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## LCEDG gets another International gold

#### BY PCC STAFF

INDIANAPOLIS – The Lee County Economic Development Group won a Gold Excellence in Economic Development Award for Lee County EDG Website Development in the 25,000 – 200,000 population category, from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC).

The honor was presented at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, October 15th, during the IEDC Annual Conference, which was held October 13th-16th, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lee County Economic Development Group Project Director Dana Millard and President/CEO Dennis Fraise were given a gold medal from the International Economic Development Council last week. Photo courtesy of LCEDG.

Lee County EDG launched their website refresh in June of 2019. "The new website has a clean uncluttered design, an improved functionality for the viewer. With this refresh we now have the ability to keep it updated ourselves and we've added enhanced content, utilizing graphics and images from our programs and industries to better tell our story," said Economic Development Project Director Dana Millard.

The IEDC received over 480 submissions from around the world for 34 categories of awards, with gold being the highest award in each category.

Lee County EDG will also host an IEDC webinar: Creating a Website for Success on Wednesday, October 23rd.

The IEDC Excellence in Economic Development Awards program recognizes the world's best economic development programs, marketing materials and the year's most influential leaders.

The Website category honors communities and

## Mt. Pleasant author makes winter reading list

"American Pastoral," (Pulitzer Prize) "I Married a Communist," and "The Human Stain," all by Phillip Roth, make up a fairly good trilogy on the human condition, man's ungodliness, and search for the meaning of life. I hadn't read any Phillip Roth since college. Back then, "Goodbye, Columbus" and "Portnoy's Compliant" were great





ment Council last week.

not to mention having more time. Roth's books, of which there are a slew, deserved my second look.

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## New MLB proposal could impact Bees future

Bob Henley will be coaching third base for the Washington Nationals in the World Series.

He is rumored to be a candidate to become the San Diego Padres' manager.

Henley was a catcher on the 1994 Burlington Bees. He was most valuable player in the Midwest League All-Star Game that summer, finishing the season with a .301 batting average and 20 home runs.

Henley played nine seasons of professional baseball, eight in the Montreal Expos' organization. He played one season in the majors with the Expos, hitting .304 with three home runs.

Henley was a 26th-round draft pick by the Expos in 1991, not exactly a top prospect, but he did make it to the majors.

Henley wasn't the only connection to the Bees in this year's MLB postseason. Max Muncy, who had his second consecutive 35-homer season with the Los Angeles Dodgers, played for the Bees in 2012. Sean Newcomb, a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves, pitched for the Bees in 2014 and 2015.

There have been Midwest League connections with other teams throughout the playoffs. Carlos Correa and Alex Bregman of the Houston Astros played in Quad Cities. Jack Flaherty, Paul DeJong and Harrison Bader were among the St. Louis Cardinals players who played in Peoria — Matt Carpenter played with the Cardinals' affiliate in Quad Cities in 2009.

Their postseason success comes at a time when the



Project Director Dana Millard and President/

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organizations that are using the web as an effective

marketing tool to promote services and offer informa-

tion to clients. They are judged on quality of content,

## NEST

#### By Curt Swarm

reading and all the rage. "Goodbye, Columbus," starring Ali McGraw and Richard Benjamin, was an excellent movie and very popular with the college set, making for great book sales. Then I read "Letting Go" and became tired of Roth's seemingly pointless mind wanderings, and didn't read anymore of him until now. In my early seventies, and possibly more mature (maybe), I'm a little more tolerant, "The Goldfinch," by Donna Tartt, may be the book of the year, as well as movie, starring Ansel Elgort and Nicole Kidman. I was initially attracted to the book because Ginnie and I were feeding goldfinches,

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future of their former league, as well as other leagues in the lower levels of the minors, is under scrutiny.

The Professional Baseball Agreement between Major League Baseball (MLB) and Minor League Baseball (MiLB) is up at the end of the 2020 season.

On Friday, Baseball America reported that MLB is suggesting a cut to the number of minor league affiliates from 160 to 120 teams beginning in 2021. The reduction would eliminate the four short-season

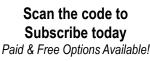
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## **Obituaries/Letters to the Editor**

## Clark's book makes columnist winter list

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Iowa's State Bird, at our window, and were captivated by their black and gold beauty and feeding habits. They like to hang upside down. When Ginnie started reading "The Goldfinch," I was jealous and had to hurry up and finish Roth so that I could follow suit and have someone to discuss this new book with. "The Goldfinch" is a famous 1652 painting by Dutch artist Carel Fabritius. If you examine the painting closely (Google it), you will notice that the bird is tethered to its roost by a tiny gold chain (not shown on the cover of the book). Hmm. An otherwise free and beautiful bird in bondage becomes the central, but obscure, theme of "The Goldfinch." We're all in bondage. The book is over 700 pages long, and if you find comfort in a seemingly never ending saga, you'll be happy. Like Roth, Tartt way overwrites, but is worth plodding through. 350 pages would have sufficed. Both the book and movie are a must for 2019-2020.

Richard Russo has a new book: "Chances Are..." You may remember Russo from "Nobody's Fool," which earned him a Pulitzer Prize. The book was made into a movie starring Paul Newman, Jessica Tandy, Bruce Willis, and Phillip Seymour Hoffman, amongst other big names. "Chances Are..." is an entertaining whodunit that will keep you glued to your reading chair right up to the end.

Margaret Atwood has a followup to "The Handmaid's Tale" called "The Testaments." And Elizabeth Strout, another Pulitzer Prize winner, has a follow up to "Olive Kitteridge," called "Olive Again." Evidently "follow ups" are in vogue. I should be set for reading through Thanksgiving.

Susie Clark's first book, and smash hit, "And Then There Was One." A big shout out to Susie Clark! In my annual winter creative writing class, a new writer appeared, like a shining star in

#### Letter to the Editor

## PORT chair endorses Matt Mohrfeld for Mayor

I am writing this letter to the editor in support of Matt Mohrfeld running for Mayor. I know Matt both personally and professionally and I believe he has what it takes to keep this city moving in the right direction. Personally, Matt coached both of my sons on swim team and he always knew how to pull out the best in each one of them. They are both VERY different and he took enough time to get to know them, and adjust his coaching style, to help them be more successful.

Matt puts wellness at the forefront of all he does. He does this for himself, his business, and he will continue to for this city. He supports the efforts of PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreational Trails-to which I am the committee chair of). He actually has credit for being in the first meeting where we talked about our big dreams of connecting to Burlington in the north and Keokuk in the south.

the night sky: Susie Clark. She has written her first book, and hopefully not her last, "And Then There Was One." Quite simply, it is the most tragic, well written, true story of anyone I know personally. That I mention her name with the likes of Margaret Atwood, Elizabeth Strout, Donna Tartt, Phillip Roth and Richard Russo, should tell you a lot. So powerful is her self-published book, coming out of little ole Mt. Pleasant, that she scored a personal interview on WHO Television, Channel 13, in Des Moines. Don't pass up this opportunity. If you want her signed book, "And Then There Was One," her email address is susieclark17@ <u>yahoo.com</u>, and phone number: 319-217-3405.

Happy winter reading.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at <u>curtswarm@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u> or visit his website at <u>www.empty-nest-words-photos-andframes.com</u>.

We had to harness our dreams and

start small, and Matt helped us to

do that! A few years later and we

have 1 mile worth of a trail and the

money granted to complete a third phase connecting to our hospital's

Matt has great vision and follows

through on his promises. I support

Matt Mohrfeld for Mayor and I

outdoor walking track.

hope you will join me!

Thanks,

#### **OBITUARIES**

## SARAH MAE LAND

Sarah Mae Land, 84 passed away peacefully on October 20, 2019 at the Clark County Nursing Home in Kahoka, MO.

She was born on March 11, 1934 in Clark County,



MO the daughter of Frank and Bessie Graham Bainter. On May 28, 1962 she was united in marriage to Tom Land. He preceded her in death on June 14, 1999. Sarah loved to socialize and visit the

gas station each morning for coffee and scratch off lottery tickets. She loved all animals but especially her cat, Bun.

During her stay at the Clark County Nursing Home she made great friends, loved bingo and shopping out of everyone's closet. She was a big fan of Elvis music.

For many years Sarah worked at River Hills Villiage in Keokuk as a housekeeper. It fit her personality, she was able to chat and socialize and keep her busy. She loved her work.

Sarah is survived by her daughter, Jackie (Ron) Smith, her son, Milford (Teresa) Vice, her six grandchildren, Alisha (Matthew) Brown, Whistina (Jason) Shiferdek, T.J. (Megan) Smith, Anissa (Brian) Mick, Tiana (Vaughn) Dougherty, and Adam (Allie) Vice, her eleven great grandchildren, Morgan, Ashton, Alyssa, Noah, Grace, Wyatt, Landon, Dawson, Trey, Chase and Ainslee.

Please join us in celebrating her life on Thursday from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk.

Memorials may be made to the Clark County Nursing Home Activity Fund.

The Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

## Honor is 2nd from IEDC

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interactivity, timeliness of information, navigability, and overall value for economic development efforts.

This is the second Gold award Lee County EDG has received, the first was in 2017 for Grow Lee. Lee County EDG also received the award for Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) Overall Program in 2016, 2017, and 2019 from the Professional Developers of Iowa. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts of local and regional economic development initiatives in supporting growth and expansion of existing Iowa companies.

Lee County Health Department - 2019 FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE

10/10 Trinity United Methodist -Keokuk 1:00pm-4:30pm T:00pr

10/17 Heritage Center Keokuk 10:00am-Noon

**10/22** Parkview Apts.

(#3 John Bennett Drive) Ft. Madison 1:00pm-4:30pm **10/28** West Point Public Library 1:30pm-3:00pm

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11/12 Hillview Village Ft. Madison 10:30am-Noon

11/14 River Terrace Keokuk 9:00am-10:00am

11/14 Trinity United

11/19 Hoerner YMCA

Keokuk

Library

**11/20** Donnellson Public

11/21 Eagle Bluff Apts. Ft. Madison 9:00am-10:00am

Rachel Benda

Please bring Medicare card to clinic

Private Pay cost \$25

FALL YOUTH CO-ED BASKETBALL

West Point 10:00am-Noon

10/22 Rose Michael Gardens Ft. Madison 1:00pm-2:00pm



11/4 Montrose Public Library 9:00am-10:30am

**11/5** Twin Oak Apts. Denmark 9:00am-10:00am

**11/7** Newberry Center Ft. Madison 10:00am-Noon Methodist Church Keokuk 1:00pm-4:30pm

8:30am-10:00am

12:30pm-1:30pm

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## **Current-Lee Listings/Lottery Numbers**

#### **CURRENT-LEE**

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

## Caregivers Connection Class to be held Oct. 22 at The Kensington

Debbie Green from FMCH Hospice will join us on Oct 22nd at 12pm for our next Caregiver Connection class. She will talk about navigating the end of life, a part of the normal process of living. Honest, open communication with fami-



ly, friends, and medical providers regarding a person's choices for end of life care to provide a smoother road in this part of life's journey. We will review some of the documents that are available for a person to use to share their wishes. We will also talk about how to talk to your physician and your loved ones regarding your choices – what questions to ask, topics to assure you have a meaningful discussion. Having these discussions early and planning early provides a much higher quality of life during the end of life. It's hard to talk about – we will provide some tools to help. A simple lunch will be served. Class is held at The Kensington and lasts one hour. Free. Please RSVP to Victoria at 319-372-4233.

#### **Boo-athlon**

The PORT of Fort Madison will be holding it's annual Spooktakular Boo-athlon fundraiser at the Baxter Sports Complex on Oct. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at <u>www.fortmadison-ia.</u> <u>com</u> under the community tab/PORT, on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page of by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848.

#### YMCA Sailfish Parents Meeting

A new parents meeting will be held Oct. 25 at the YMCA Preschool Room starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Jason Dixon at 319-759-5972 or Jen Fett at 319-850-2439.

#### YMCA Daddy Daughter Dance

The annual dance will be held Nov. 8th at the Fort Madison Elks Lodge from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple for YMCA members, \$30 per couple for non-members. \$5 for additional children. Registration deadline



### IOWA LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS

#### Lotto Drawings

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Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
Lucky for Life <sup>®</sup>	Mon & Thu	8:30 pm	9:38 pm
Mega Millions <sup>®</sup>	Tues & Fri	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Powerball®	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America <sup>™</sup>	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday Pick 3 - Evening	Daily Daily	Noon 9:40 pm	12:20 pm 10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday Pick 4 - Evening	Daily Daily	Noon 9:40 pm	12:20 pm 10:00 pm

is Nov. 1.

#### Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on Thursday's at the Public Library.

#### **Brakes for Breasts**

Griffin Brake & Muffler Center will be holding a Brakes for Breasts where the center will be giving away free quality brake pads and shoes and will donate 10% of labor and other necessary parts to the Cleveland Clinic Breast Cancer Vaccine Fund during the Month of October.

#### An Evening with Gary Dolphin

The Voice of the Hawkeyes will be the guest at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course Tuesday, Oct. 22 for a dinner and social hour. Tickets are available by calling Ryan McMillan at 319-528-6214 or emailing <u>rmcmillan@sheaf-</u> <u>fergolf.com</u>. Doors open at 4:30 with the dinner and social hour from 5 p.m to 6 p.m.

#### No Tricks Just Treats

The 3rd Annual Lee County Sheriff and Lee County CrimeStoppers will be holding their annual No Tricks, Just Treats event at the sheriff's office Oct. 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the sheriff's office at 2530 255th Street in Montrose.

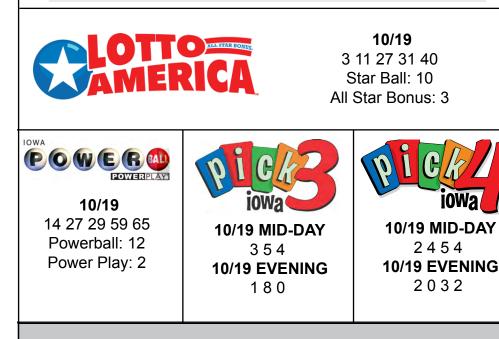
#### **Old Settlers Trick or Treat**

4th Annual "Trick or Treat" in Old Settler's Park will be held on Thursday Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A light supper will be provided by Fraise Auction & Real Estate.

#### Halloween Historic Jail Tour

Volunteers with the North Lee County Historical Society will be opening the historic 1869 Lee County Jail during citywide Trick or Treat hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31. The tradition of giving out "Tootsie" rolls in honor of former Lee County Sheriff Harold R. "Toots" Delahoyde.





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**PUBLIC NOTICES** 

#### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 10/01/2019

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 10/1/2019; Payment of Claims, Liquor License Renewal: Chuong Garden, 712 – 9th Street, effective 11/9/2019; and New 5-Day Liquor License: Palms Supper Club, 415 – 11th Street, effective 10/21/2019.

Mayor Randolph opened the Public Hearing Concerning the sale of city-owned property at 1225 – 25th Street. On motion, Council closed the public hearing. There were no written or oral comments. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-66, selling and authorizing execution of a Quit Claim Deed for City-Owned property at 1225 – 25th Street to Mary Westfall for \$2,700.

Mayor Randolph opened the Public Hearing Concerning Public Improvement Project 2019-05, Amtrak Station Platform Improvements. On motion, Council closed the public hearing. There were no written or oral comments. On motion, Council approved Resolution No. 2019-67, adopting plans, specifications and<br/>form of contract for thePLII<br/>ATLproject. On motion, Council<br/>adopted Resolution No.TIO2019-68, rejecting the bid<br/>of Iowa Bridge and Culvert,<br/>LLC, and re-bidding the<br/>project.BAT

On motion, Council approved Ordinance No. D-55, enacting a new Chapter 15, entitled "Golf Carts, ATVs and UTVs", to Title 9, Traffic, of the Fort Madison City Code, to allow for the use of Golf Carts, All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Task Vehicles on City streets. A motion to amend Title 9, Chapter 15, requiring vehicles to be certified by the manufacturer for road use FAILED. On motion, Council approved the second reading of an ordinance amending Title 10, Zoning, Chapter 12, B-1 Business District. Section 3. Permitted Uses, to add "Schools" as a Permitted Use.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with HR Green for the one-way pairs. On motion, Council approved the Public Works Director spend up to \$70,000 for a used bucket truck for the Traffic Safety Department. On motion, Council approved to crack seal the lower half of 48th Street to Scott's Manufacturing.

At 7:49 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until November 4, 2019, at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L.

Blind, City Clerk

REVENUES 10/15/2019 EXPENDITURES

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Debt	292,559.10	Capital	115,897.63
Water	1,247.45	Water	60,689.33
Sewer	15,748.65	Sewer	53,468.36
Solid Waste & IW	726.65	Solid Waste/ IWC	46,371.38
SW Utility	133.22	SW Utility	16,311.99
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PETROLEUM MARKET-		
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STEW HANSEN, DODGE		
CITY DODGE CHARGER		
WELLMARK BC/BS,		
HEALTH INS PREMIUMS		
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GENERAL13,711.83		
SPECIAL REVENUES		
ROAD USE18,624.83		
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
WATER42,120.66		
WASTEWATER3964.8		
SOLID WASTE1,318.74		
AIRPORT615.63		

## **Classifieds**

#### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa **Board of Supervisors** Agenda DATE: TUESDAY, October 22, 2019 MEETING **CONVENING TIME:** 9:00 A.M. LOCATION:

**Correctional Center** 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA

#### AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance Approve Agenda Approve Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Board Minutes Consider Approval of Claims Public Input Consider Approval to Replace Two Full-time Correctional Officers Consider Approval of Tax Suspension for Property Located at 1712 Ave D, Fort Madison Commission or **Committee Reports** Adjourn

Workshop to Follow

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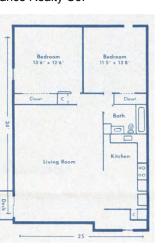
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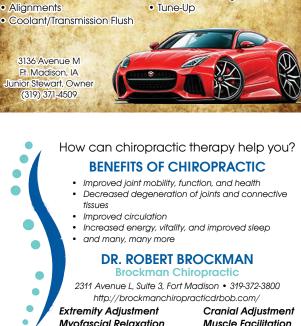
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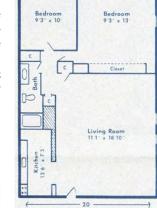
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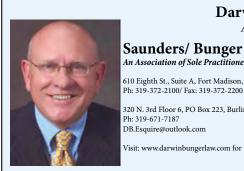


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## **Opinion/Weather**

## Fan, community support helps Bees stories continue

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and Rookie leagues, but not necessarily the franchises in those leagues. The Midwest League is considered Low-A, and thus out of that part of the proposal, but franchises in the league would have to meet what is expected to be higher facility standards agreed upon by MLB and MiLB.

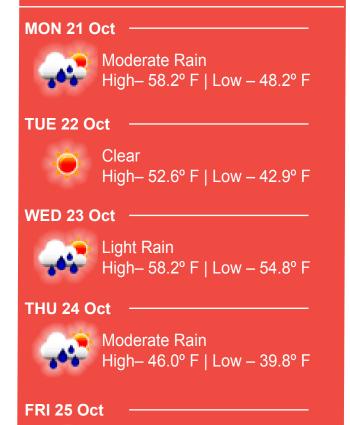
Such standards could include larger clubhouse areas to accommodate the expected increase in player development staff, improved lighting and field conditions, workout/training areas for players, perhaps even a dining area/kitchen for nutritional staff.

As well, there could be a restructuring of leagues to cut down on travel costs.

Franchises that are cut would be eligible to be part of a proposed "Dream League," which would be similar to an independent league, where franchises would be responsible for salaries of players and field staff. Baseball America wrote that a franchise in that league would add about \$300,000-\$400,000 in costs from salaries, workers' compensation and staffing.

Baseball America wrote that, "In MLB's viewpoint, roughly a quarter of all current MiLB clubs far fall below the level of facilities they view as needed for their minor league players. MLB has essentially put the onus on MiLB to find a way to guarantee those stadiums will all reach what MLB deems as acceptable standards in the near future. If MiLB cannot, then MLB has a proposal to simply reduce the number of affiliated minor league teams going forward to the 75 percent of MiLB clubs that MLB deems capable of meeting their

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facility needs. MLB would work with MiLB and others to ensure the remaining 25 percent of clubs have baseball teams of some sort, but they would no longer be affiliated MiLB clubs."

In many ways, this current negotiation is similar to 1990, when Major League Baseball wanted significant upgrades to ballparks. The negotiations were so heated, it wasn't until after the 1990 season when a deal was made.

Burlington survived that with major renovations and investment in Community Field, while other Midwest League cities did not.

There are some positives within MLB's proposal, including affiliations that would be more geographically advantageous. That would mean that Burlington, for example, could get an affiliate closer than the Los Angeles Angels, the Bees' current affiliate. But there should be concern everywhere in the minors for franchises that aren't already owned by MLB teams.

All of this is just a proposal and, as Baseball America points out, it could be a starting point for more concessions from the minors to take on some of the added costs that will come with more staff and higher salaries.

But it is clear that there is some sort of shift coming in professional baseball in the next season.

If anything, it should make it clear to the area that a minor-league team isn't a guarantee.

Some of the stories that have played out in the MLB postseason have had their roots in the Midwest League.

Fan support, and community support, can only help those stories continue.

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