on the year.

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MEETING
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9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctional Center, 2530
255th St.,
Montrose, IA 52639
AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda

9:01 a.m. Public Hearing for Sale of 2200 Missouri Avenue to City of Keokuk
 Consider Approval of Resolution Approving Sale of 2200 Missouri Avenue to City of Keokuk
 Consider Approval of Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Board Minutes
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Agreement with Health Solutions for Employee Wellness Services
 Consider Approval of Third Reading of Amendment to Rabies Control Ordinance

Consider Approval of Second Reading of Animal Control Ordinance
 Consider Approval of Third Reading of Amendment to Fireworks Ordinance
 Consider Approval to Replace Sheriff's Deputy
 Personnel Actions:
 A. New Hire-Sheriff's Office
 Reports:
 A. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected
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From the Front/Weather

Groups trying to settle lease buy out

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With the exception of an outdoor Basidiospores concentration of 910, attributable to rainfall prior to the investigation, all other samples were well below the 900 benchmark with the highest indoor concentration being a 270 spores/cubic meter of penicillium.

“Our concern was that we didn’t know what those numbers were when we were told to leave the

building,” Schilling said.

Schilling has said the investigation was launched out of concern for the safety of the employees and staff of LCHD. The Health Department inked a 3-year deal with the Iowa Department of Corrections late last week to lease the 4-story former John Bennett Administration building at \$7,000/month. Their current

lease was \$5,400/month but didn’t include utilities or maintenance, which the DOC agreement does. When asked if the LCHD had considered moving back into the former location, Schilling said the department would not be making any additional comments on the issue.

“Now we are moving into the John Bennett Unit. We had been looking for a long time for a new building to move into so that’s where we’re going.”

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said she contacted the insurance company on direction from the Lee County Board of Supervisors. She also said there was no cost to the county for the investigation as it was a covered policy investigation.

The LCHD had been leasing space in the building currently occupied by The Kensington, a senior assisted living center in Fort Madison. The Kensington is owned by AgeMark, headquartered in California, a company that owns senior assisted communities across the United States.

Rachel Benda, the Director at The Kensington, said AgeMark is looking at the request from Lee County to settle the current lease agreement. As is stands, the LCHD is looking at paying rent to both IDOC and AgeMark for six months until the current lease with AgeMark expires due to notification of the move by LCHD.

The Kensington also had Klingner and Associates of Burlington review

the report. In a letter to The Kensington, Klingner agreed the investigation was done properly and the results were indicative of a normal indoor air environment.

“I did receive the letter from Ross Braden about a settlement for breaking the lease and have also seen the mold investigation report from EMC Insurance. I’ve reviewed both with Marty Hug, COO of our management company, Agemark. With so many factors to consider, we may also seek legal counsel,” said Kensington Director Rachel Benda in a statement Friday.

“Once the summary report from EMC Insurance is released, you’ll see that Lee County Health Department’s assertion that it was “forced” to move because of an air quality issue is unsubstantiated. For the past 30 years, The Kensington and Lee County Health Department maintained an excellent landlord/tenant relationship. Despite the circumstances surrounding the current situation, integrity and professionalism are two of our corporate values and we promise to do what is right for everyone concerned.”

In an email Monday, Benda said AgeMark and The Kensington wished the department the best going forward.

“We wish that the Lee County Health Department wouldn’t have vacated because we don’t think they needed to. However we wish them well in their new place of business.”

New truck, old truck – all seems the same luck

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a weekend retreat. Along with the art, my book sales were steady. Ginnie got to sit in air-conditioned comfort, listen to music and handle the photography and book sales. I sat out in the heat and sweltered.

The next day, Sunday, we relocated to Wever for a garden-art tour, like gypsies moving from one town to another, pulling a wagon full of pots and pans. A feature of the residence we were stationed at was that it had a genuine train-caboose cabin, complete with a basement. I kid you not. Sometimes in the midst of everything, you just have to sit back and look around.

Loading up to go home, once again, was my busiest time for sales. No sooner did I have a sculpture on the trailer, but someone wanted it. I’ve noticed this human characteristic before, people love to poke through piles. Myself included.

When the weekend of heat and art was over, Ginnie and I celebrated with soft-serve ice cream and a bucket of KFC. I returned the borrowed truck to its owner and he said, “Shoot, Curt. I’ve been wanting to get a new truck, why don’t you buy my Silverado. You need a bigger truck anyway if you’re going to be pulling a trailer full of metal.” (Notice he didn’t say “junk.”)

So, I did. It was “Tuesday, Good-News Day.” My mechanic called. The engine on my little pickup wasn’t blown, it had a split radiator. Thank you, God.

My 2000 Chevy S10, 4WD is for sale. It has a brand new radiator and knows where to stop in emergencies. My chicks made it through the heat just fine, and we’re never leaving home again.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or find him on Facebook. Curt’s stories are also read on 107.3 FM in Farmington.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 20 Jun



Clear Skies

Low – 65.3° F | High – 84.9° F

WED 21 Jun



Clear Skies

Low – 84.4° F | High – 88.1° F

THU 22 Jun



Moderate Rain

Low – 79.3° F | High – 85.2° F

FRI 23 Jun



Moderate Rain

Low – 68.5° F | High – 84.7° F

SAT 24 Jun



Light Rain

Low – 58.8° F | High – 72.4° F

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