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WP dedicates trail



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Bess Walker, wife of former West Point Mayor Paul Walker, stands next to the new sign dedicating a portion of trail into South Park to her husband Tuesday evening.

SOUTH PARK: Trail connector named after 27-year West Point Mayor Paul Walker

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

WEST POINT – Former West Point Mayor Paul Walker has another legacy of love in his name in the community.

The community came out Tuesday evening for another dedication to the 27-year mayor of the city. A trail connector that was constructed as part of the new Lee County trail around Pollmiller Park connects the park trail with South Park.

A five-foot hunter green and yellow sign on black poles designating the section of trail the Paul D. Walker Memorial Trail adorns the south side of the curvy trail out of the county park.

Bess Walker, the former mayor's wife, thanked the community for the dedication.

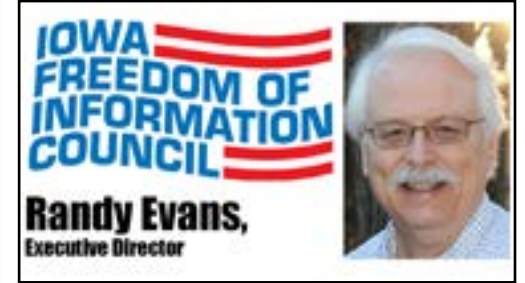
"I want to thank the people of West Point, the surrounding communities, and Lee County. He was proud of them all," she said.

"He always said how much people meant to him in this town and that people were always willing to step in and help out."

She said she found a bunch of yellow note pads with her husband's speech notes on them. Walker said she read through them and almost every one of them commented about living in

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EDITORIAL



New law could hinder public's licensing access

The rationale behind Iowa's professional licensing laws is simple:

People in certain professions and skilled occupations are required to hold state licenses to work in Iowa. This is to ensure they meet the minimum standard of training and skill necessary to serve consumers safely and effectively.

But a state government policy change leads me to wonder whether our state officials have lost sight of their obligation to act in the best interests of the public. If officials follow through with the new policy in the coming months, then members of the Legislature should step in next session and correct this ill-conceived policy change—and concerned citizens should encourage their lawmakers to stick up for the public.

This policy change was disclosed last week by Iowa Capital Dispatch, an independent, nonprofit news site, and its dogged investigative reporter Clark Kauffman. The change, in effect, will keep the public in the dark about the factual circumstances that lead Iowa licensing boards to discipline license holders for violating professional and ethical standards.

Kauffman reported the Iowa Board of Chiropractic has refused to make public the factual circumstances that resulted in the board closing a disciplinary case against an Ottumwa chiropractor this month in exchange for him surrendering his state license.

The administrative charges filed in March against Bruce Lindberg, 64, are not his first encounter with the chiropractic board or with Iowa's criminal courts. He has a history of sexual molestation allegations going back nearly

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ALL-STATE

FMHS' Benda, Keokuk's Killoren make All-State Choir

PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - Keokuk High School sophomore, Carter Killoren, and Fort Madison senior Aiden Benda have attained the highest individual honors as Iowa high school musicians when they were selected

as members of the 2023 All-State Chorus.

District Auditions for the 278-piece All-State Band, 214-piece All-State Orchestra, and 601-member All-State Chorus were conducted on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at various locations including Le Mars, Hampton, Inde-

pendence, Atlantic, Indianola, and Washington. This year, 2,300 students auditioned for a place in the All-State ensembles, making it an extremely competitive selection process. Approximately 25% of the students who

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WEATHER

WED 25 Oct.....Cloudy & cool with showers likely, 69° F/62° F ☁️
 THU 26 Oct.....Breezy & cool, showers likely, 70° F/59° F ☁️
 FRI 27 Oct.....Mostly cloudy, breezy & cool, showers likely, 69° F/39° F ☁️

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 10/23.....2127 28 32 51, Star Ball: 2 All Star Bonus: 2
 LUCKY FOR LIFE 10/23.....1113 15 22 44, Lucky Ball: 2
 PICK 3 MIDDAY 10/23.....743
 PICK 3 EVENING 10/23.....791
 PICK 4 MIDDAY 10/23.....9666
 PICK 4 EVENING 10/23.....9968
 POWERBALL 10/23.....18 21 25 46 64, Powerball: 21 Power Play: 5

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

JAMES R. HOWARD

James R. Howard, 67, of Alexandria, MO and formerly of Ft. Madison passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at his home.

He was born on April 20, 1956 in Anamosa, IA to James and Ruby York Howard.



HOWARD

On May 22, 2004 Jim married Donna Peel Vaughn in Revere, MO. He was a sanitation specialist for Service Master. In his early years he was a resident assistant at a group home for the mentally handicapped and he grew to love the residents and cared for them as his family. Jim loved music, NASCAR and was an avid college football and NFL fan, especially the San Francisco 49ers.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Howard of Alexandria, MO; five children, Jaime (Steve) Brecount of Argyle, Jessica Thomas of Revere, MO, Angela Fuller of Burlington, Ashley Howard of Moline and Jason (Katie) Howard of Keokuk; three stepsons, Vincent Vaughn of Batesville, AK, TJ (Brittany) Vaughn of Long Grove, IA and Brice Vaughn of Mt. Pleasant; seventeen grandchildren; one great grandchild and one on the way; two brothers, Rick Howard of St. Patrick, MO and Steve (Pam) Howard of Ft. Madison; one sister, Lisa (Paul) Lingenfelter of Montrose; one sister in law, Glenda Howard Newbanks of Solon and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Marty Howard and a brother-in-law, Steve Preader.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will meet with friends from 9 AM -11 AM on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at King-Lynk Funeral Home and Crematory. Burial will be in Appanoose Cemetery, Niota, IL. A celebration of life will be held at the Eagles Club from 12 PM until 3 PM following the visitation.

A memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

SUSAN E. BUTLER

Susan E. Butler 69, of Ft. Madison passed away on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

She was born on March 11, 1954 in Independence, Iowa to William and June



BUTLER

Temeyer Bonefas. Sue was a 1972 graduate of East Buchanan High School. On February 27, 1976 she married Arthur G. Butler in Independence, where together they raised their three sons, Mark, Jeremy and Adam. In 1987 Sue graduated from the Respiratory Therapy program from Hawkeye Community College. She worked as a Respiratory Therapist at Covenant Hospital in Waterloo until she and Art moved to Ft. Madison in 2004. Sue continued her career at Fort Madison Community Hospital until her retirement in 2020. She was a kind and compassionate caregiver and was loved and respected by her patients and coworkers. Sue had a passion for quilting. Her greatest love was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Art Butler of Ft. Madison; three sons, Mark (Keri) Butler of Tiffin, IA, Jeremy Butler of Colesburg, IA and Adam (Andrea) Butler of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren, Trey, Judah, Owen, Brooklyn, Jocelyn and June; five brothers, Daniel (Norma) Bonefas and Steve (Vickie) Bonefas of Independence, Kenneth (Terry) Bonefas of Griswald, CT, Edward (Nancy) Bonefas of Shenandoah and Anthony Bonefas of Waterloo; three sisters, Mary (Ron) Besler of Boone, Wanda Childress of Iowa City and Virginia (Steve) Doan of Independence; also numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers and two sisters in law, Richard and Linda, James, William and Linda and Paul and a brother in law, Arvel Childress.

Services for Sue will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 10:30 AM at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established for the American Cancer Society and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

DONALD P. MCCOY

Donald Paul McCoy, 76, of LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Donald was born January 25, 1947 in Kirkwood, Missouri, the son of Walter and Bessie (Lowe) McCoy. On September 19, 1966 he married Barbara S. Todd in Lomax, Illinois. She preceded him in death December 2, 2010.

Mr. McCoy attended school in Dallas City, Illinois, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Following his military service he worked for the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and retired from JI Case in Burlington. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working on cars, watching westerns and especially spending time with his family.



MCCOY

Survivors include three children: Brian (Betty) McCoy of LaHarpe, Shelly (John) Cunningham of Carthage, Illinois and Lori (Steve) Fickel of Buhler, Kansas; fifteen grandchildren: Jeremy, Jordan, Emily, Ben, Kayla, Nathan, Derek, Faven, Diborah, Emma, Katlyn, Emmaly, Alex, Nick and Austin; ten great-grandchildren: Aubree, Collin, Damian, Spencer, Ezra, Ember, Aiden, Ava, Layla and Isaiah and one sister: Betty (Roger) Miller of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by one daughter: Dawn Chaney; one sister: Peggy Arnold and three brothers: Bill, Doug and Jack McCoy.

Cremation has been entrusted to Banks & Beals Funeral Home.

A time for sharing memories will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2023 at Crane Cemetery, near Lomax with Military Rites being presented by the LaHarpe American Legion.

A memorial fund has been established for the Alzheimer's Association. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Donald's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

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Lunch Specials
October 23-27
11am - 1pm

Monday, October 23

Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans

Tuesday, October 24

Tenderloin, Fries, Cole Slaw

Wednesday, October 25

Roast Beef, Cheese Potatoes, Pudding

Thursday, October 26

Fried Chicken Dinners

Friday, October 27

Lunch on the Sidewalk

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report
10/19/23 - 1:17 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 600 block of 2nd Street.

10/19/23 - 7:47 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Donald O'Rien Bell, 22, no hometown reported, in the 1100 block of Avenue E, on warrants for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/19/23 - 3:17 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1500 block of Avenue H.

10/19/23 - 8:02 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 800 block of Avenue E.

10/20/23 - 7:35 a.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Joshua Adam Bowen, 43, of Fort Madison, at 8th Street and Avenue H, on a warrant for 5th degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/20/23 - 11:23 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested John Jerald McKeown, 52, of Fort Madison, at 53rd Street and Avenue O, on a charge of driver's license denied/revoked - OWI. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/21/23 - 9:54 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.

10/21/23 - 10:25 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Sierra Rose Rube, 32, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of 20th Street, on charges of drug tax stamp violations, possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/22/23 - 12:15 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Paige Marie Hathaway, 18, of Fort Madison, in the 1800 block of Avenue F, on a charge of domestic assault - bodily injury - 1st. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/22/23 - 1:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of Avenue F.

10/22/23 - 5:00 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Shawndra Jo Balmer, 33, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue L, on a charge of city: animal license.

10/22/23 - 7:47 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Davian Pete Hernandez, 20, of California, at 2nd Street and Avenue

H, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia.

10/22/23 - 8:29 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Sergio Carrillo, 23, of California, at 2nd Street and Avenue H, on charges of possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and possession of drug paraphernalia.

10/22/23 - 10:37 p.m. - Fort Madison police cited Jessica Rebecca Boe, 33, of Fort Madison, at 27th Street and Avenue I, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

10/22/23 - 11:11 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3000 block of Avenue L.

10/23/23 - 9:44 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 500 block of 2nd Street.

10/23/23 - 9:56 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

10/23/23 - 12:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue L.

10/23/23 - 1:09 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Chad Andre Yager, 47, of Wever, in the Fort Madison area, on a charge of 2nd degree sexual abuse and intent to distribute drugs near a school. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/23/23 - 2:48 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident near 24th Street.

10/23/23 - 10:28 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Sandra Teresa Privia, 60 of Fort Madison in the 3400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while barred.

Keokuk Police Department

10/19/23 - 9:08 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Russell Edward VanderMartin, 61, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of Morgan Street, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/19/23 - 11:56 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested James Thomas Dean Allen-Cook, 25, no hometown reported, in the 1500 block of Morgan Street, on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/20/23 - Keokuk police had no activity to report.

10/21/23 - 1:46 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Austin Dean Schuelka, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Main

Street, on a warrant for violation of a domestic no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/21/23 - 7:53 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Xavier Addison Butchcroft, 22, of Keokuk, in the 1000 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/22/23 - 12:21 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Kournie Jay Gray, 27, of Keokuk, at North 7th and Morgan Streets, on a hold warrant for another agency. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/22/23 - 5:52 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Alexis Nichole Jones, 25, of Keokuk, on a charge of driving under suspension.

10/22/23 - 4:18 p.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Jewelina Elizabeth Krueger, 22, of Fort Madison, in the 300 block of N. Park Drive, on a charge of 5th degree theft less than \$300.

10/22/23 - 10:37 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Jace Andrew Wade, 21, of Keokuk, in the 1900 block of Fulton Street, on a warrant for voluntary absence from custody. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/23/23 - 12:38 a.m. - Keokuk police arrested Dillan Joseph McCarty, 24, of Keokuk, at Bank & Main Streets, on 2 warrants for failure to appear/contempt of court, and a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/23/23 - 4:14 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Amber Elizabeth Wolff, 30, of Keokuk, in the 2000 block of Main Street, on a charge of driving while barred.

10/23/23 - 5:49 a.m. - Keokuk police cited and released Brian Michael Kinkeade, 49, of Keokuk, at Belknap Boulevard and Main Street, on a charge of

driving under suspension.

10/23/23 - 2:12 p.m. - Keokuk police arrested Alisha Marie Szalma, 43, of Keokuk, on warrant for simple assault. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff Report

10/17/23 - 8:11 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested a 15-year-old female juvenile, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a charge of simple assault. She was referred to juvenile court.

10/19/23 - 2:17 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested an 11-year-old male juvenile, of Keokuk, in the 2600 block of Hwy. 218, on a charge of 1st degree harassment. He was referred to juvenile court.

10/20/23 - 9:20 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Stanley Wade Slee, Jr., 39, of Wever, at the Des Moines County Jail, Burlington, on a court-ordered hold warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/20/23 - 2:30 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 3000 block of Hwy. 61 S. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Stanley Ball, 74, of Montrose, was traveling southbound on Hwy. 61 when a vehicle driven by Jason Trome, 43, of Warsaw struck a trailer being hauled by Ball on its rear left side after attempting to pass it, but being forced to merge back into the lane by a speeding car passing. Drivers exchanged information and left the scene without calling law enforcement. Ball was later treated at the hospital; Trome was uninjured. Both vehicles sustained minor damages and were driven from the scene.

10/21/23 - 10:11 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at 255th Street and Hwy. 218. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Stephanie Danielle Gould, 32, of Donnellson, was traveling southbound in the 2500 block of Hwy. 218 when it struck the rear left side of a vehicle driven by Fanueli Byamnobe, 21, of Texas, that had been stopped at a stop sign on 255th Street eastbound and pulled out into the path of Gould's vehicle. Byamnobe's vehicle flipped onto the driver's side and ended up on the southeast end of the intersection. Gould complained of minor injuries; Byamnobe did not complain of injuries; both driver's were looked at by EMS on the scene; Gould was later transported to the hospital by personal vehicle. Both vehicles were disabled and towed from the scene. Byamnobe was cited for failure to yield upon entering through highway.

10/21/23 - 3:52 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Chris Ann Turner, 39, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on warrants for possession of a controlled substance - 1,2,3rd and unlawful possession of prescription drugs. She was taken to Lee County Jail and later released on her own recognizance.

10/21/23 - 5:02 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Charles Heston Smith, Jr., 43, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment entry/mittimus warrant. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/22/23 - 7:00 p.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Timberlane Drive. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Richard Elmer Thye,

78, of Fort Madison, appeared to drive through the front of his garage into the back of a vehicle parked in front of a neighboring residence. No injuries or citations were reported. The parked vehicle sustained disabling damages and was towed from the scene. Thye's vehicle did not sustain any damages. Thye was ordered to re-exam.

10/23/23 - 3:22 a.m. - Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Derek Wilson Tecumseh Lee, 53, of Keokuk, in Des Moines County, Burlington, on 2 charges of failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/23/23 - 10:32 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 2000 block of Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Christopher Craig Bennett, 46, of Ottumwa was turning into the Scout Connection parking lot when he was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Ronald Wayne Prier, 52, of West Point. Prier was cited for following too closely. No injuries were reported.

10/23/23 - 3:11 p.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Thadius Pearl Hester, 42, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on charges of OWI-1st offense, eluding and driving under suspension. He was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

10/24/23 - 12:14 a.m. - Lee County sheriff's deputies arrested Deseri Laine Brown, 25, of Fort Madison at the North Lee County Courthouse on a warrant for driving while license revoked. She was taken to Lee County Jail and held.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

From the front

City continues to remember service of Paul Walker

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West Point and how much he appreciated the people of the community.

Mayor Joe Loving said Walker deserved the honor for improving the community parks.

City Administrator Randy Welding said the project was a collaboration with Lee County Conservation.

“It was always going to be a part of the project,” Welding said. “But we were looking hard for grants to help pay for it.”

The city ended up footing the bill for that part of the project. They also are working on grants now, including a REAP grant, to extend a south portion of trail to 8th Street where a sidewalk currently connects to the trail. The new project would match the new trail in width and surface.

Lee County Conservation Director Heather Huebner was also on hand for the dedication. She said the LCC was happy to be a part of helping bring a nicer section of trail from the park to South Park where so many West Point residents come for activities.

Chiropractor just one example of dangers

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25 years, Kauffman reported. Lindberg surrendered his Iowa chiropractor’s license once before, and the board has suspended his license at least once, too.

In the past, the factual basis for disciplinary charges against license holders like Lindberg was made public when those charges were approved by the licensing boards. Disclosure of the allegations behind the charges allowed consumers to factor that information into their decisions about which physician, chiropractor or other licensee to go to for services.

That practice ended in 2021, however, when the Iowa Supreme Court ruled the Iowa Board of Medicine had been improperly making public confidential investigative information about physicians before taking final action in their cases. The court concluded the factual basis for disciplinary charges could only be disclosed in a licensing board’s final written decision.

But Kauffman reported last week the chiropractic board did not make public the factual description of Lindberg’s conduct that led to the recent agreement to give up his chiropractor’s license. The board only said the new charges involved professional incompetence, negligence, unethical conduct through verbal or physical abuse or through improper sexual conduct, and violation of record-keeping obligations.

The agreement between Lindberg and the board stated the factual circumstances were considered public information and would be incorporated in the settlement, Kauffman reported. Despite those assurances, the facts behind the charges still have not been made public — an indication state officials have more concern for Lindberg’s reputation than for informing people of the Ottumwa area who may have gone to him for treatment.

A spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of

Inspections, Appeals and Licensing told Kauffman that Attorney General Brenna Bird has decided the factual circumstances behind licensee disciplinary cases will be kept confidential even after a licensing board takes final disciplinary action.

Joe and Jane Citizen certainly should have access to that information. It would be unfair to expect Iowa consumers to make informed choices while being deprived of the reasons a license-holder is disciplined. Secrecy surrounding the factual basis of a licensee’s misconduct certainly protects the professional. But the secrecy endangers the safety of the person’s unsuspecting customers — and that is wrong.

Bruce Lindberg’s involvement with the chiropractic board and courts in the past 25 years illustrates why the unsuspecting public has an important stake in access to factual information about licensing boards’ completed disciplinary cases.

In 1989 and 1990, for example, Lindberg was charged with multiple counts of committing lascivious acts with a child and indecent contact with a child, Kauffman reported. Lindberg agreed to plead guilty to some of the criminal charges and admitted touching the groin of a child under age 14 for his own sexual gratification. All victims were minors and some were high school athletes, records showed.

At the end of the criminal case, the Iowa Board of Chiropractic brought disciplinary charges against Lindberg, although those charges were less serious, accusing him only of making lewd or suggestive remarks or advances to the minors. Lindberg agreed in 1991 to surrender his license and undergo counseling and periodic evaluations. His license later was reinstated.

In April 2022, he again came under the scrutiny from the chiropractic board when Ottumwa police filed a criminal assault charge against him. He was accused of instructing a 10-year-old boy, without permission from the boy’s parents, to remove his shirt so Lindberg could massage his back with lotion. Lindberg then allegedly kissed the boy without permission and told him he was “the prettiest boy in the world,” Kauffman reported.

Four months after the charge was filed, a magistrate dismissed the case, deciding there was no criminal intent in Lindberg’s actions. The state board suspended Lindberg’s license when the criminal charge was filed. But following the magistrate’s ruling, the board reinstated his license and barred him from providing care in the future to anyone under age 18 or to any dependent adult.

That’s where things stood until March of this year when the latest charges were filed. But this time, the public has been left to wonder what occurred under the guise of Lindberg’s being a licensed chiropractor.

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HELP WANTED

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Fort Madison Public Library

The Fort Madison Public Library is seeking applicants for a library page position. 10 hours/week August through May, 12 hours/week June and July. Tasks will include shelving books, helping to prepare for and clean up after library programming and assisting during children's programs. Must be 16 years or older. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Fort Madison Public Library. Preference given to applications received before October 25. Contact Sarah Clendinning at (319) 372-5721 if you have any questions.



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Find application at: leecounty.org
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LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS HELP WANTED ENGINEERING RECORDS MANAGER

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For job descriptions and to apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org/employment.aspx, or you can pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to engineer@leecounty.org. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

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Community members came out to help dedicate a new section of trail to former Mayor Paul Walker in West Point's South Park Tuesday evening.

State expecting high pheasant population

DES MOINES - Iowa's pheasant population is up, the crop harvest is advancing quickly and the weekend weather forecast is setting up for an excellent opening weekend for Iowa's pheasant season.

The annual August roadside survey found Iowa's state-wide pheasant population to be nearly 23 birds per route; a 15 percent increase over 2022. The biggest increases were in the southwest, northwest and northeast regions.

"We couldn't ask for better opening weekend conditions," said Todd Bogenschutz, upland wildlife biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "Our bird population is highest since 2015, and much of the corn and soybeans will be harvested by the time the season opens. Combine those two factors, plus cooler weekend temperatures, we should see a lot of pheasants

taken."

Based on the August roadside survey, Iowa hunters can expect to harvest 300,000 to 400,000 roosters this year, which is similar to the past two years, when the harvest was the highest in more than a decade.

Bogenschutz estimates around 50,000 hunters will be out this weekend, but there is room for more.

"This would be a great time to invite a friend to spend a weekend in the field to experience pheasant hunting, or to take the kids and pass along our pheasant hunting tradition to the next generation," he said.

Something to note, he said, is that portions of Iowa impacted by the drought were opened to haying CRP and it would be advised for hunters to scout the area they plan to hunt prior to the season.

All-Staters to put on show at Hilton Coliseum, Nov. 17

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auditioned with Killoren and Benda were chosen for membership in the All-State ensembles. The All-State Festival is hosted by the Iowa High School Music Association and the Iowa Music Educators Association to bring together the best of Iowa's high school musicians in a showcase of talents. The All-State Festival in 2023 is the 77th anniversary of the event.

All-State Festival participants will gather for rehearsals in Ames on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, culminating with the Festival Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 at Hilton Coliseum, at Iowa State University, in Ames.

Seats must be reserved and tickets for the All-State Festival Concert are \$30 each, plus service fees. Tickets are on sale after 10 a.m., Oct. 24, at www.ticketmaster.com.

The Festival will be broadcast by Iowa PBS, for broadcast dates go to www.iowapbs.org. For further information or inquiries, please contact Jason Woodley at Keokuk High School.

For more information on the festival or music at KHS, contact Jason Woodley at jason.woodley@keokukschools.org.

Barker to testify at Senate Commerce hearing

WASHINGTON - Iowa's Dr. David Barker will testify before the Senate Budget Committee tomorrow, October 25, at the invitation of Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa). In addition to serving as a member of the Board of Regents and partner in Barker Companies, he is a published writer and researcher who has taught at multiple Midwest colleges, including the University of Iowa. Previously, Dr. Barker was an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"I've come to know Dr. Barker over the years and am confident he'll offer a unique and welcome perspective on the cross-sections of federal spending, the climate and the global supply chain. I appreciate his willingness to travel from Iowa to share his deeply rooted knowledge and expertise with the committee," Grassley said.

The hearing will consider connections among fiscal policy, environmental responsibility and the economy.



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FFA serving walking tacos (7-9)

9:00 p.m.

\$10,000 Cash Raffle drawing (Sponsored by TJ Excavating, Keokuk Family Dentistry, Edward Jones - Corey Kelch, and Randolph Dental)

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