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## Monsters thrill, spill at Fair



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

*Thousands pour into grandstands for 1st-ever Monster Truck event*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – The show ended up getting cut just a little short, but fans saw just about all they could in the hour of Monster mayhem in front of a packed grandstand at the Lee County Fair Friday night.

The Lee County Fair board, for the first time ever brought Monster trucks to fair and saw a crowd like never before.

Fair president Brock Westfall said on Wednesday the show was brought in to give the fair a different look.

We brought in the Monster Trucks this year for something to give us that WOW factor...The communication we've had on Facebook, Messenger and the questions on this and that...it's going to be a lot of people," he said.

He wasn't wrong as thousands of people descended on the fairgrounds from the region, with fans' vehicles parked along both sides of North Main Street for about a mile in both directions.

The show brought in national Monster Trucks such as the one that started it all – Big Foot. Rodney "Hot Rod" Tweedy was behind the wheel of the 14th version of the national icon. Another national favorite "Ghost Rider" with Larry Quick behind the wheel, and Shannon Quick's "Girl Power" were also on hand. The Quick's reside outside the Quad Cities. And up-and-comer "Fluffy", the passenger Volkswagen Supravan owned by Kevin King of Georgia, and sponsored by comedian Gabriel Iglesias, was a big crowd favorite.

Tweedy said this is his 13th year with Big Foot and he's driving the version that set a jump record in 2001.

"This truck is 25 years old and is the one we set a world record in when it jumped a 727 jet airplane from wing to wing at 202 feet," Tweedy said.

Part of the action for the night included an obstacle race down the front stretch the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. "Fluffy and "Girl Power" went at it first with "Fluffy" getting big air on the final jump to win. Big Foot then sprinted by Ghost Rider with another huge leap at the end.

In the finals Big Foot just edged "Fluffy" with a huge leap that sent the \$250,000 truck down on its left front wheel snapping the truck's shock absorber and blowing a

Above "Fluffy" gets some real air as part of the Monster Truck event held at the Lee County Fair Friday night in Donnellson, Iowa. Kevin King's Monster Supravan, is sponsored by national comedian Gabriel Iglesias. Below left, "Ghost Rider" gets upside down during a wheelie demonstration, and below right, Rodney "Hot Rod" Tweedy signs Lucille Zimmerman's t-shirt. Tweedy drives the world-famous "Big Foot".



## City council to vote on hiring 3 police officers Tuesday

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison City Council will vote Tuesday on hiring three additional officers to the city police department.

The move comes as part of action being taken by the Lee

County Sheriff Stacy Weber in conjunction with City Manager David Varley to get the department back to budgeted staffing levels.

The council will also be approving the city Civil Service Commissions entry level police officer eligibility list, which

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### RONALD D. VAN NIEWAAL

Mr. Ronald D. Van Niewaal, 84, of Burlington, IA, formerly of Lomax, IL died at 1:06pm Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, IA.

He was born Oct. 25, 1934 in Pella, IA, the son of Fredrick J. and Icyle LaVeta Smith Van Niewaal. On August 24, 1957 he married Patricia A. Hartley in Pella.



VAN NIEWAAL

Mr. Van Niewaal graduated from the Pella, IA High School and served in the US Navy from 1951 – 1954. He was a licensed plumber and began working with his father and later continued on his own. He was a member of the Union Local 63, Peoria, IL. He was also a member of the Lomax Haunted House Boys club.

Surviving are his wife, five children, Vikki Bowers of Lomax, Randy (Chi) Van Niewaal of Burlington, Rod (Jeannie) Van Niewaal of Gulfport, IL, Ronnie Walker of Fort Madison, IA and Melissa Walker of Fort Madison, 16 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, 2 nieces and 1 nephew.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Brenda and his half-brother.

Per his wishes, no services are planned. A memorial fund has been established in his memory, contributions may be mailed to; Ronald Van Niewaal Memorial Fund, c/o Banks & Beals Funeral Home, PO Box 503, LaHarpe, IL 61450. To leave a condolence, please visit his obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

## OBITUARIES

### ESTHER ANN NEWBERRY

Ms. Esther Ann Newberry, 83, of Dallas City, IL passed away Thursday, July 11, 2019 at her home.

She was born July 31, 1935 in Williamstown, MO, the daughter of J.C. and Helen Doren Newberry.



NEWBERRY

Esther worked for the Dallas City Elementary School for 11 years and later volunteered there by reading with the students. She also worked at Methode in Carthage, IL for 9 years, retiring in 1996. From 1975 – 1982 she was foreman of a corn detasseling crew.

For almost 20 years she volunteered at the Fort Madison Rodeo at “Bob’s Barn” doing laundry. She enjoyed playing guitar and played at area nursing homes. She served on the Dallas City city council for 20 years where she was currently the Water Commissioner. Esther was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dallas

Surviving are four children, Caren Ann Cox of LaHarpe, IL, Carla Ann Pence of Lomax, IL, Cevin Roy Cox of Danville, IA and Colette Louise Cox of Denmark, IA, 11 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, one sister, Mary Lou Schaffer of Quincy, IL and one brother, Jim (Sandy) Newberry of West Burlington, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, Travis Heckenberg and one sister, Doris Hiller.

Services will be held at 10:00am Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Father Tony Trosley officiating. Burial will follow in the Harris Cemetery near Dallas City. The family will meet with friends Friday, July 19th from 5:00 until 7:00pm at the funeral home. A memorial fund has been established for PAWS Animal Shelter or the Dallas City Food Pantry. To leave a condolence, please visit her obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).

### JULIE ANN WESSEL

Julie Ann Wessel, 65, of Keokuk went home to be with her Lord and Savior on July 13, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born March 24, 1954 the daughter of Albert and Joyce Harmon Jackson in Rapid City, South Dakota. On March 17, 1973 she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Mark Wessel.



WESSEL

Julie graduated from Keokuk Senior High School with the Class of 1972. She was employed with Willow Tree Flowers and Gifts as a floral designer for many years before retiring in 2016.

Julie was member of Cornerstone Church in Keokuk.

She was a loving and dedicated wife, mom and ninnie. Her love for God was the only thing greater than her love for her family. Her favorite times were the holidays and any other time she could prepare gifts to give to others. She enjoyed being a homemaker and spent her life making a wonderful home for her husband and children. Decorating her home and entertaining was a passion for her.

Julie is survived by her husband, Mark Wessel of Keokuk, her son, Brian (Kimberly) Wessel of Keokuk, two daughters, Jessica (Kevin Hall) Wessel of Keokuk and Maggie (Lance) Guzman of Republic, MO, five grandchildren, Briley Wessel, Gracie Wessel, Alyssa Wessel, Landon Mason, and Jackson Guzman, her mother, Joyce Jackson, two sisters, Terri Cameron and Karla Jackson, two brothers, David Jackson and Jeff Jackson, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Jackson and a niece, Tara Marie Cameron.

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- Carnival ..... 5-10p.m.
- Arts & Crafts in the Park ..... 5-10p.m.
- Free Sweet Corn Served ..... 5-10p.m.
- BBQ Pork Loin Dinners Served ..... 5-10p.m.
  - Carry outs available
  - Pork BBQed by the Lee County Pork Producers
  - Serving pork until 10 or until we run out
- Free Entertainment on the Stage  
 Stage Sponsored by Pilot Grove Savings Bank
  - Princess & Queen candidates
  - Interviews & Coronations ..... 6-7p.m.
  - Holy Trinity Dance Team performance following

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

- Carnival ..... 5-10p.m.
- Arts & Crafts in the Park ..... 5-10p.m.
- Free Sweet Corn Served ..... 5-10p.m.
- BBQ Chicken Dinners Served ..... 5-10p.m.
  - Carry outs available
  - Serving chicken until 10 or until we run out
- Free Entertainment on the Stage  
 Stage Sponsored by Pilot Grove Savings Bank
  - 101.7 "The Bull" Sweet Corn Eating Contest, Open to All Ages ..... 5-5:30p.m.
  - Raeanne's School of Dance ..... 5:30-6p.m.
  - Paulette's Dance Studio ..... 6-6:30p.m.
- STAGE PERFORMANCE – Free Entertainment  
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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>

- 5K & 10K Run  
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  - Registration (Entry Fee) ..... 6:45-7:30a.m.
  - Run Begins in Front of the Main Stage ..... 8-9a.m.
  - Awards Ceremony ..... 9:15a.m.
- Horseshoe Doubles Tournament – Ages 16 & Over  
 Cash Prizes Awarded. Northeast Side of the Square
  - Registration ..... 9a.m.
  - Tournament ..... 10a.m.
- Arts & Crafts in the Park ..... 11a.m.-10p.m.
- Free Sweet Corn Served ..... 11a.m.-10p.m.
- BBQ Chicken Dinners Served ..... 11a.m.-10p.m.
  - Carry outs available
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- Pee Wee Drags in Front of the Stage – Ages 3-6  
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 Candy & Ribbons to All Participants
  - Registration ..... 10:30a.m.-11a.m.
  - Races ..... 11a.m.-1p.m.
- Carnival ..... Noon to Midnight
- Junior Water Fights – Ages 7-12  
 No Entry Fee. In Front of the Stage. Ride Tickets to All Winners
  - Registration ..... 12:30p.m.-1p.m.
  - Water Fights ..... 1p.m.-2:30p.m.
- Bath Tub Races – Must Be 18 to Enter  
 \$30 Entry Fee. Teams of 3. In Front of the Stage
  - Registration ..... 2p.m.-2:30p.m.
  - Races ..... Begin at 2:30p.m.
- STAGE PERFORMANCE – Free Entertainment  
 Stage Sponsored by Pilot Grove Savings Bank
  - Andy & The Decades ..... 7p.m.-10p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

- Free Sweet Corn Served ..... 11a.m.-?
- BBQ Chicken Dinners Served ..... 11a.m.-?
  - Carry outs available
  - Serving chicken until we run out
- Carnival ..... 11:30a.m.-6p.m.
- Arts & Crafts in the Park ..... Noon-7p.m.
- Sweet Corn Festival Parade ..... Noon
- Mini Garden Tractor Pull  
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  - Tractor Pull ..... Begins at 2p.m.

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## Lee County Speedway

# Lennox, Daniel get first IMCA feature win at Speedway

**BY BRIAN NEAL**  
Pepsi Lee County Speedway

DONNELSON – It was Lee County Fair week, Iowa's oldest running county fair, at the Lee County Fairgrounds in Donnellson, Iowa. And Thursday night was set aside for racing action, as the Sprint Invaders highlighted the nights activities. At the end of the night two driver's won for the first time of the season at the track, while three others claimed multiple wins at the track on the season.

The 15-lap Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compact feature was the first to take to the track, with Chuck Fullenkamp and Jason Ash leading the field to green. Ash would use his starting spot to his advantage to grab the lead on lap 1 over Fullenkamp and Josh Barnes, who started 6th. The lead for Ash only lasted for 1 lap, as Barnes used the momentum off the top of the track to take the top spot away on lap 2.

While Barnes paced the field out front, Ash, Fullenkamp, Barry Taft, and Trent Orwig battled for the runner-up spot. The action was slowed for the one and only time on lap 11, as TJ Weyls slowed down the backstretch to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Barnes moved back out front, with Fullenkamp, Taft, Ash and Orwig following close behind. Despite a few challenges over the final laps from Fullenkamp, Barnes would hold him off to pick up his third win on the season at the track. Fullenkamp was 2nd, Orwig was 3rd, Taft was 4th, with Ash rounding

out the top 5.

Up next was the 18-lap Budweiser IMCA Modified feature, with Brandon Lennox and Dalton McKenney making up the front row. Lennox took advantage of his starting spot to jump out into the lead on lap 1 over McKenney and John Oliver Jr.

On lap 2 Oliver Jr. would slip past McKenney to take over the runner-up spot, and then went to work on Lennox for the lead. Over the next several laps Oliver Jr. tried to work under Lennox for the top spot. But Lennox was able to hold him off in the caution-free event to score his first career IMCA Modified win. Oliver Jr. was second, Jeff Waterman came from seventh to finish 3rd, Austin Howes started eighth and finished fourth, with Dennis LaVeine coming from ninth to come home in fifth.

Riley Goodno and Ayrton Gennetten led the field to green in the 20-lap Sprint Invaders feature, with Gennetten jumping out front on lap 1 over Goodno and Mason Daniel, who started fifth. Then just after lap 1 was scored complete the first and only caution of the race appeared, as Colton Fisher spun in turn one to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Gennetten moved back out front, with Daniel over taking Goodno for the runner up spot. The pace that Gennetten was setting would put him into lapped traffic on lap 9. Two laps later, lap 11, a lapped car got sideways in front of him and he had to check up to avoid contact. This would allow Daniel to charge past him for the top spot. Daniel

then pulled away thru heavy lapped traffic to claim his first career Sprint Invaders win. Gennetten was second, Jamie Ball finished third after starting in sixth, Chris Martin passed 12 cars from his 16th place starting spot to come home in fourth, with Goodno holding on for fifth.

Just like the Modified feature, the 18-lap Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Car feature went green-to-checkered without a caution. Jeremy Pundt and Les Blakley would make up the front row, with Pundt jumping out front on lap one over Blakley and Jason Cook.

While most of the field worked the bottom of the track, Abe Huls, who started fifth, would work the middle groove to work himself into second on lap seven. Two laps later, lap nine, Huls worked around Pundt coming off turn two to take over the top spot. Cook would follow Huls into the runner-up spot at the same time. Over the final laps Cook tried to work under Huls for the lead. But Huls was able to hold him off to claim his fourth win on the season at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway. Cook was second, Pundt was third, Blakley was fourth, with Chad Krogmeier finishing in fifth.

The final feature to take to the track on the night was the 18-lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMods, with Ron Kibbe and Barry Dugan making up the front row for the event. Kibbe used his starting spot to his advantage to grab the lead on lap one over Austen Becerra and Sean Wyett, who started fifth. The action up front was slowed for the first time on

lap four, when Brian Bergheger slowed in turn one to bring out the yellow. On the restart Kibbe jumped back out front, with Wyett over taking Becerra for second. Another lapped scored complete produced another yellow, as Colton Bowman spun in turn two to bring out the yellow. Wyett would slip past Kibbe on the restart to take over the top spot.

Then after another lap was scored complete, Kyle Hamelton spun in turn three to bring out the yellow. On the restart Wyett jumped back out front, with Becerra and Blaine Webster, who started eighth, close behind. On lap 11, Becerra would use the momentum off the top of turn four to edge Wyett out at the line to take over the lead. The battle up front was slowed on lap 14, as Bowman spun in turn four to bring out the yellow and ending his night.

On the restart Bergheger spun in turn four to bring the yellow light back on, and that would end his night. The next restart saw Becerra jumped back out front, with Wyett and Webster close behind. Another lapped scored complete produced the final caution, as Kibbe spun in turn four to bring out the yellow and setting up a two-lap dash to the finish. Becerra grabbed the lead on the restart, with Wyett and Webster following. Despite a challenge from Wyett over the final lap, Becerra was able to hold him off to score his third win of the season at the track. Wyett settled for second, Webster was third, Daniel Fellows came from tenth to finish in fourth, with Dan Brockert coming home in fifth.



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## Sports/Weather

# Council to view new Fort Madison tourism video

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will include the new hires.

The department has been running short staffed since prior to former Police Chief Tim Sittig's departure in June. Since that time the Lee County Sheriff's Department has been serving as interim police chief while the city searches for Sittig's replacement.

The department lost another veteran officer in June when Capt. Bruce Gustafson retired after 38 years of service.

Weber went to work right away with other top deputies in the sheriff's department to start working on staffing and rotations to put more officers on the streets. He also established a full-time detective's position that has resulted in several breaks in robberies and criminal sexual abuse cases in the city.

Sheriff's officials have also moved the city forward in getting on-board computers purchased for all the city's police cruisers. Those computers and supplemental equipment are being reimbursed by the state.

The city hired the sheriff's department in May for up to six months to serve as the interim police chief. The city has hired a consultant to conduct a search for the new chief. Varley said he had hoped to wrap the search up in three to four months.

Weber and Chief Deputy Will Conlee were instrumental in getting the sheriff's department outfitted with on-board computers last year, a move Weber says has saved time and costs for the department with the efficiencies created.

In other action, the city council is scheduled to:

- approve a nuisance abatement agreement for property at 1805 36th Street.
- view a tourism video crafted by Fort Madison's Mike Killoren that is be planned for area hotels and other high profile areas in the city to showcase the city's history and tourist areas.

# FM secures winning season with 3-1 win

BY ETHAN LILLARD  
PCC STAFF

PELLA – Saturday night against Pella High School, Fort Madison baseball wrapped up regular season play with a 3-1 win, finishing with a record over the .500 mark for the first time in over a decade.

The Bloodhounds started the game by getting lead-off hitter Reed Fehseke on when he was hit by a pitch. Back-to-back outs followed, but a double from Brandon Reichelt brought in Fehseke to draw first blood and give Fort Madison the 1-0 lead.

It took until the home-half of the fifth inning for Pella to respond. After Dayne Cordray started the inning with a strikeout, three-straight singles tied the game at 1-1.

Fort Madison put the game away in the sixth.

Jason Thurman started things off with a walk. Reichelt then doubled, putting runners at second and third with one out. Jason Thurman was able to score on a wild pitch, before Vasin Thurman drew a walk to put runners on the corners.

Colten Engeman, who came on to courtesy run for Reichelt, was able to score on a wild pitch during Cordray's at bat, giving the Bloodhounds the 3-1 advantage in the top of the sixth inning.

Cordray navigated his way through the next two innings, leading his team to the 3-1 victory.

Reichelt led the way with an RBI on a 2-for-3 day at the dish. Cordray went all seven innings on 102 pitches, allowing eight hits and just one earned run. Cordray collected four strikeouts and walked one.

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Light Rain

High – 80.5° F | Low – 71.3° F

WED 17 Jul



Clear Skies

High – 85.8° F | Low – 78.0° F

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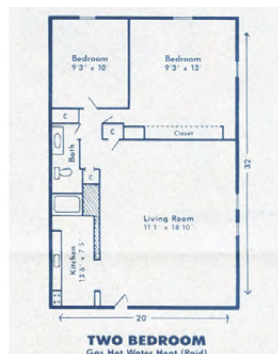
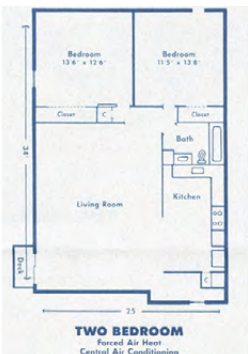
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# Drivers ramp up action for Lee County Fair fans

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tire, sidelining the truck.

King contested the close finish, but a rules interpretation and quick video replay on a hand-held tablet showed "Big Foot" barely winning the race.

Tweedy and his crew worked on the truck during the ATV races, but said he didn't have all the parts he needed and wouldn't be able to compete in the night's freestyle event.

The Missouri native said he enjoys the competition but it's the fans that make it all worth it. During a meet-and-greet, racers signed autographs and posed for pictures with fans.

"I just enjoy the competition I really do, but I really enjoy making all these fans happy - especially the kids. Man they get so excited, they're smiling, they're speechless. I like cutting up with 'em, I'm just a big kid and this is fun for me," he said.

"My boss Bob Chandler started Monster Trucks in 1975, so we've been around for 44 years. Big Foot is the icon, the Grand Daddy of 'em. We don't go out and destroy our trucks every weekend like a lot of guys do, but we can go out and run with anybody when we want to."

Quick said his passion is for the freestyle events, and races because it's part of the contract. He's been in the industry for 20 years and said it all began because he saw original Big Foot driver, Dan Runte standing on a Big Foot tire waiving to the fans.

"I said that's gotta me and from that point forward everything I've done in life is to get me here," Quick said.

"This is going into my 20th year, so I've been doing this a long time. I'm a showman so I'm all about the fans. Racing they make me do, I don't really care to race, but I totally love the freestyle."

Quick performed a couple of wheelies and slap wheelies in his freestyle event and then went to the east side of the track and made two huge jumps over four cars embedded in dirt ramps.

Quick is known nationally as the first driver to ever execute a backflip in his \$263,000 Mustang outfit, when he did it in 2008. He seemed to be just gearing up when he lost control off a second jump headed west on the track and flipped the truck on its side. After almost gaining control with the vehicle on just two wheels.

The torque of trying to reestablish control while on just two wheels snapped Quick's main transmission shaft and blew a tire ending his day.

"You look for slap wheelies, big air and try to give the fans something different. Something that none of the other guys have done," he said.

"That's what I try to do.. use my imagination, criss-cross, combos, get bigger air and smash into some things the other guys won't smash into. That's kind of my philosophy is to do everything they won't."

None of the drivers were injured in the night's action, but Quick and Tweedy both said they've suffered a little in the high-energy shows.

"Sometimes the others will kid me and say, 'You're moving slow, old man,' but I never had the equipment they have, so yeah, I've been dinged up a few times, and they've never gotten beat to death out there," Quick said.

Tweedy said he had an incident where he flipped and landed hard on the top and got his head and neck compacted and still suffers from that a little, but new safety equipment and protocols have made injuries a rare occurrence.

Shannon Quick, the self-proclaimed cuter half of the Quick team, said her dad was a floor coordinator with another group of Monster Truck promoters so she was in on the fun, even before Larry.

"I was a fan first. When I met him I was a secretary at an accounting firm.," she said. She said her driving was really born out of the old stereotype of men not wanting women to drive their trucks.

"It took a little while for me to talk him into it. We built his new Ghost Rider first, and hired a guy to drive the old truck in the fleet. That guy ended up not working out and I was like, Why don't you let me drive, and he was like 'Mmmmmm, I don't know.' I said what's the worse that could happen, I hate it? And here I am," she said.

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BY PCC STAFF

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Sinclair was elected Whip in March of 2018 and has had a wide array of experiences prior to serving in the Iowa Senate. She began working at the age of 13 in a local restaurant, learning the value of hard work, determination, and the value of communicating with people.

She later worked for the Ad Express/Daily Iowegian newspaper in Centerville. Sinclair also taught in the Central Decatur Community Schools and at Southwestern Community College, preparing students to complete their GED testing, as well as teaching parenting and adult basic education classes. She later served as a federal grants coordinator and after-school program director for Wayne Community School District.

During two terms on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, Sinclair held numerous leadership opportunities in our county and local communities, including chairing the Iowa County Engineers' Service Bureau board of directors and the Wayne County R.E.A.P. Commission. She was also an active board member for the 10-15 Regional Transit System, Iowa's 5th Judicial District, South Iowa Area Crime Commission, Southeast Iowa Response Group-Hazmat Operations, Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa, and Chariton Valley Transportation Planning Affiliate.

Senator Sinclair also chaired the Allerton Public Library Board from 2000-2004 and served on the board of directors for the South Central Iowa Community Action Program. She is currently a member of the Wayne Optimists Club.

Sinclair currently serves as a state senator for Iowa's 14th District, which includes all of Clarke, Decatur, Wayne, and Lucas counties with most of Marion County and the southeast quarter of Jasper County. She has lived, worked, and raised her family in Wayne County for more than 25 years.



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