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Conservation board kick starts Places to Play effort

Three Rivers Foundation to solicit donations to help rebuild three playgrounds

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

MONTROSE – A project to put new playgrounds in at Pollmiller Park in West Point, got a shot in the arm Tuesday night.

The Lee County Conservation Board agreed to match half of the estimated \$100,000 project with a unanimous vote at the board's regular meeting at Heron Bend.

The money will come from the conservation trust fund and not the board's general fund.

The project is part of the Places to Play project by the Three Rivers Conservation Foundation. Emily Benjamin, a director on the foundation board, said the project is ultimately aimed at three county parks.

"We'd like to redo the playgrounds at Pollmiller, followed by Wilson Lake and then Chatfield as they could all use some renovation and update," Benjamin told the board.

She said some background work has been done to

determine a budget for each of the playgrounds. "We've settled on a projected budget of about \$100,000 to \$125,000 per playground.

Benjamin said the foundation has done several fundraisers including a summer event at Pollmiller, and chicken dinner fundraiser. A mailer is planned for later this week.

She said the next step is to select a design and then go out and solicit business donations, primarily focusing on the city or area impacted most by the park improvements.

"In the case of Pollmiller, we'll be going out to

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Photo courtesy of Lake Cooper Angling Association

Lake Cooper Angling Assoc. members finally get to deliver approximately 150 fish habitat attractors to the now-empty Lake Geode. Anglers hand made each attractor last fall and waited for the right conditions to deliver. The LCCA has provided fish habitats for numerous lakes over the years since its inception in 1987.

Dallas City man wins a quarter million on scratch-off

CLIVE — An Illinois man has won a \$250,000 Iowa Lottery prize on a ticket he purchased in Fort Madison.

Brandan Beach, 34, of Dallas City, Ill., won a top prize in the "Aces High" scratch game. He bought his winning ticket at Fast Break, 5002 Ave. O in Fort Mad-

Beach, a forklift mechanic, said he was in disbelief after scratching off the eighth top prize in the game.

"You've got to pinch yourself — hopefully you're reading it right," he told officials on Wednesday as he claimed his prize at lottery headquarters in Clive.



BEACH

Beach said he plans to use his winnings to pay bills and renovate his home.

"We're remodeling our house and were hoping to get in by Christmas," he said. "Hopefully, this will ensure that."

Aces High is a \$20 scratch game with a card-game theme and overall odds of 1 in 2.86. It features 18 top prizes of

\$250,000. For more information about this game, and the number of prizes still available, visit www.ialottery. com.

Reynolds, Naig leading Japanese trade mission

IEDA coordinating effort to expand opportunities

DES MOINES - Gov. Kim Reynolds and Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig are currently leading a 24-member trade mission delegation to Japan.

The mission, which is focused on the food and ag industry, is aimed at expanding trade and investment opportunities and is being coordinated by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

In 2018, Iowa companies exported \$1.5 billion goods to Japan. Japan is Iowa's third largest export destination and the leading export market for pork and beef products. Iowa companies exported \$537 million in meat products to Japan in 2018. In addition, Japan is the second REYNOLDS largest destination for Iowa corn - in



2018, Japan imported \$491 million in Iowa corn. "Our strategy to increase both exports and foreign

direct investment is vital to our overall economic development plan," said Gov. Reynolds. "Leading trade missions such as this opens doors for Iowa by showcasing our products to the global economy and forging personal face to face relationships that last a lifetime. Japan is an important partner with substantial economic power, and we want to encourage Iowa companies to make the most of it."

The delegation left for Japan on Friday, November 8 and scheduled to return to Iowa on November 14. The itinerary is comprised of stops in Yamanashi (Iowa's sis-

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

11/08/19 - 7:10 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 5800 block of Avenue O. 11/08/19 – 9:28 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Douglas Alan McPherson Jr., 38, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/08/19 - 11:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue G. 11/08/19 – 1:38 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the

1400 block of 48th Street. 11/08/19 – 4:47 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chelsea Christine Smith. 26, of Fort Madison in the 900 block of Avenue G, on warrants for probation violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/09/19 – 2:57 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Mario Vincente Mendez, 35, of Hamilton, III., on a charge of operating while intoxicated-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/09/19 – 12:35 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 100 block of Avenue E. 11/09/19 – 12:50 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested

Dustin Allen Huss, 29, of Dallas City, III., in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/09/19 – 2:16 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2800 block of Avenue J. 11/10/19 - 1:38 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of 37th Street. 11/10/19 – 1:25 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of 2nd Street. 11/10/19 – 4:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1800 block of Avenue A. 11/10/19 – 6:15 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police cited Dennis Dale Newman, 56, of Burlington, in the 700 block of 8th Street on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation. 11/10/19 - 8:56 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested John Allen Scott, Jr., 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of 19th Street on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear. 11/10/19 - 9:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 3100 block of Avenue N. 11/11/19 - 2:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Darrin Michael Fitzgerald, 18, of Keokuk in the 200 block of Avenue D, on a charge of

possession of a controlled substance. He was released on a promise to appear. 11/11/19 - 7:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3500 block of Avenue L. 11/11/19 - 8:20 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1700 block of 41st Street. 11/11/19 - 4:45 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Wayne Allen Johnson, 41, of Wever, on a charge of operating while intoxicated. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/11/19 - 8:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kelly Francis Skelton, 54, of Fort Madison, in the 2600 block of Avenue L. on a charge of criminal trespass. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 11/11/19 - 10:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2900 block of Avenue L. 11/12/19 – 6:18 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Avenue H.

Lee County Sheriff's Report 11/08/19 – 2:08 p.m. – Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Eriq Freeman, 49, of Keokuk, no arrest location provided, on a warrant for violation of parole 11/08/19 - 4:49 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Eugene Brewer, 62, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for a judgment hold. 11/08/19 - 6:43 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jarrod Ray Hagmeier, 39, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. 11/08/19 - 6:55 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rick Keegan Tinder, 25, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a judgment hold. He was released after serving time. 11/11/19 - 11:31 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Megan Leigh French, 20, of Burlington, on a charge of contempt of court. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above a presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

11/11/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.





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Obituaries/From the Front

OBITUARIES

DANIEL TWEEDY

Daniel "Dan" Tweedy, 65 of Montrose, IA died Monday, November 11, 2019 surrounded by his family.

He was born August 9, 1954 in Keokuk, IA the son of David and Elsie Senf Tweedy.



TWEEDY

Dan graduated from Central Lee High School with the Class of 1972.

On August 4, 1973 he was united in marriage to Vickie Clark in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Elsie Tweedy of Montrose, IA, two sons, Jeremy Tweedy (Jamie) of Argyle, IA and Matt Tweedy (Sarah) of Donnellson, IA, one daughter, Stephanie Smith (Kris) of Montrose, IA, eleven grandchildren, Devin and Hailey Tweedy, Sarah

Mattlynn, Avreeanna, Quenten and Trenten Tweedy, Lily, Ivy, Emmett, Primrose and Hazel Smith, three brothers, Rodney Tweedy (Jennie) of Montrose, IA, Steve Tweedy (Kathy) of Revere, MO and Walter Tweedy (Peggy) of Montrose, IA and two sisters, Mary Bell (Gene) of Laclede, ID and Sherry Wells (Dave) of Lathrop, MO and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Dan had been employed by Hickey Construction in Keokuk as a foreman and recently retired.

He was a member of the Model T Club.

Dan enjoyed riding motorcycles, tinkering with cars and collecting guns. Most of all, "Papa Dan" cherished spending time with his grandchildren and loved spoiling them.

There will be no services.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Japan is largest market for lowa's beef and pork exports

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ter state) and Tokyo. Mission highlights include meeting with Yamanashi Governor Kotaro Nagasaki, hosting a seminar about doing business in Iowa and meetings with existing industry representatives and investment prospects.

"Japan is the largest export market for Iowa's beef and pork producers. I was excited to be in New York City when President Trump and Prime Minister Abe signed the new trade agreement in September," said Secretary Naig. "This trade mission is a great way to celebrate our countries' renewed partnership and explore new opportunities to work together."

Mission participants include IEDA and Iowa Finance Authority Director Debi Durham, Iowa companies involved in meat and food processing and representatives from the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa Corn Growers and Iowa Sister States. Iowa companies will participate in meetings specific to their market entry or expansion needs. IEDA has been working with the U.S. Meat Export Federation to identify business prospects for the delegation.

The IEDA's International Trade Office connects Iowa companies with markets for their products and services, educates Iowa businesses on exporting and assists global companies wishing to establish or expand operations in Iowa. To find out more about these services or other trade missions that the IEDA is planning, please visit iowaeconomicdevelopment.com.

Veterans can elect Medicare Advantage plan with VA benefits

(NewsUSA) -If you are a veteran considering Medicare options, you have the opportunity to maximize your coverage by electing to have a Medicare Advantage plan along with your Veterans Affairs (VA) health care benefits.

Fortunately, finding a Medicare Advantage plan that works in tandem with VA health care benefits is easier than you think, as you can enroll in plans that are available to everyone eligible for Medicare, but that are designed to complement VA health care benefits.

As a veteran, it's important that you understand how a Medicare Advantage plan may balance out any VA benefits you have in order to maximize your health benefits.

• Can Medicare Advantage and VA

benefits work together? A Medicare Advantage plan that does not interfere with existing VA benefits you have may be an excellent fit for those who want to enhance their benefits and coverage. Enrolling in a Medicare Advantage plan may provide access to additional services and benefits, such as urgent care and dental coverage, which complement VA benefits for prescription drugs and primary care. Each time you receive care, you will need to choose whether to use your VA benefits or your Medicare Advantage plan.

• Are there any specific Medicare Advantage plans for veterans? While most Medicare Advantage plans are avail-

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Current-Lee/Lottery Numbers

CURRENT-LEE

LEE COUNTY – The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

LCHD Hospice Celebration

Thursday beginning at 3 p.m., Lee County Health Department's Hospice team will celebrate 30 years of service at the LCHD's Fort Madison office at #3 John Bennett Drive. A special presentation will begin at about 4:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Fort Madison Wine & Beer Walk

Glasses go on sale this Friday at River Rocks from 5 to 7 p.m. for \$10. The event will be held in downtown Fort Madison on Friday, Nov. 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Memorial Turkey Shuffle

The annual Alice and Leo Schiller Memorial Turkey Shuffle will take place Nov. 28 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Ernie and Cheryl Schiller's house 2224 204th Avenue just east of Donnellson off Hwy. 2. Visit the following link for registration http://livehealthyleecounty.org/index.php/community-events

Community Thanksgiving

The annual Community Thanksgiving will be held Nov. 28th beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Fort Madison High School. Dine in is available and carryouts are available after 12:30 p.m. Call 319-371-5706 between Nov. 18th and 25 for deliveries or to volunteer. You can also contact the chamber at 372-5471 or by email at chamber@fortmadison.com.

Holiday Window competition

Businesses are being encouraged to take part in the Fort Madison Partner's Holiday Window Display Competition. Decorate a window, send a picture, get likes on Facebook and the business with the most hits wins. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 27. Windows will go on Facebook starting Dec. 4 with voting from Dec.





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Weekly Book Sale

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Lighted Parade Float Work Nights

Float work nights for the annual holiday lighted parade are held every Monday starting Sept. 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1200 Avenue I. Entrance is through the back. Call the Chamber at 319-372-5471 for more information.

Mistletoe on Main

This year's event will be held on Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. Shop local, and enjoy a day of Christmas cheer. Special treats, carriage rides, the North Pole Express and Santa!

PORT Ugly Sweater Fun Run

The annual fundraiser for the P.O.R.T. committee will be held on Dec. 1, 2019 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at noon.

Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Enchanted Forest will be held in the Lee County Bank building following the Lighted Parade, and on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with Santa expected from 10 a.m. noon. The Forest will also be open on Saturdays Dec. 7, 14, and 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Businesses are encouraged to bring and decorate a tree for \$25.

Christmas Lighted Parade

The annual lighted parade will be held on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Call the Chamber at 319-372-5471 for more information.

Food Drive

The Keokuk Salvation Army is looking for donations to stock the Food and Soap Pantry from Nov. 1 -18th. Drop off locations locally include American Eyecare

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.



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Scene Around Town/Health News

Insurance offering VA compliment

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able to anyone with Medicare, be sure to speak with a licensed insurance agent about plan options that are designed with veterans in mind.

For example, the new Humana Honor Medicare Advantage plan is designed to complement VA coverage and provide beneficiaries with extensive coverage, such as robust dental care, at a \$0 plan premium. This plan also offers access to a broad network, including access to urgent care and non-VA facilities, which is advantageous if you need to travel far to receive care at a VA facility or experience long wait times.

And you don't have to be a veteran to enroll in the Humana Honor Medicare Advantage plan.

• How would the Humana Honor Medicare Advantage plan work with my VA prescription drug coverage? Typically, VA prescription drug benefits will serve as your primary prescription drug coverage when you add a Medicare Advantage plan that does not include prescription drug coverage, such as the Humana Honor plan. These Medicare Advantage plans cover certain injectable drugs and infusions at in-network, non-VA facilities, which may be beneficial depending on your health needs.

Additionally, some Medicare Advantage plans also include Part D prescription drug coverage, which may be beneficial if you get medications from non-VA doctors and would like to fill your prescriptions at your local pharmacy instead of through the VA mail-order

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The annual Golden Age Tea was held October 24th. Each attendee received a goodie bag, carnation, door prize, a great time to get together with those over the age of 80. We were served tea, coffee, cake, cookies, and Jell-O salad. Entertainment was by Vince Garza. Donating door prizes included The Flower Cottage, Harvestville Farm, Kensington, and Sunnybrook. The oldest attendee, Kay Jefferies at age 90, received a lap quilt. Soroptimist International of Fort Madison sponsors this event each October to honor those women reaching the age of 80. We hope to see those women attaining that age to join us next year.





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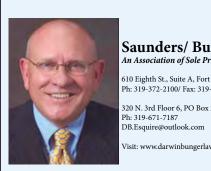
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Lee County News/Weather

Board to seek grant for North Heron Bend project

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West Point and West Point area businesses for those donations."

The foundation has already put some seed money into the Places to Play fund from an account it was closing out, Benjamin said.

"What we'd really like from the board is maybe some matching dollars so that we can tell businesses as we solicit their donations that Lee County Conservation Board is willing to kick in x amount if we can raise the rest of it," she said.

Benjamin said the account for the playground has about \$9,000 in it currently.

Nathan Unsworth said the Pollmiller project was set to be completed in 2020, according to the foundation's timeline.

He said the money will come out of the capital trust fund next year, unless the foundation did something "gangbuster" this year that raised the money. He said the capital trust fund has about \$200,000 in it.

The foundation will be sending out letters this week to potential donors to inform businesses of what the project looks like.

"We've had some conversations and some of the businesses the foundation has talked to have wanted to see some other people go first, I think," Unsworth said. "So it's kind of like we need that one person to step up to the plate."

He said the letters going out could help initiate some action

Benjamin said she wants to have a complete plan when the foundation goes back to area businesses. Initial conversations were just an ask "to donate to the dream".

She said some other ways of donations would be an online donation option as well as a check box on any camping registrations so those people could donate on top of the fees.

"The campers are really pushing to see a playground at Pollmiller," she said.

In other action, the board:

- approved several farm lease agreements on Denning Conservation Area, Turkey Run Wildlife Area, and Red Wing, however the Red Wing access lease approval may be revisited.
- approved an application for a grant for a fish habitat project near the North Heron Bend where shoreline reconstruction and stabilization would be done. Unsworth said a platform would be built out into the water, similar to Pollmiller, which has been popular for fishing. But he said the work would be for habitat and spawning primarily. He said the grant would provide 90% of the cost with a 10% match from the board.

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THU 14 Nov



Scattered Clouds High– 32.8° F | Low – 22.3° F

FRI 15 Nov



Broken Clouds High– 37.3° F | Low – 26.9° F

SAT 16 Nov



Broken Clouds High– 37.7° F | Low – 30.3° F

SUN 17 Nov



Overcast High– 43.2° F | Low – 39.8° F

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