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## County after loose cattle

**ORDINANCE:** Board of Supervisors gives OK to first reading of new ordinance

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – At the Lee County board’s regular meeting Monday, a new law that has been on Chairman Garry Seyb’s “to do” list for close to two years finally got crossed off that list.

The county gave an initial nod to a loose livestock ordinance that provides for potential fines for livestock owners with repeated incidents of their animals escaping enclosures.

The new law goes into Chapter 10B of the county code, but will require at least one more reading approval before being

published as part of the code.

Iowa code requires all new ordinances be read into the record at least three times. However the third time can be waived after the second reading if elected officials vote to do so.

The ordinance is meant to deter irresponsible behaviors and habits of livestock owners who are responsible for such animals.

Under the ordinance language “loose” is defined at “not confined, unrestricted, escaped from confinement, uncon-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Mike Greenslaugh, Director of the United Way of the Great River Region, updates the Fort Madison City Council on the activities of the United Way. Greenslaugh was joined by Nikki Wilson who handles the RSVP program that provides volunteer opportunities for senior citizens.

### LCCD NEWS

## County Conservation to host family float on Mississippi

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Conservation invites families and individuals to join Naturalists Clay and Lia for a free family float event at Heron Bend Conservation Area, located at 2652 Hwy 61, Montrose, IA 52639, on Saturday, June 15. This event offers a unique opportunity to explore the backwaters of the Mississippi River by canoe or kayak, guided by expert naturalists.

Participants can enjoy a safe and shallow

section of the river, ideal for beginners and young paddlers. Lee County Conservation will provide all necessary equipment, including life vests and watercraft. Two paddle sessions are available at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., each lasting 45 minutes.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. To ensure the safety of all participants, children must weigh at least 30 pounds to use the provided life vests and watercraft.

Participants will be assigned to kayaks and canoes at the discretion of the naturalists.

Please note, this event is weather dependent. In case of inclement weather, registered participants will be notified of any changes or cancellations.

To find out more and reserve your spot, please contact Lee County Conservation at (319) 463-7673 or [conservation@leecounty.org](mailto:conservation@leecounty.org).

### COMMENTARY

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



## The Covenant of Water is best book ever

I know I’ve said this before, and one of my readers was quick to point it out, but “The Covenant of Water” is the best book I have ever read. How do I know? Well, I’ll take and tell you. “The Covenant of Water” is 775 pages long, which I believe is the fattest book I have ever read. But, what did I do? The story, or stories within, so intrigued me, and were so well written, that when I turned the last page, and still wasn’t sure what the covenant of water was, I went right back to page one and started rereading—something I’ve never done before. Oh, I have read books twice, but there has always been a period of time between readings.

Ginnie’s reading “The Covenant of Water” also, and can’t put it down. We like to discuss it.

Upon completion of the second reading of “Covenant,” which took about a week of concentrated power reading, where I gleaned all sorts of details that I had missed on first reading, I finally found Verghe’s meaning as to the covenant of water: As the monsoon begins, “eyes open to this precious land and its people, to the covenant of water, water that washes away the sins of the world, water that will gather in streams, ponds, and rivers, rivers that float the seas, water that I will never enter.” “she had secured their covenant, the monsoon has pledged its loyalty, the family is safe, and all is well with the world.”

Abraham Verghe’s was born in Ethiopia but immigrated to the United States with his parents. He went to medical school in India and the United States and became a very well known, highly respected doctor. He also attended the

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### LEWIS T. WILSON

Lewis T. Wilson, 67, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 1:22 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024 at his home. He was born on September 22, 1956 in Memphis, TN to L.T. & Carla Hollinger Wilson. He married Vera Kaye McDaniel on May 12, 2012 in Douds, IA. He was a welder and loved playing and watching basketball, especially the Los Angeles Lakers.



WILSON

Lewis is survived by: his wife: Vera Wilson of Fort Madison, IA; 1-son: Quinlin of Davenport, IA; 3-grandchildren; 5-step daughters; 1-brother & 5-sisters. He was preceded in death by: his parents, 1-sister & 1-brother.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences to the family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### NEIL L. MARSHALL

Neil Lloyd Marshall, 79, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024 at Birkwood Village in Fort Madison.

Born on July 1, 1944, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Willis and Evon (Mohart) Marshall. On November 25, 1966, he married Vickie Duffy at the Appanoose Faith Presbyterian Church in Niota.



MARSHALL

Survivors include his wife Vickie; daughter Shelley (Steve Froman) Bush; son Doug Marshall; Grandchildren: Ian (Madison Broadwell) Mullens, Jeramey (Jacie) Marshall, Jaley (Steven Spoores) Bush, Cody (Emma Elom) Marshall, Corby (Emalie Cook) Bush, and Morgan Marshall; great grandchildren: Paisley Mullens, Isla Bush, Kaedyn Mullens, Kynslee Mullens, and Emberley Spoores; and sister Connie Marshall of Spokane, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law Shawn Mullens.

Neil was a 1962 graduate of Nauvoo - Colusa High School, he was a farmer and worked for Johnson Trucking.

He was a member of Nauvoo United Methodist Church, the Nauvoo Saddle Club and served in the United States Army Reserves. Neil enjoyed riding horses, spending time with his grandchildren, farming, and trucking.

His body has been entrusted to the crematory of Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home for cremation.

The family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Nauvoo United Methodist Church with Pastor Mary McQuilkin officiating.

Burial will be in the Thornber Cemetery, near Powellton, Illinois. There will be a flag presentation by the Hancock County Veterans Honor Guard.

A memorial has been established in his memory for Nauvoo United Methodist Church or Nauvoo Fire and Rescue

Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com).

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# For the Record

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### Fort Madison Police Report

05/29/24 - 7:53 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kelly Marie Calvin, at the police station, on an active warrant. She was held at Lee County Jail.

05/29/24 - 7:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 500 block of 10th Street.

05/29/24 - 8:49 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Michael Eugene Cochran, Jr., 41, of Fort Madison, in the 1300 block of Avenue H, on an active warrant. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/29/24 - 10:47 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

05/29/24 - 10:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Jazlynn Arlette Wilkerson, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 1100 block of 19th Street.

05/30/24 - 8:54 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Vanessa Latonya Nash, 43, of Fort Madison, in the 900 block of 30th Street on a charge of a dog running at large.

05/31/24 - 9:23 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2100 block of 302nd Avenue.

05/31/24 - 11:42 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4600 block of Avenue L.

05/31/24 - 4:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.

05/31/24 - 8:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Mason Paul Williams, 21, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue G, on a warrant. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/31/24 - 8:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Eathau Brunswig, 21, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue G, on a charge of OWI. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/01/23 - 7:13 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 2700 block of Avenue J.

06/01/24 - 3 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of 19th Street.

06/02/24 - 1:00 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Linda Antoinette Coleman, 42, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue G, on an active warrant. She was held at Lee County Jail.

06/02/24 - 5:34 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue D.

06/02/24 - 3:50 a.m. - Fort Madison Police Timothy Edward Vincent, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on a charge of assault. He was held at Lee County Jail.

06/02/24 - 2:05 p.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Jamiah Marquis Williams, 19, of Keokuk, no location listed, on a charge of trespassing.

06/03/24 - 12:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Avenue M.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/29/24 - 2:24 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Lee Thien, 40, of Lomax, IL, at the Des Moines County Courthouse on a charge of violation of parole. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/30/24 - 2:36 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies arrested Morgan Paige Burns, 36, of Carthage, IL, at the South Lee County Courthouse, on a warrant for probation violation. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/30/24 - 10:30 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Jacob Cain, 47, of Farmington, in the 1100 block of 255th Street, on a charge of 1st offense sex offender registration. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/31/24 - 11:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Eathau Brunswig, 21, of Oquawka, on charges of 5th-degree criminal mischief and no insurance. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on his recognizance.

06/01/24 - 12:01 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 27. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Wyatt Shawn Schulte, 21, of Montrose, lost control and rolled in a ditch. Schulte allegedly told deputies he was on his cellphone and lost control. No injuries or citations were issued.

06/01/24 - 3:14 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Carbide Lane. A vehicle, later identified to have been driven by a Logan B. Henke, 24, of Morrison, IL, had lost control and struck a tree. Henke wasn't discovered with the vehicle, but later reported to the sheriff's department and said a deer came out and caused him to swerve and strike a tree. According to the report, Henke claimed to have struck his head and arm and was fuzzy about the accident due to striking his head. Henke

was cited for failure to maintain control.

### Keokuk Police Report

05/29/24 - 8:01 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 300 block of S. 5th Street.

05/29/24 - 1:52 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Carroll Street.

05/29/24 - 2:39 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 500 block S. 5th Street.

05/29/24 - 2:57 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 700 block of Franklin St.

05/29/24 - 3:26 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 200 block of Washington St.

05/29/24 - 3:56 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at Carbide Lane and Main Street.

05/29/24 - 3:59 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 11th Street and Franklin Street.

05/29/24 - 3:59 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 1100 block of Franklin Street.

05/29/24 - 5:44 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1500 block of Stripe St.

05/29/24 - 8:44 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Austin Michael Stanley, 27, of Keokuk, at the Keokuk Police Department on a charge of driving while barred.

05/29/24 - 9:44 p.m. - Keokuk Police arrested Eric Patrick Mahair, 35, Keokuk, in the

200 block of Fulton Street, on charges of 3rd-degree criminal mischief and simple assault. He was held at Lee County Jail.

05/30/24 - 7:08 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Orleans Ave.

05/30/24 - 11:24 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of property damage accident on Water Street.

05/30/24 - 11:34 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident on Water Street in Keokuk. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Tina Ann Daniels, 43, of Oelwein was traveling west in the parking lot of Victory Park. A vehicle driven by Haedon Graceanne Nichols began backing and didn't see Daniels' vehicle striking the passenger side door. There were no injuries. Nichols was cited for unsafe backing.

05/30/24 - 2:54 p.m. - Keokuk Police cited Corra Maxine Burgess, 23, of Keokuk, in the 800 block of Johnson Street Rd, on a charge of 1st-degree harassment.

05/22/24 - 1:20 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at Washington and Boulevard. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Katelyn Marie Grisham, 27, of Keokuk, was exiting the

Scooters parking lot and entered the path of a vehicle driven by Joel Steven Johnston, 22, of Keokuk. Johnston's vehicle was towed from the scene. Grisham was cited for making an unsafe entry onto a roadway. No injuries were reported.

05/31/24 - 11:18 a.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Main Street. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Cynthia Inez Mason, 63, of Keokuk was east bound on Main when a deer ran southbound across Main Street striking Mason's car. No citations or injuries were reported.

05/31/24 - 7:27 p.m. - Keokuk Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of 13th Street and Main Street. According to the report a vehicle driven by Kelsey Marie Mendenhall, 35, of Keokuk, was traveling south through the intersection. A vehicle driven by Jazlynn Kay Marie Huston, 18, of Hamilton, was traveling east bound through the intersection and struck Mendenhall's vehicle. Huston was cited for failure to obey traffic control device. No injuries were reported.

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

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## Sports/Lee County News

# Boeding named Co-POY in Southeast Conference

**ALL-CONFERENCE:** Hounds place nine boys and girls on SEC first-team all-conference squads

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON - Five Fort Madison girls soccer players — Natalie Randolph, Hadley Wolfe, Taylor Johnson, Teagan Snaadt and Bailey Vaughn — were named to the Southeast Conference all-conference team.

The Bloodhounds finished the season 11-4 overall and 8-2 in the conference, losing to Burlington in the regional semifinals.

Wolfe, a sophomore, led the Bloodhounds with 23 goals and 13 assists.

Randolph, a senior, was tied for second on the team with 21 goals. She also had nine assists, and led the team with 65 shots on goal.

Snaadt, a junior, also had 21 goals to go with eight assists.

Johnson, a senior goalkeeper, allowed just nine goals in 15 games. She had 71 saves.

Vaughn, a junior, was one of the Bloodhounds' best defenders. She also had a goal and an assist.

Fort Madison's Irelynd Sargent and Olivia Kraus were honorable mention selections.

Ten Bloodhounds were named to the conference's all-academic team — Johnson, Kraus, Randolph, Sargent, Snaadt, Jenna Hellman, Allison Lamb, Macey McLees,

Sabrina Mehmedi and Paetyn Wiegand.

Burlington senior Josephine Blazic was named the conference's player of the year.

On the boys side, Fort Madison's Leif Boeding was named the Southeast Conference's co-player of the year on the all-conference boys soccer team announced Monday.

Boeding, who shared the honor with Washington's Randy Huertero, scored 12 goals for the Bloodhounds this season and led the team with 10 assists.

Boeding, a senior, was joined on the all-conference team by Fort Madison teammates Nathen Bowen, Henry Graham and Jacob Shottenkirk.

Graham, a junior, led the Bloodhounds with 15 goals and 51 shots on goal.

Shottenkirk, a junior, had nine goals and seven assists.

Bowen, a senior, had a solid season as a defender for the Bloodhounds. He had one goal.

Fifteen Bloodhounds were named to the conference's all-academic team — Boeding, Graham, Bowen, Carson Rashid, Jed Brustler, Emiliano Patino, Noah Swigart, Xander Lumsden, Mario Gomez Gutierrez, Jan De Gracia Hernandez, Harry Dalstra, Oliver Santiago, Jamarkus Kline, Conner Gehling and Maddox Rung.

# Supervisors step toward zoning in Lee County

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - It will be a fine line to walk or dance or whatever, but Lee County Supervisors hinted Monday that utility zoning could be coming to the county.

The move came quickly from Chairman Garry Seyb after again hearing from Andrew Johnson, a West Point farmer, who has opposed all private investment on Lee County private lands against landowner wishes.

Johnson, who has been vocal against predominantly eminent domain for pipeline projects, has been at the last three meetings in opposition of a wind turbine farm project in northern Lee County.

Tenasca and Cordelia, two foreign energy companies, have plans to build approximately 75 300-megawatt wind turbines in north Lee County, but Seyb said he's heard from several landowners, including Lee County Farm Bureau members, who are opposed to the project.

"I can honestly say I've not had any-one push back on the idea of looking at zoning ordinances dealing with utilities," Seyb said.

"Quite frankly I've had several who've said this may be the time we do need to do something."

Supervisor Matt Pflug said maybe it's time the county get serious about looking at ordinances.

"This isn't going to stop here. It's going to continue on and maybe we need to put it in motion."

Supervisor Ron Fedler said he's heard some concern about blanket ordinances, but not on ordinances that focus on utilities.

Johnson said the structures change not only the environment of the land they sit on, but also detract from what people had envisioned for their lives when they made the decision to live agriculturally.

"I told someone the other day. The sunrise and sunset belong to everyone. These windmills you can see from a long ways away. You're going to look at that and say that one belongs to Jane Doe and that one belongs Mr. Smith. I'm afraid its going to create animosity and hard feelings and family reunions that won't be the same anymore," Johnson said.

Seyb said he likes to use the phrase, "It's a different postcard."

Johnson said he doesn't like the idea of blanket zoning, but it may be time to consider something to curb the private

energy generation efforts through Lee County's agricultural landscape.

"It's a tough game. It really is. It's a fine line. But we're not talking about a pole barn or a weld shop or even a hog barn. We're talking about an industrial generation facility or industrial pipeline carrying a hazardous material. There has to be some regulation locally," he said.

Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said she reached out to Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Mike Norris for his take on how zoning would fit into plans for the area.

"Let's see what he comes back with. I haven't heard back from him yet."

Seyb said that would be the agency to get things moving forward.

"Us reaching out and talking with Southeast Iowa Regional Planning, that's what they do, that's their business, and they will be able to give us guidance and a roadmap for where we're going and for the next steps," he said.

"I've talked with owners. Some are very passionate that something needs to be done, but 'don't step on my rights.' This is not going to be overnight, it will be a year or better before we get something on the books. You'll have to bring a lot of people together to get something done."

Seyb said he's hearing that the project is about seven years out, and the county will need to bring people together, including mayors of cities, school systems, Lee County Farm Bureau, special interest groups such as the Cattleman's Association.

"You're going to have to have several people at the table that are going to have thoughts."

Supervisor Tom Schulz said Keokuk and Fort Madison have comprehensive zoning plans. The cities each have a two-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction that they can work in.

Seyb said those that have reservations about zoning need to remember that when the companies are at your door, it's really too late to do something. He said that makes it a target on that energy company.

"That process should go beyond that and be a comprehensive approach that doesn't target one group or industry. It's what do we do to protect our interests as a whole, as a county, and this is how we see our county growing and developing over the next 50 years. A long-term plan that isn't targeting one particular group," he said.

## Fit Lee County to old 1st Fit Fest

FORT MADISON - Fit Lee County was created April 1st 2024 but we are not new to helping our community be fit! Formerly known as HighBarre Fort Madison, we, Lynette Bruhl and Kaitlyn Fullenkamp, have been leading group fitness classes in Lee County since 2020.

As we continue to offer more variety of classes for every fitness level from novice to athlete across Lee County we decided to change our name and brand! As a celebration for our participants new, old, and yet to be- we are throwing our first annual Fit Fest!

We will have a Fit Lee Co workout at 9 followed by local vendors offering body tempering, permanent jewelry, personalize hat bar, succulent bar, women's and children's activewear, and more! Big Guys BBQ will be there to serve lunch and Riverside Nutrition will be slinging drinks! We are also excited to team up with Soul Studio for Yoga at 10:30. There will be something for everyone at this event that you won't want to miss! There will be a grand prize drawing that you can earn entry to by attending the workouts and visiting the vendors. Drawing for the grandprize will be at 11- must be present to win. We are In Our Fit Girl Era and can't wait for you to join us!

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE NO. D-114**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA, CONCERNING HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The following is a brief summary of Ordinance No. D-114, with changes to Title 2, Boards and Commissions, Chapter 9, Historic Preservation Commission:

- Chapter 9
1. (1) Outlining members and terms
  2. (7) Setting demolition & construction review processes
  - (A) Public safety
  - (B) Violations
  - (C) Proposed alterations
  - (D) Exterior alterations
  - (E) Design review
  - (F) Appeal
  - (G) Preliminary plats, rezoning
  - (H) Urban revitalization tax exemptions
  - (I) Time limitation

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provisions or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall have no

effect on the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication in accordance with Iowa Code Section 380.7, as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of May, 2024.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor, City of Fort Madison, Iowa  
ATTEST: /s/Justina M. Cullen, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ORDINANCE NO. D-113**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MADISON, IOWA, GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Whereas, there is a need to amend the ordinance to add the following statement regarding code ethics used by all members of boards and commissions of the City of Fort Madison.

Section 2. Therefore, BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, that Title 2, Chapter 1 of the Fort Madison Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:

- § 2-1-1 MEMBERS:
- (L) All members of boards and commissions shall adhere to the latest updated version of the Iowa City-County Management Association Code of Ethics in all duties and obligations

incumbent upon them.  
SECTION 3. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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## Cattlemen's Assoc. on board with code

**CATTLE** - Continued from Page 1

trolled, set free, and/or released.”

The new ordinance requires livestock owners to keep livestock confined at all times and from being on the property of other people without permission. Land-owners are also responsible for maintaining tight fences per Iowa Code.

“This is working in conjunction with the Cattlemen’s Association. They have reviewed it and we worked with them to make notable changes to the original ordinance put out. I want to thank them for bringing up a couple things, specific to fines that I absolutely agree with,” he said.

He said one of the main changes that has taken place is fine structures. Fines can be levied after a third warning, but it is now a fine per incident and not per animal.

“For instance, if you had an animal get out and another nine followed it, the first incident was \$500 per animal and that could’ve been a \$5,000 fine. If one gets out it’s highly probably that others will follow,” Seyb said.

“This is to gain compliance. Fix the fence and put your cows away. It’s not a financial boon to the county and we don’t want to hurt you and put you out of business.”

Supervisor Ron Fedler said he spoke with Sparky Wellman, the head of the Lee County Cattlemen’s Association about the new ordinance.

“She had run it past her board and it was recommended to go ahead with this. None of them wanted to be blamed for bad apples. After talking with her I spoke with other livestock operators and they said if Sparky was okay with it, the board had no problem with it.”

Violations of the ordinance are considered a simple misdemeanor. A citation can only be issued after three warnings in a calendar year. The first offense is a \$500 fine, followed by a \$750 fine for a second violation, and then a \$1,000 for any subsequent violations. Each day the livestock are considered to be at large constitutes separate offenses under that new code.

The sheriff also has authority under the code to seize or destroy livestock to protect the public from harm after three written warnings are issued and received. All costs of those actions are to be paid by the owner of the animals.

The first reading passed 4-0 with Chuck Holmes absent from the meeting.

The ordinance has a six-month sunset to see how it works. It must be reconsidered by the board in January of 2025.

## Novel hits to the history of rich fertile farmland

**SWARM** - Continued from Page 1

Writer’s Workshop at the University of Iowa. He knows his subject well. I can’t imagine him having the time to write thick, best selling novels, and practice medicine. But he obviously does.

There are four main stories in the book that all intertwine. Think of this Oprah book as a 10,000 piece puzzle that takes weeks to assemble, but you feel so enthralled when it is all together and you can see how all the pieces fit.

The first main story involves a 12 year old girl who, through a matchmaker, is slated to marry a 40-year old widower. We in America gasp at this, calling it cruel, inhuman and worse: child rape. However, there was no sex involved until the girl was in her teens, the husband loves the girl dearly, and she him. She matures to be the matriarch of a very large family with immense agricultural holdings. But there is a problem in the family. They call it the “condition” which involves fear of water, erratic behavior and strokes or paralysis on one side of the face and vocal cords.

For those of us appalled by arranged marriages, especially of children: fact. Those cultures that practice arranged marriages, as compared to a love match, have a lower divorce rate than the good ole US of A. And the people in these marriages seem to be, not just content, but quite happy.

In another story plot that is interconnected, a young surgeon is badly burned, his lover killed, and his surgical hands all but incapacitated. He builds his own leper colony, ministers and heals the scourge of society, and helps to solve the mystery of the “condition” that plagued generations.

With our spring planting season delayed here in the Midwest because of record rainfall, this novel hits the heart of rich fertile land and hard working people suffering from freaky, bizarre weather. Maybe we should be a little more cognizant of The Spirits.

I must now read Abraham Verghese’s other Best Sellers, “Cutting for Stone” and “The Tennis Partner.” Note: With the first three chapters of “Cutting for Stone” under my belt, I’m sucked in like it’s a vacuum.

Ginnie can’t put down “The Covenant of Water.” She stayed up ‘til midnight reading it.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, or email him [curtswarm@yahoo.com](mailto:curtswarm@yahoo.com). Curt is available for public speaking.

## Keokuk Art Center holds summer kick off

KEOKUK - The Keokuk Art Center will kick off the summer Adult Writing program with a special evening event. On Thursday evening, June 6th from 6 to 6:50 P.M. Duane Taylor will speak about his writing processes at the Keokuk Round Room Galleries located at 210 N 5th Street in Keokuk. Duane is an author of four books: Innocent as the Angels, Book One, Innocent as the Angels, Book Two (The Spence Family Murder series), Cana County Marriage: The Parley Porter Poems, Family Scraps 10 Poems in the Voice of Parley Porter.

Duane is a retired English teacher and community college administrator who has lived in West Central Illinois for almost five decades. He holds a B. A. From the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and an M.A. from Yale University and has a passion for local history of all types and in all locales. He lives on the family farm in Hancock County with Joyce, his wife of fifty years.

Light refreshments will be served.

# BACK PAIN?

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Dr. Jason James, D.C.

I'd be stupid to make such a claim if I couldn't back it up. But I am so confident we can help your back, I insist on giving you a 100% SATISFACTION PLEDGE at James Healthcare. I hate empty promises, and I also hate the lies most folks have been told about their backs. That's why it's important I expose these MYTHS about back pain.

**MYTH #1: Sciatica (pain down your leg) is always caused by a herniated disc!**

No way...even though most doctors will sell you a \$3,000 MRI at the first sign of leg pain. But they don't tell you about a 5-inch muscle in the hip that can squeeze the sciatic nerve. And it feels EXACTLY like you've got the worst slipped disc on earth. It's a major discovery and...

The good news is that it can be easy and inexpensive to correct! How? Just keep reading! But first, here's a picture to show you where the pain comes from:



**MYTH #2: Stiffness from Arthritis means you're getting old...and it must be the reason for all your pain and stiffness!**

Not true, because thousands of folks with arthritis in their backs have absolutely NO PAIN! Then why do YOU feel like your back will snap if you bend forward or twist too fast? Because the truth is:

Your stiffness may be caused by a hidden, even more dangerous problem than arthritis, and it can lead to a hip replacement!

You see, most folks believe that something mysterious (like maybe an “arthritis fairy”?) waved a wand over them, and they're cursed... doomed to suffer forever.

But did you know that many arthritis problems are CAUSED by a combination of unseen imbalances in the spine and surrounding muscles? It's the most common cause of hip replacements but not that hard to correct if we catch it in time. It's like the tires on your car...

If the alignment is off just a teeny-weeny bit, at first you don't notice, but over a few thousand miles you start to see signs of wear...that is, if you're lucky enough to catch it before a flat on the freeway ruins your day. In your spine, you're lucky if you catch untreated imbalances before they ruin your spine! How to fix them? Just look at Myth #3.

**MYTH #3: Your Back is “Out”!**

Sure, that's exactly how it feels. But guess what, we found that's usually not the case. It sounds good, but we now know better. You see, there are 7 different reasons for that painful, locked-up and stuck feeling that causes so much misery:

- low-grade spasm
- pelvis torque and tension
- imbalance of hips

- fallen or dropped arches
- stiff vertebra joint
- adhesions in leg muscle
- pinched nerve

It's NOT just your spine, and it's NOT just your muscles. As a matter of fact, if one of the major muscles that stabilize the spine is partly spasmed, a “2nd stringer” will have to carry the load. But this is a serious problem...

**It's like having your plumber doing all the dangerous electrical work!**

Sure, he may get it done, and it may work at first, but how long until there's a fire? Or your back locks up? Which leads me to our next myth:

**MYTH #4: “It's Only a Muscle!”**

Boy, it's scary how many people think muscle problems are no big deal. Unfortunately, tight, bound-up, and spasmed or tight muscles can wear out joints faster than you can say, “Charley Horse”!

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**MYTH #5: “Muscle Relaxants” will help your muscles heal! Good grief, NO!**

Your muscles tighten up for a reason, and muscle relaxants are like turning back the clock on a time bomb...you know it's still going to blow up! Sure, you may feel better now, but you'll pay later...and pay “in spades”! So don't fall for these lies about your low back. They'll keep you hurting, frustrated and exhausted forever!

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- Trigger Point**...zinging pain to butt-cheek
- Stiff as a board**...creak and groan when you first get out of bed in the morning
- Traitor**...can't trust your back and what it's going to do—or when!
- Vice-like**...constantly locked down tight!
- Shooting**...vicious but short-lived
- Lumbago**...hard to pin it down—just seems to hurt all the time, but it's hard to say where
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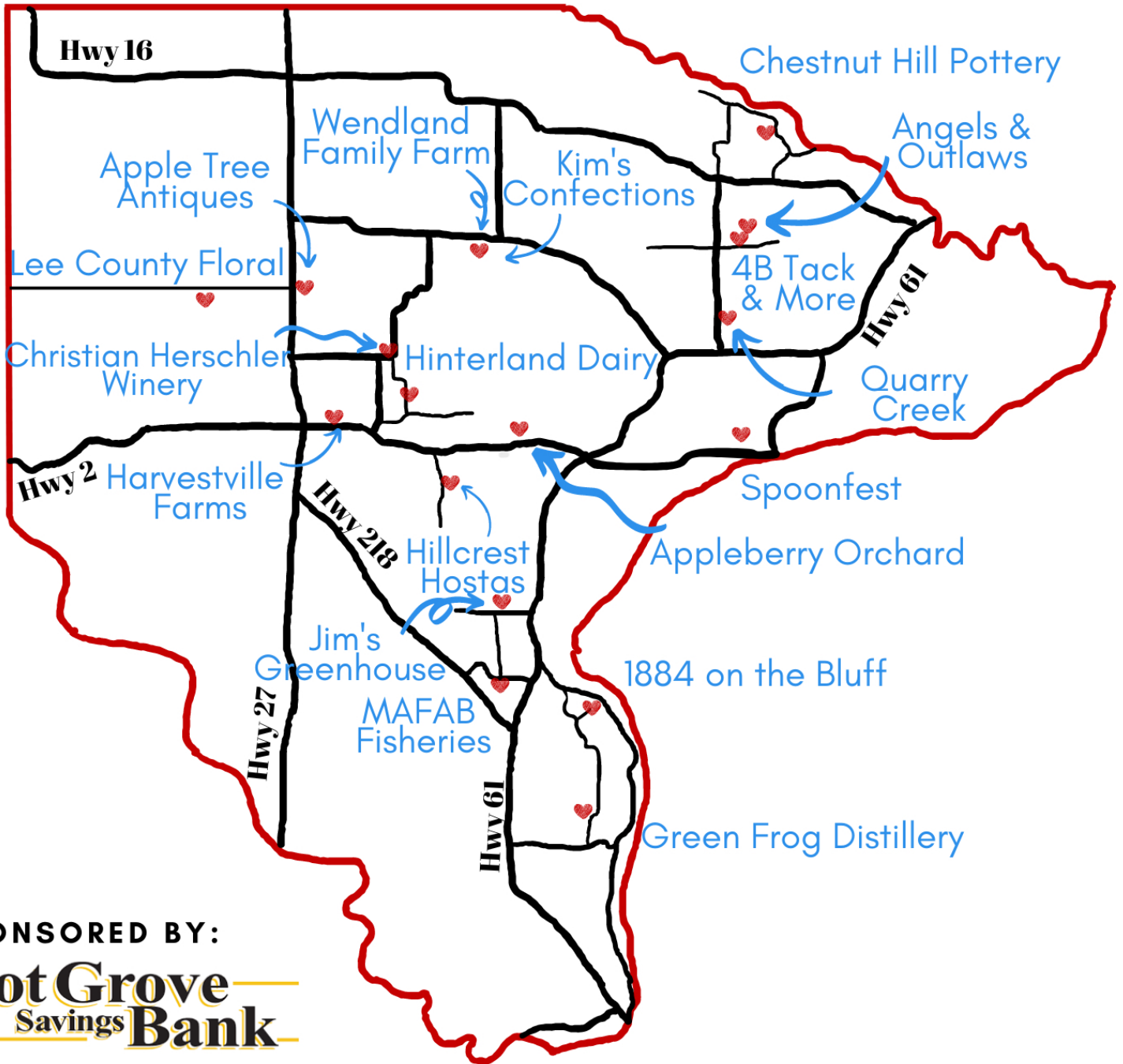
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