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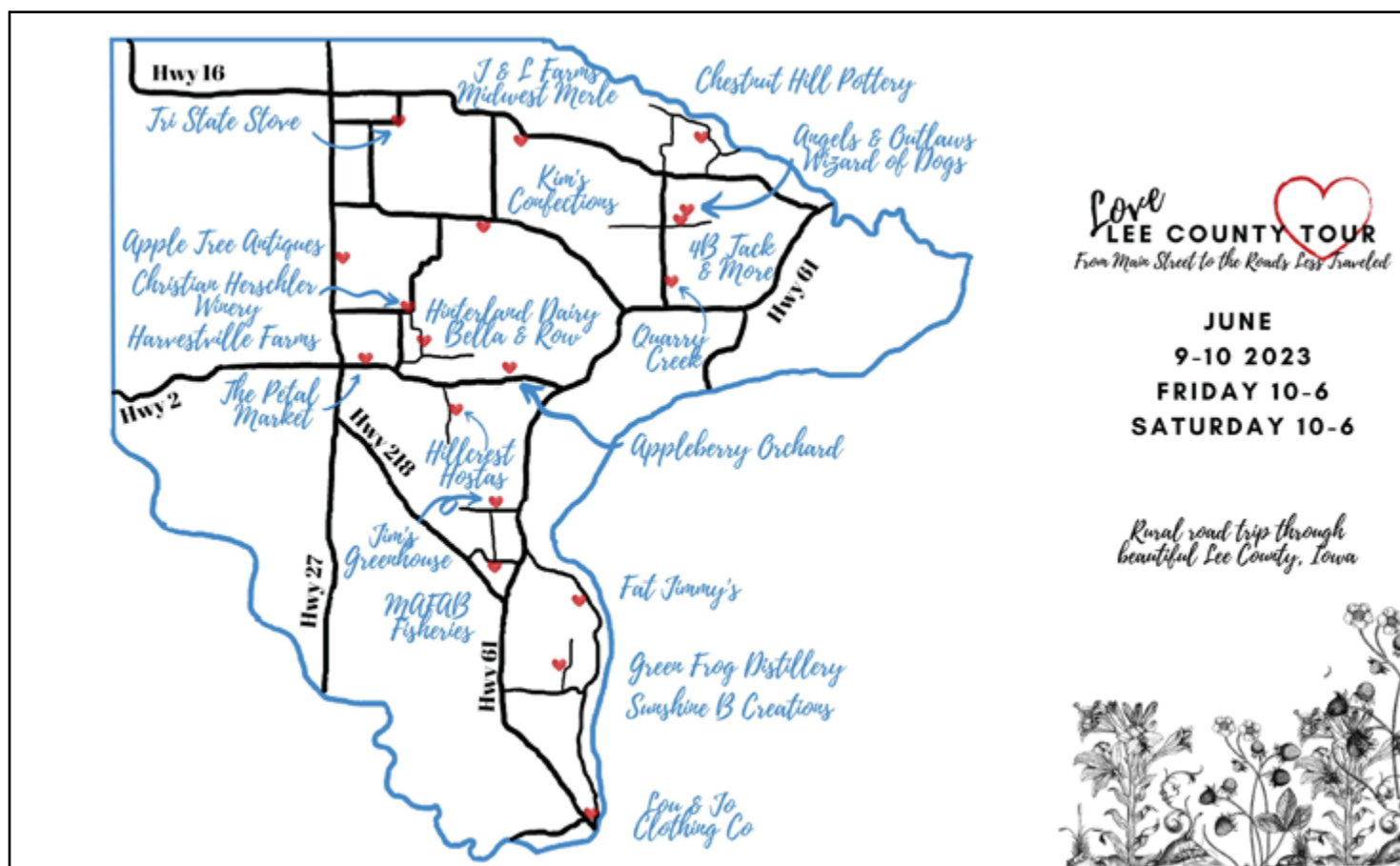
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Love Lee County tour



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The Love Lee County Tour is scheduled for next week starting on Friday evening. A full list of locations for this year's event is on page 8.

ROADS LESS TRAVELED: Weekend full of stops at area retailers for specials

PCC Staff

LEE COUNTY - The Love Lee County Tour "From Main Street to the Roads Less Traveled" is returning and growing wildly in 2023! Join the fun and road trip through beautiful Lee County to 18 locations featuring demonstrations, sales, samples, prizes and pop-ups. The tour runs Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, from 10am-6pm.

Start your day with biscuits & gravy, baked goods and lattes at Kim's Confections, 423 Avenue D, West Point. They will also be serving BBQ for lunch and dinner during the tour. Tri-State Stove, 1300 Main Street, St. Paul, is also new to the tour this year. More than a family-owned stone and fireplace store, they feature hearth products, grills and accessories for your home. They will be serving

free samples and have a BruMate drawing for the weekend.

Appletree Antiques is a country neighbor to Tri-State Stove, located at 1805 180th Street, Donnellson. They carry a huge selection of antiques, primitives, furniture, collectable treasures and also feature a barn warehouse overflowing with fresh estate finds. While you're in the area, stop by Harvestville Farm at 1977 Highway 2, Donnellson, for fresh veggies, home and garden décor or lunch specials at their Pitchfork Café. The Petal Market is a charming flower cart with a build-your-own bouquet flower bar popping up at Harvestville Farm. Visit the Petal Market to enter a free bouquet drawing and see about renting the cart for your next event.

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THE ROXYS

FMHS puts on first-ever Roxys to honor students, staff

PCC Staff

FORT MADISON, IOWA — On May 26, Fort Madison High School hosted "The Roxys."

New this year, the event is intended for students who are involved in any activities and athletics at Fort Madison

High School. The name, "The Roxys," was created in honor of our beloved mascot, Roxy the Bloodhound.

"We saw an opportunity to highlight the students who take time to work hard and represent our community in a positive way," said Activities Director,

Jeff Lamb.

"The coaches and sponsors here at Fort Madison impact our students everyday to help them succeed in various ways. This was an event to highlight

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FM LIBRARY

Summer reading program kicks off in June

BY SARAH CLENDINENG

FM Public Library Director

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Public Library Summer Reading Program kicks off on May 30. This year's theme is "Find Your Voice" and we have so many fun activities planned. First, step out of your usual reading routine and try some new books. We have reading programs and prizes for all ages. There are three prizes levels for people up to 18 years old, prizes include a drawing pad and markers, squishies, bubble wand and key chain magnetic erasable writing pad. They will also get a pass to the end of summer pool party as part of the first prize. If you make it to the third prize and want to keep reading, we have a contest to see who can read the most minutes this summer with a prize for the winner. Adults log their reading for chances to win one of three prize baskets. Log your reading on Beanstack or pick up a paper bookmark log. Once you have read 5 hours, you can get one entry into the drawing for one of three prize baskets. Complete up to 10 entries before August 1. The "Friends and Family Movie Basket" includes popcorn and movie theater candy. The "Journaling Basket" has a water bottle, dot grid journal, markers and other journaling supplies. Finally, we also have a Train Station Book Nook Kit where you can build your own small diorama to decorate your home library.

For kids 12 and younger we have many in-person programs. Story Hour for toddlers and pre-school age kids will continue through July 19. On Mondays, we have a craft planned and will be making things like a bottle cap lantern, megaphone, sun catchers and wind chimes. On Wednesdays, we will have a variety of different activities including Tie-Dye, animals from Lee County, a foam party, a magician, a science show and drums and music.

Minecraft will continue through July 18 for all ages on Tuesday afternoons. Teens and adults are welcome to participate in long term crafts during Thursday

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Obituaries/ From the Front

20 awards given at Roxys

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both our students and staff who shine light on our district.”

Coaches and sponsors of all activities had an opportunity to nominate students who they felt were deserving of each award. Coaches and sponsors then voted on a winner for each award, choosing from those who were nominated. There were a total of 117 individual nominees and 25 group nominations. There were 20 awards given to both students, groups, teams, and staff members.

“The Roxys was an exciting night to showcase our amazing students and all they have accomplished this year,” said Dr.



Courtesy Image

FMHS Head Football coach Derek Doherty gives Mateo Lozano the Inspiration Award at Friday's Roxys in Fort Madison.

Erin Slater, Superintendent. “We are proud of our students and hope we can continue this tradition of honoring and recognizing their hard work and accomplishments.”

A presentation accompanied the evening, which included all nominees and winners. To view the full presentation, visit <https://bit.ly/theroxys2023>.

OBITUARIES

MATTHEW M. WILHELM

Matthew Martin Wilhelm, 48, of Dallas City, Illinois, passed away at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.



WILHELM

Matt was born on September 15, 1974 in Brookfield, Missouri, the son of Jerry (Merrye) Wilhelm Sr. and Karen (Clarence) Piatt Jackson.

Matt was a 1992 graduate of New London High School, New London, Iowa. Following high school he enlisted in the U.S. National Guard. He worked for seven years as a security guard at the Catfish Bend Casino in Burlington. He spent most of his life as a truck driver and was currently employed by Ideal Ready Mix in Burlington. Matt

enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding four wheelers, ammunition reloading, buying and selling items online and especially enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and “kids.” Matt was also a diehard Kansas City Chiefs fan.

Survivors include his soulmate: Jamie Williams of Dallas City; two daughters: Rachel Wesely of Dallas City and JoHannah Wilhelm-Riley of Mt. Pleasant; his parents: Jerry (Merrye) Wilhelm Sr. of New London and Karen (Clarence) Jackson of Salisbury, Missouri; one sister: Jenny (Aaron)



Munden of Salisbury, Missouri; two brothers: Jerry (Jennifer) Wilhelm Jr. of Danville, Iowa and Jeff (Lindsay) Wilhelm of Mt. Pleasant; a bonus sister: Jennifer (Josh) Skinner of Nauvoo; nieces and nephews: Jessica, Coleton, Caden, Justine, Jacob, Sarah, Zachary, Morghyn, Zander, Allison, Eleanor, Everly and a special nephew, Ryan Wilhelm and several special kids that called him “Uncle Matt” and loved him so much, which includes, Mackenzie, Madison, Brayden, Avery, Abbi, Jeremiah, Phillip, Hayden and Quinten.

He was preceded in death by one brother: Eric Ryan Wilhelm; his mother-in-law: Irene Petty and brother-in-law: Rusty Petty.

The family will receive friends from noon until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Saturday with Pastor Mark Anderson officiating. Military Rites will be conducted at the funeral home by the Hancock County Honor Guard.

Inurnment will be held at a later date at Harris Cemetery, near Dallas City.

A memorial fund has been established in Matt's memory for various local youth programs. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Matt's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Sports

Lady Hounds fall short despite Kruse, Ruble homers

TOUGH FIFTH: Lady Hounds surrender 6 runs in 5th inning in 7-5 loss to WBND

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST BURLINGTON – Fort Madison Head Coach Jared Rehm feels better about the Lady Hounds season after Thursday’s 7-5 loss to West Burlington on the road.

The loss is the second in two days after the Hounds fell 3-1 to Fairfield Tuesday night in a Southeast Conference game.

“After today day I feel better than after yesterday. We’ve had some down dugouts. We started the season with great energy but yesterday we were a bit lacking,” Rehm said.

“We needed to work on some communication pieces and we gave them some challenges today and they responded.”

Fort Madison jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead when senior Erika Kruse blasted a 3-2 offering from West Burlington’s Lauren Summers over the centerfield fence.

West Burlington had runners in scoring position in the bottom half following a missed popup by catcher Kylie Lumino. But some base running blunders and some snap throws by the Hounds allowed a double play off a flyout to center. Fort Madison was able to hold up Krieger at 3rd who tried to tag up. Lumino fired down to third to get Krieger trying to get back to the bag, but she was called safe. However, a quick throw to second caught Summers between the bags and allowed the Hounds to get out of the inning.

Fort Madison would carry the 2-0 lead into the bottom of the third when the Falcons cut into the lead on a one-out RBI double to left center from Summers. Kruse would get the hosts to pop out and ground out to get out of the inning holding the 2-1 lead.

Taylor Johnson slapped the first pitch she saw in the top of the fifth into center field to get things going again for the Lady Hounds. Olivia Holmes then laid down a sacrifice bunt to get the speedy Johnson moving on the base paths. The throw to first got away and went all the way down the right field line allowing both Johnson and Holmes to come around to score to make it 4-1.

Emily Steffensmeier then executed the drag bunt for a single and Neeley Rehm moved her over with a sacrifice bunt bringing the free swinging Kruse to the plate. WBND Head Coach Dave Oleson didn’t want anything to do with



Fort Madison Bloodhounds’ Head Coach Jared Rehm gets control of Madelynn Thomas heading into third as Taylor Johnson (23) heads for home in the top of the fifth inning in West Burlington.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

the senior, so he intentionally passed her to get to Lauryn Helmick. Summers would work a ground out from Helmick and then fanned Elizabeth Tanner to get out of the inning.

West Burlington then went to work in the bottom on the frame. Madelyn Thomas drew a walk and Anna Engberg singled to shallow center to put two on. Lauren Krieger would then reach on a bunt single loading the bases. Summer would lift a short fly down the left field line that Johnson made a diving attempt to get. The ball bounced over Johnson’s glove and headed down the line scoring three.

Elise Oleson would hit a sharp single to center to put two on again. Shona Andersen would fan and then Madalynn Knapp deposited a shot just over the fence in dead center to score three more runs before Kruse could put things back together and get out of the inning.

Fort Madison would get a homer from Elle Ruble in the top of the sixth with nobody on and that’s all the scoring the Hounds would get before Summers locked things down in the top of the 7th.

Rehm said Johnson made a good jump on Summers fly ball down the line. “I think she made a really good play out there it just didn’t work out,” Rehm said.

The Hounds are playing without slugger Lexi Whaley

who underwent shoulder surgery at the start of the season. But 8th grader Lumino has been filling in nicely behind the plate. Despite the pop fly in the first inning, Lumino had some snappy throws down the lines to keep runners close.

Rehm said he was happy with the Hounds’ effort. “I’m very happy with the play against a good team like West Burlington. There was a lot of back-and-forth and I think we responded well,” he said.

Steffensmeier led the Hounds at the plate with two hits. Kruse had two RBI and went all six innings striking out four and walking one while giving up all seven runs earned.

Fort Madison falls to 2-4 on the year and hosts Fairfield tonight in Southeast Conference matchup at Baxter Sports Complex.



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Local News/From the Front

Library ready for summer

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Crafternon. We also have some additional activities planned for adults including a Paint and Sip evening on June 27 (please register in advance) and an art journaling workshop on July 12.

Last, but definitely not least, we will have an escape room from July 13-15! Pre-registration is required.

A full schedule of activities can be picked up at the library or found at www.FortMadisonLibrary.org.

Beanstack Challenges
Everyone who wants to participate in summer reading will be signed up with Beanstack when they register for the summer reading program, or families can register themselves online at fortmadison.beanstack.org.

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library -

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30. There will not be story hour on June 7. Please join us for

Tie-Dye between 11am and 1 pm that day.

Minecraft - 3:00-5:00 pm Tuesdays for all ages.

Make it Monday - Monday, 11:00-1:00, for children up to 12 years old, a different craft every week, stop in as your schedule allows.

Once Upon a Wednesday - Times vary, depending on the schedule, this year's activities include Tie-Dye, animals from Lee County, a foam party, a magician, a science show and drums and music.

CultureAll Open Book Program - June 10, 1:00-3:00 pm. This program connects "Books", our neighbors from diverse backgrounds and "Readers", people who want to explore other people's life experiences. This is an opportunity to gain a more complex sense of the "Books" as you hear their stories, and engage with them through small group conversation.

Remembering the Apron - June 22, 6:30

pm. A nostalgic look at the apron plus the fabrics, styles, and the many different ways they were used by the people from our past. An interactive, hands-on program (if you want -- you can touch and feel the fabric) looking at about 100 of her collection of 400 aprons.

Paint and Sip - June 27, 5:30 pm. Paint a colorful picture with snacks and drinks. Ages 14 and older. Please pre-register, space is limited.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, June 1, we will be discussing "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsberg. July's book will be "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Alexie Sherman.

Cook the Book - This month's cookbook is "Watermelon and Redbirds" by Nicole A. Taylor. Pick a recipe and prepare it to share with the group on June 14 at 6:00 pm.

FMHS installs Smith, O'Rourke in Hall of Honor

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison High School Hall of Honor received two new inductees earlier this week. Former student Paula O' Rourke and former student and FMHS Principal Greg Smith were both installed to the Hall.

O'Rourke nomination said was actively involved in music, sports, and found a love for continuous learning through her academic and professional career. Paula graduated from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting (2002), passed her Certified Public Accounting Exam, and obtained a Masters in Organizational Behavior & Leadership from Western Illinois University (2011). She has focused her career in the financial services industry, providing financial well-being for all, where she serves as the President/CEO of a Credit Union in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Paula has also received many certificates and awards for accomplishments in her

professional career. She enjoys leading a thriving organization, focused on the financial well-being for all, and bringing products and services to those who need it most.

Greg Smith graduated from Fort Madison High School in 1976. Greg received his Associate of Arts Degree from Southeastern Community College in 1987 and transferred to Western Illinois University where he received his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1989. He was named one of the top 100 first year teachers in the nation in 1990. He received a Master's Degree in Education from Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin in 2000 and then completed a K-12 Reading Specialist Degree 2002. He earned a degree in Educational Administration from the University of Northern Iowa in 2009. Greg served as the Principal of Fort Madison High School from 2011-2022.

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BREMER COUNTY PROJECT NO. 21-03-09-01

Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area
Quail Avenue PCC Pavement Maintenance
Proposal Guarantee: \$12,500.00

Completion Date: 11/01/2023

Project Description: This project consists of PCC pavement patches, crack cleaning and filling and foreslope armoring at Sweet Marsh Wildlife Management Area.

WOODBURY COUNTY PROJECT NO. 22-01-97-01

Stone State Park Pavement Maintenance
Proposal Guarantee: \$37,500.00

Completion Date: 11/01/2023

Project Description: This project consists of pavement maintenance for the roads at Stone State Park in Woodbury County, Iowa.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2023

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Chuck Holmes and Tom Schulz.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve an agreement with Work Source for a temporary janitorial employee. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Pflug, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Chief Information Officer

of the State of Iowa for enhanced IT Security Services. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve a Maintenance Agreement with Idemia for the Livescan Fingerprint Machine at the Jail, for the period June 22, 2023 through June 21, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Building Study Committee's recommendation to request a contract for review from Poepping, Stone and Bach for Architectural Services for the Keokuk EMS Building. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Schulz, to approve a Joint Agreement with the City of Fort Madison for an Urban Renewal Area. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Schulz, to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the May 1, 2023 Board minutes and the payment of claims for the week. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Holmes, to approve a seasonal hire for Conservation, Jackson VanHamme, Conservation Aide, \$14.00/hr., effective 5/15/23 and a step increase for Princess Ephraim, Correctional Officer, from \$20.83/hr. to \$22.41/hr., effective 5/7/23. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for C & M Hogs in Charleston Township, the Commission of Veteran Affairs Quarterly Report for January through March 2023, the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2023, the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2023, the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April 2023.

Committee Reports: Schulz reported on a Building Study Committee meeting and an Economic Development Board meeting. Holmes reported on a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. Pflug reported on a Board of Health meeting. Seyb reported on a Broadband Expansion Commission

meeting and a Health Department/EMS Building Committee meeting.

At 10:45 a.m. it was moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Garry Seyb, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise,
Lee County Auditor

Claims paid May 8, 2023

A Next Degree Comm., svs/equip	100.00
Ace Hardware, splys	23.97
Advanced Correctional Health, svs.....	7824.81
Agriland FS, Inc., Fuels	518.70
Agrineed, splys.....	927.50
Airgas USA, LLC, splys	277.08
Alliant Energy, svs	5105.40
Amazon Capital Services, splys	51.30
Ape & Sons, LLC, svs	1177.05
Area Distr, splys....	172.29
AssuredPartners Great Plains, svs	379.90
Jim Baier Inc., svs	640.60
Ball Volvo/GMC, splys	392.94
Blades/Green, svs	3180.00
Jayne Boeding, svs	234.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC., splys.....	3314.91
BPI testing, LLC, svs	23510.00
Kathleen Burkhardt, Reimb	116.19
City of Donnellson, water	191.44
Electrical Engrg/Equip, parts/svs	450.00
Cordray Htg/Clg, parts	636.20
CSW Services General Cont, svs.....	1150.00
Cullen Pest Cntrl, svs	440.00
Darkside Tint/Graphix, splys	80.00
Davenport Printing Company, splys.....	652.54
Donnellson Lumber, equip	1258.56
ES&S, svs.....	16032.50
Farm/Home Sply, splys	5.99
Fastenal Co, equip ..	34.70
FM Housing Auth, svs	3467.12
Garratt-Callahan Co., svs	750.00
Gray Quarries Inc., slys	1030.92
GRRWA, svs.....	215.48

Griffin Muffler/Brake Ctr, parts/svs	3054.02
Home Therapy Solutions of Iowa, svs.....	6474.50
Iowa County Recorders Assoc., edu.....	200.00
IA Div Labor Svs, permits	175.00
IA Prison Ind, splys	178.20
Tom Jacobsmeier, svs	300.00
Jet Gas, fuel	596.48
Keo Chmbr/Cmmrc, dues	275.00
Keokuk Housing Authority, svs.....	456.99
Ginger Knisley, exps	262.00
Know Ink Innovative election, Contract Services	4410.00
Lee Co Auditor, postage	8668.93
Lee Co Library Assc,	

contr.....	26612.50
Lee Co Treas, fees	464569.77
Lee County Treasurer, Claim Costs	40263.50
Lee County Treasurer, fees.....	85.09
Lee County 911 Dispatch Educat, equip.....	135.68
Liberty Util, gas... ..	1826.98
Martin Equipment, parts	2099.50
McFarland/Swan, splys	946.83
Mediacom, svs.....	224.51
Meyers Plumbing, svs	733.55
MidAmerican Energy, gas	149.50
Mutual Wheel Co., parts	246.80
National Assoc, edu	350.00
OMG Midwest, svs	274.98

Postmaster, svs	70.00
Prairie Farms Dairy, splys	221.20
Regional Util Svs, svs	1776.84
Republic Companies, equip.....	1213.00
RSM US LLP, svs	1606.00
Alicia Schiller, svs	884.00
Team Lab, splys	14862.50
Truck Repair Inc, parts	3272.38
US Cell, svs	1866.35
Van Meter Instrl, splys	23.06
Vertical Communications, svs	121.21
Wex Bank, Fuels	6940.64
Windstream, svs	80.24

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J & L Farms, 2270 Highway 16, West Point, is a family farm growing premium Wagyu beef and Berkshire pork. They will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs and brats, as well as hosting Midwest Merle Co! Midwest Merle Co. is a traveling boutique bringing you a little western and a little boho. Quarry Creek Elk & Bison Company also carries many products great for the grill; many cuts of elk and buffalo steaks and meat that are raised right on the farm. They will be having samples all weekend and also carry a wide selection of gifts, boots and apparel in their store at 1866 303rd Ave, Ft. Madison.

Make the short trek to 3077 170th Street Ft. Madison, where you'll find Four B Tack & More and their full line of high-quality boots for men, women and children, clothes and horse tack. You can then walk to the next stop, Angels & Outlaws Boutique, a unique shop that carries trendy and affordable clothing of a wide variety of styles and sizes. The Wizard of Dogz Food Cart will be set up at this location serving gourmet coney dogs.

Chestnut Hill Pottery, 3198 Old Quarry Road, Wever, is showcasing talented Lee County artists all in one place. Mary Ilmberger Scott paints a fun variety; Barb Zumdom is an expert in wool fiber; Monk Creek Woodworks creates beautiful wood products; and Linda Ross crafts pottery for the home and garden. Check out the '74 VW bus renovation, sign up

TRI STATE STOVE INC.

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CHRISTIAN HERSCHLER WINERY & STAGECOACH STOP

503 Franklin 6th Street, Donnellson
Step back in time to pre-Civil War grounds, using 100+ year old wine recipes. Free wine tasting, tours of winery, grounds & gardens.

APPLE TREE ANTIQUES

1805 180th Street, Donnellson
We offer a huge selection of antiques, primitives, furniture & collectible treasures! Let us help you decorate your home with antiques. 10% Discount SALE!

KIM'S CONFECTIONS

423 Avenue D, West Point
Baked goods, coffee & lattes! Serving lunch every day. Decor from the Grapevine & Red Barn. Hot biscuits & gravy and breakfast sandwiches both mornings of tour!

CHESTNUT HILL POTTERY

3198 Old Quarry Road, Wever
Featuring local artists: Mary Ilmberger Scott (paintings), Barb Zumdom (wool fiber), Monk Creek Woodworking, Kevin Ross ('74 VW bus renovation), Linda Ross (pottery). Class sign-up, tours, snacks & demos!

ANGELS & OUTLAWS BOUTIQUE

3079 170th Street, Fort Madison
Trendy & affordable fashion for women of all ages & sizes. Jewelry, purses, hats & gifts. Celebrating the tour with a Girls' Day!

WIZARD OF DOGZ FOOD CART

Pop-up @ Angels & Outlaws/4B Tack
Coney dog trailer featuring traditional & festive hot dogs!

FOUR B TACK & MORE

3077 170th Street, Fort Madison
Western, work & casual clothing, boots & shoes for the whole family. Come check out the NEW inventory. Sales & tour prizes!

QUARRY CREEK ELK & BISON CO.

1866 303rd Avenue, Fort Madison
Elk & bison meat, boots, clothing & gifts. Food samples & baby bison viewing!

APPLEBERRY ORCHARD

2469 Highway 2, Donnellson
Farm Market store offering fresh baked goods, unique gifts & gourmet foods. Enjoy fresh strawberry pies & apple cider donuts. NEW adult drink mixes will be sampled!

HARVESTVILLE FARM

1977 Highway 2, Donnellson
5th generation family farm hosting family activities. Home decor, gifts, plants, local foods and seasonal produce. Enjoy lunch at the Pitchfork Cafe with specials during the tour!

THE PETAL MARKET

Pop-up @ Harvestville Farm
A charming flower cart with a build-your-own-bouquet flower bar. Enter drawing for a free fresh bouquet. Ask about renting the cart to delight guests at your next event!

HINTERLAND DAIRY

2149 Franklin Road, Donnellson
Farmstead cheese, ice cream and locally handcrafted goods. Serving strawberry ice cream for the tour and NEW Smokey Road Cheddar. Enter to win a door prize!

BELLA & ROW

Pop-up @ Hinterland Dairy
Local flower farm creating stunning arrangements for events and every day. Celebrating the tour with Mason jar bouquets.

HILLCREST HOSTAS

2292 Hillcrest Road, Donnellson
Explore magnificent gardens in full bloom! Shop their large selection of perennials including hostas, coneflowers, coralbells, & unique plants to create dreamy landscaping.

MAFAB FISHERIES

2408 Peach Orchard Road, Montrose
Wide variety of locally caught fresh & smoked fish along with beef, jams & foods. Check out the freezers full of seafood & appetizers!

JIM'S GREENHOUSE

2407 280th Street, Montrose
The largest selection of annuals, perennials and vegetable plants in the area! Check out the new garden decor and hardscape items. Plant sale!

TAYLOR ANN DESIGN

Pop-up @ Jim's Greenhouse
Fabulous one-of-a-kind tees, tanks & more! High-quality shirts for a stylish look for any occasion. We can assist you in bringing your ideas to life!

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Smoked meats and homemade sides & desserts. Inside & outside dining available with LIVE MUSIC every Saturday May-Oct.

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3345 270th Avenue, Keokuk
Local distillery specializing in corn whiskeys. Tours and specialty drinks available for purchase made with our whiskeys!

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Pop-up @ Green Frog Distillery
Apparel and accessories for the whole family. Fun summer and Fourth of July graphics and accessories!

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607 Main Street, Keokuk
Trendy women's clothing & accessories in the heart of downtown Keokuk. Celebrating Lee County with 20% off all orders over \$50!

for classes and enjoy snack and demonstrations.

The most beautiful gardens on the tour and perhaps in the county belong to Hillcrest Hostas & More, 2292 Hillcrest Road, Donnellson. Hillcrest Hostas is a small plant nursery specializing in hostas, daylilies, grasses and a wide variety of additional perennials.

Appleberry Orchard will be opening their farm-market store just for the tour and are serving up fresh-baked strawberry pies and apple cider donuts from their bakery and will be sampling new adult drink mixes during the tour. Appleberry Orchard is located at 2469 Highway 2, Donnellson, and offers a wide variety of gifts and gourmet foods in their farm store.

Hinterland Dairy will be bringing back their strawberry ice cream for the tour and releasing a new cheese, Smokey Road Cheddar. Hinterland Dairy, 2149 Franklin Road, Donnellson, crafts aged cheddars, fresh cheese curds, and German-style quark right on their dairy with milk from the family's milking herd. Bella & Row, a local flower farm, will be set up at the dairy and creating charming Mason jar bouquets. Cheese pairs nicely with wine, and thankfully Christian Herschler

Winery and Stagecoach Stop is located near the dairy at 503 Franklin 6th Street. Step back in time to pre-Civil War grounds and enjoy 100-year-old-plus wine recipes, free tasting and a little history at their historic stone home.

New to the tour this year is MAFAB Fisheries, 2408 Peach Orchard Road, Montrose, a new business showcasing fresh caught and smoked fish, locally grown beef, jams & foods. Jim's Greenhouse is MAFAB's neighbor, the largest greenhouse in the county at 2407 280th Street, Montrose. Jim's Greenhouse carries a huge selection of annuals, perennials, herbs and fresh veggies. The greenhouse will also be hosting Taylor Ann Designs, who can assist you in bringing your ideas to life in customized t-shirts.

The beautiful drive to Keokuk and Lou & Jo Clothing Co. takes you down

river road to Fat Jimmy's Smokehouse and Catering, 3065 Mississippi River Road, Montrose. Fat Jimmy's provides smoked meats and homemade sides and desserts. Inside and outside dining are available with live music every Saturday from May-October. Lou & Jo Clothing Co., 607 Main Street, Keokuk, offers trendy women's clothing and accessories and will be celebrating the tour with 20% off orders over \$50.

On the way to Keokuk be sure to stop at Green Frog Distillery, located at 3345 270th Avenue, Keokuk. Green Frog is a family-owned corn whiskey distillery and will be celebrating the tour with specialty drinks for purchase made with their whiskeys. Sunshine B Creations will be set up at the distillery with fun summer and Fourth of July graphics and accessories!

The Love Lee County Tour began in 2019 to create an entertaining weekend for the community and highlight the "hidden gems" located right here in rural Lee County. For more information, head to any participating business or check out the Facebook event page. The tour has grown every year to include more locations, and these family-owned businesses are excited to welcome and entertain all visitors with a fun weekend celebrating businesses off the beaten path.



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Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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SATURDAY

Breakfast at Fire Station by Fire auxillary 7:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
Town Wide Yard Sales 8 a.m.
Flag Raising by Boy Scouts 9 a.m.
Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Custom Cars & Pickups 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tractor Parade 1 p.m.
Silver Steppers 2:30 p.m.
Pedal Tractor Pulls 3 p.m.
Live Auction 4 p.m.
Live Music in shelter house 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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SUNDAY

Breakfast at Church 7:30 a.m.
Church in the Park 10 a.m.
Ham Ball Dinner at Church 11 a.m.
Live Music in shelter house by
Brenden Tapp 11 a.m.
Cornhole Tournament by River City Baggers 11 a.m.
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