

# Cruisers set show mark



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Pen City Cruisers’ Car Club held their annual car show Saturday down at the Riverview Park Pavilion. It was the largest turnout for the event with 78 vehicles, not including about 50 cars from the club not entered into the competition. The Cruisers awarded the top 30 as well as special awards from the Mayor, Sheriff, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. Below, Tim Parker of Fort Madison, and his granddaughter attend Saturday’s Pen City Cruisers’ Car Show on the Fort Madison Riverfront.

## WEEKEND: Car show highlights weekend full of activities in Fort Madison



BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – The Pen City Cruisers are quickly becoming one of the largest philanthropic hobby groups in the area.

The Club held one of their annual car shows Saturday at the Fort Madison Riverfront pavilion with more than 100 cars on display, 78 of which were entered into the show’s contests. The others were club members’ cars which weren’t part of the judging.

Chad Schneider, the president of the group, said the club continues to grow and their outings draw motorists from around the country.

The group picks a charitable group to partner with at each show to help give back to the community. This year that was Iowa 2x4s for Hope, which helps build homes for at-risk veterans looking for an efficient home to live in.

Schneider said he spent the day encouraging visitors to sign 2x4s at the group’s booth on site.

“Those pieces will actually go into the home during construction and they are set to build their next home over on Storms Court in August. It’s a great group, and our club is proud to partner with them this year,”

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## COMMENTARY



# Defunding CPB is crafty, but ominous

This Sunday we’re working up something a little different.

I, personally, was initially taken aback when I heard that President Donald Trump had issued a late executive order Thursday for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to cease funding for NPR and PBS.

My initial reaction was not disbelief. Trump has been sparring with these organizations for some time. He tried to fire three of their board members late last month to eliminate a quorum for the CPB board and hence end any action until they were replaced.

Congress authorizes funding for the CPB, which amounts annually to about a half billion dollars combined for NPR and PBS.

One could make a serious argument that taxpayers shouldn’t be funding any media outlet. We have a media outlet and we get no federal funding. But we wouldn’t want any. That opens a very nasty, ugly, squirmy can of worms where public officials would then have control over what is published or broadcast.

NPR and PBS also operate with most of their budget from sponsorships and donations. But if you pull even 15% of their budget away, serious cuts happen. Is it the educational programming that gets cut? Or the base emergency information piece of the organizations?

I’ll be the first to admit, I listen to NPR every morning. They’re hard on Trump. They are.

But I’m not sure it matters. Is it not objective if they fact check and point out errors? Is it not unbiased if they report on the activities of the office? It is troublesome if they go out of their way to make him look foolish, yeah. But even then, it boils down to the facts.

This man just said the Declaration of In-

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## WEATHER

MON 05 May.....	Mostly cloudy and cooler, 63° F/ 47° F
TUE 06 May.....	Sunny and warming, 73° F/ 52° F
WED 07 May.....	Sunny and warming, 74° F/ 51° F
IOWA LOTTERY	
DOUBLE PLAY 05/03.....	14 23 33 38 60, Powerball: 3
LOTTO AMERICA 05/03.....	21 23 39 45 50, Star Ball: 1 All Star Bonus: 3
LUCKY FOR LIFE 05/03.....	213 18 21 31, Lucky Ball: 9
MEGA MILLIONS 05/02.....	14 37 40 41 68, Mega Ball: 2
PICK 3 MIDDAY 05/01, 05/02, 05/03.....	9 3 3, 214, 995
PICK 3 EVENING 05/01, 05/02, 05/03.....	3 4 3, 729, 767
PICK 4 MIDDAY 05/01, 05/02, 05/03.....	1370, 1824, 8162
PICK 4 EVENING 05/01, 05/02, 05/03.....	5126, 1003, 5471
POWERBALL 05/03.....	10 21 23 35 65, Powerball: 24 Power Play: 2

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# 2x4s For Hope has plan for home, but needs a veteran

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON – The 2x4s for Hope organization that has already built two homes for veterans in Fort Madison, is now searching for a veteran for the group’s third home that will be built on Storms Court.

Stephanie and John Warner were at Saturday’s Pen City Cruisers’ Car Show with several 2x4 pieces of lumber that will be used on the group’s next project.

The group is a non-profit organization that quick builds small footprint, but efficient, homes for veterans. The previous two homes were built on property that was donated to the group by the City of Fort Madison. This project will be built on a parcel of land privately donated after a fire destroyed the prior structure.

Stephanie is one of the organizers of the Iowa chapter of 2x4s for Hope, along with Lester Kistner. She said the group is currently looking for a veteran who could benefit from the next home.

“We don’t have one yet. We’ve had people who have asked for applications and we’ve sent those out, but right now we need a veteran for our home,” Stephanie said.

The projects are turnkey homes that are signed over to a veteran in the area that is struggling for a place to call home. Contractors come and prepare the lot for building and then volunteers descend on the home to build it in quick fashion. The homes are completely furnished when the veterans move in.

The group raises funds before the project begins so they can go start to finish with the physical work in as short a time frame as possible.

“We raise funds through fundraisers and donations and then we have enough



money to pick a start date. The sooner we have the money the better, because we have to get with contractors so they can get it on their schedules,” Stephanie said.

John said the group had decided to change their home design a little bit before the lot had been secured.

“Our first builds, the city donated that lot. This one is a private donor. Their house burnt down, and they heard about us and donated that property to us,” he said.

“And we changed our house design, too. It won’t be the long shotgun style. We made it more square. So this one will be a 28 x 20. We wanted to do that so we could say we’re not just building shotgun homes. And that just happened to fit over there on Storms Court.”

Those who may know of a veteran

who would make a good fit for the project are encouraged to contact Stephanie at 757-717-1838 or Kistner at 319-316-2576. They can also be emailed at [iowa2x4s-forhope@gmail.com](mailto:iowa2x4s-forhope@gmail.com).

The group has several fundraisers scheduled this month. Pizza will be donating a portion of sales on May 8th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1123 24th Street in Fort Madison, while the Fort Madison Eagles Club will be holding a Taco and Enchilada Supper on May 13th from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 4821 Avenue O. Carryout is available by calling 319-372-6928.

As of 2023, there were 38,000 homeless veterans in America. The mission of the group is to provide homes that are a permanent and sustainable solution for at-risk veterans.

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**Thursday, May 8th**  
**Fried Chicken Dinners**

**Friday, May 9th**  
**Grilling on the Sidewalk**

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TOWN WIDE YARD SALES 8 AM  
FLEA MARKET/CRAFTS 8 AM  
FLAG RAISING BY BOY SCOUTS 8:30 AM  
STATE HISTORICAL BUS 8:30 AM  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT BANK 9AM-12PM  
PEDAL TRACTOR PULLS 9 AM  
SIDEWALK CHALK DRAWING CONTEST 10 AM-12 PM  
K9 DEMONSTRATION(SMALL DIAMOND) 10:30 AM  
CUSTOM CARS & PICKUPS 10 AM - 3 PM  
TRACTOR PARADE 1 PM  
SILVER STEPPERS 1:30 PM  
LIVE AUCTION IN SHELTER HOUSE 2:30 PM  
LIVE MUSIC IN SHELTER HOUSE 6 PM - 9 PM  
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Hawks medal at Wapello

WAPELLO – The Central Lee girls’ track team brought home some hardware and set more PRs at the Arrow Relays in Wapello.

Aubrey Weber continued her strong season with the discus, winning 1st place with a throw of 99’5”. She also won the shotput with a personal best 38’8”.

Kylie Fortune raced to a second-place finish in the 100 with 14:35. The Lady Hawks’ Macy Anderson was second in both the 3000 (12:44.89) and 1500 (5:53.40), while the Shuttle Hurdle Relay team of Julia Fraise, Kamryn Cox, Ava Washburn, and Allison Gruntmeir raced to second with a time of 1:19.66.

Gruntmeir was third in the high jump at 4’8” and Cox was 3rd in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:16.75.

FM boys shut out Fairfield

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison boys shut out Fairfield 4-0 in Fairfield on two goals from Henry Graham. The senior opened the scoring in the first half with an unassisted goal, the only one of the first half.

Graham had another goal off an assist from Jacob Shottenkirk to wrap up the scoring about halfway through the second half. Connor Horn and Hunter Wiegand had the other two goals for the Bloodhounds. Keelynd Ross had two saves in earning the shutout.

The Junior varsity tied at 3-3.

The Hounds stand at 5-5-1 on the year, 4-1 in the Southeast Conference and host Burlington Monday night.

Central Lee suffers two losses at Mepo

MEDIAPOLIS – The Bulldogs handed Central Lee just their second loss of the season Friday night.

The Bulldogs scored a goal at 24:22 of the first half to open the scoring. Neither team scored again in the first half, but Mediapolis put up two more in the second half at the 34-minute mark and the 16-minute mark to set the final score and knock the Hawks to 5-2 in SEI Super Conference play. Keeper Max Jones had four saves in the loss. The boys are off until Thursday when they travel to Albia.

The Lady Hawks were also shutout at Mepo. The Bulldogs scored five in the first half and one more in the second to get the win. The Lady Hawks are 2-8-1 on the season and 0-3 in conference play.

Trump presidency fascinating

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dependence is a document of “love and unity”. It’s a document of ‘we don’t need you anymore’. The complete antithesis of love and unity. Honestly, the interview in which he made the comment was a tense and acrimonious situation anyway and I think the question just caught him off guard, but it does show a lack of grasp at a minimum.

No one’s perfect at a moment’s notice, but I think we all would agree we expect a little more from the Oval Office.

I find this presidency fascinating. I do. There are times I think this president, in this time, may be the man we need, even if we can’t stand him. That’s as objective and unbiased as I can be.

The left is screaming about the global trade war Trump is engaging in, but if you look at the issue arbitrarily, there’s more to it. How often does he backtrack on his threats of heavy tariffs? Some stick and some don’t. Maybe he really does know something we don’t,

but that’s the fascinating part to me. Is he, in this totally unconventional, Alfred E. Newman way, shaking the world by the shoulders?

I don’t think anyone can say he isn’t shaking the world by the shoulders.

But I don’t think, personally, he can shake the media by its collective shoulders. That funding ensures that children get educational programming. It ensures I get “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me” on Saturday morning. And if you don’t put that on the background while you’re going about chores or on a road trip, you’re missing something. It’s very comedic and informative. And regularly brings a smile to my face looking at world news in a different way.

The world of media and newsgathering has never been crazier than it is right now. Distrust is at an all-time high and I know this from the comments on posts of Pen City Current news. Governmental agencies are more and more just withholding information under sketchy pretext. This week we had two administrators put on administrative leave six weeks before the end of the school year. The two had already previously resigned from their positions and were called to the Central Office where they were told they’d be on leave the rest of the school year. That’s all we were told other than it wasn’t regarding any discipline. Ok, then why the leave? Our superintendent has also resigned but wasn’t put on administrative leave? We won’t be asking for records because we haven’t heard of anything overtly dangerous in the situation, however a concern could lie in just moving the incident to another district, with other students.

There’s a court ruling that says something to the effect of governmental entities can’t hide information just

because it could be uncomfortable or embarrassing to the agency. That’s paraphrasing, but if we stop looking for them, that’s the beginning of the end.

This is the same thing with NPR, PBS, CBS, Axios, or any newsgathering agency. You cannot do it without some bias. You just can’t anymore. If you point to something that seems out of whack, the consumer of the news will digest that information within their own bias. That’s who we are and where we are at. Those engaged in wanting to be informed and can look at things from several viewpoints and be willing to consider ‘all things’, are the ones who are lifted by the information.

But threatening a program that has for generations provided America with news, education, and information with a reduction of 10 to 15% of their annual budget, which by the way impacts more than 1,000 news organizations across the country because they are being mean, isn’t American. Pushing through is American. Making your point in a concise and compelling, non-violent format, is American. Whether Trump is doing those things in this fashion is left for history to decide. We need our leadership to be more mature and omniscient, patient, and respectful. I’m not sure we’re getting that, but I’m not convinced public funds should be used to impugn a sitting president either.

So where does that leave us?, Simply here. Is it preferable to have a government with no media, or media with no government? Its an incredibly personal choice and a virtually impossible scenario. But it does create compelling thought, and that’s Beside the Point.

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# Obituaries/Scene Around Town

## OBITUARIES

### MARY K. LAMPE

Mary Kay Lampe, 78, of Macon, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Samaritan Hospital in Macon.

Mary Kay was born on April 17, 1946, in Fort Madison, Iowa, the daughter of Maurice and Arlene (Sooy) Lampe.

She is survived by her three children: Christina (Jason) Rak of St. Peters, Missouri, Keith (Kristin) Lampe of Macon, Missouri, and Alex Lampe of Salt Lake City, Utah; five grandchildren: Korbin, Brayden, Madison, Kinsley, and Aubrey; six siblings: Mark Lampe, JoAnne Greubel, Wayne Lampe, Craig Lampe, Theresa Freeman, and Linda Wahlgren; cousin: David Spiekermeier; and other extended family members.



LAMPE

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary Kay was raised in West Point, Iowa. As a young adult, she moved around the Midwest to Independence, Missouri and Macomb, Illinois before moving back to the West Point area. She later settled in Macon, Missouri while continuing to split her time between Macon and her family farm in Iowa. She worked as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Samaritan Hospital in Macon and as a traveling CRNA at many hospitals throughout the country. She was involved with the American Heart Association serving as the regional president for the Macon area for a time. Mary Kay was an active member of the Catholic church and schools in both Iowa and Missouri. She was involved in the community: serving as the American Legion Auxiliary president in West Point, volunteering backstage with the local community theater in Macon, and visiting the senior center in Macon to play games with friends. She was enthusiastic about traveling, going on many regional tours in her later years. She had a multitude of hobbies including: crafting, quilting, shopping for unique items and bargains, and baking sugar cookies. Above all, she was a caring and providing mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

A celebration of life visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Hutton & McElwain Funeral Home in Macon, Missouri with a reception following at West Winery from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 2025, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, Iowa with Father Dan Dorau as celebrant.

Burial service at Calvary Cemetery in West Point with lunch following at the West Point American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).



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Fort Madison's Carson Fowler does some touch up painting in the 1500 block of Avenue D Thursday morning as part of a group volunteering with the Fort Madison Paint-A-Thon.

## OBITUARIES

### FERN E. SPARROW

Fern Eileen Sparrow, 99, of Lomax, Illinois, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2025 at Oak Lane Nursing & Rehab in Stronghurst, Illinois.

Fern was born September 25, 1925 in Lomax, the daughter of Clifford E. "Tommy" and Dollie (Eckhardt) Welch. On January 18, 1952 she married Lloyd Beryl Sparrow at the Church of the Nazarene in Lomax. He preceded her in death April 19, 2025.

Fern lived all of her life in the Lomax area. She was a 1943 graduate of Dallas City High School. After high school, she worked for IAAP during WWII. She then worked for Shaeffer Pen in Fort Madison, where she was active on their softball team. Following her marriage, she worked for her father-in-law at the Lomax Canning Factory. She also sold Avon Products for over 45 years. She was a member of the Avon President's Club, Lomax Church of the Nazarene and sat on the Lomax Election Board. She enjoyed bowling and especially time spent with her family.



SPARROW

Survivors include five children: Carla (Don) Williams of West Burlington, Lloyd E. (Janie) Sparrow of Ocala, Florida, Ann (Michael) Brooks of Crestview, Florida, Martin Sparrow of Dallas City and Byron (Jennifer) Sparrow of Stronghurst; 11 grandchildren: Adonica (Michael) Gould, Lucas (Kaylyn) Sparrow, John (Stephanie) Sparrow, Chastity (Steve) Heagerty, Marc (Skye Moore) Sparrow, Bobby Sparrow, Danielle Sparrow, Monte Cole, Kaitlin (Matt) McVey, Jacob Sparrow and Mitchell Sparrow, 13 great-grandchildren and one sister-in-law, Jean Anne Sparrow of Salem, Iowa.

Besides her husband of 73 years, Beryl, she was preceded in death by a half brother: Roger Gittings, half sister: Phyllis Pindell and one daughter-in-law: Traci Sparrow.

The funeral service for Fern will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City with Pastor Jordan Knight officiating.

The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 10th at Banks & Beals in Dallas City.

Cremation will be accorded following services. Burial will be held at a later date in Crane Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established for Hospice Compassus or the Lomax Fire Department. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit Fern's obituary at [banksandbeals.com](http://banksandbeals.com).



The Fort Madison Beautification Foundation spruced up four homes in the city as part of its annual Paint-A-thon. This home on Avenue O got a touchup of paint and some small needed repairs in conjunction with Community Action.

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Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve Agenda  
9:05 a.m. Public Hearing on a Proposal to Vacate and Convey a Certain Platted County Road within Washington Township  
Consider Approval of Resolution Vacating and Conveying a Certain Platted County Road within Washington Township  
Consent Agenda  
• Tuesday, April 29, 2025 Board Minutes  
• Claims for Payment  
• Tax Abatement Resolution  
Claims for the BOH/EMS Building Project  
• S.G. Construction, Board of Health, \$186,199.05  
• S.G. Construction, EMS, \$ 77,776.50  
• Arnold Refrigeration, Board of Health, \$ 48,859.83  
• Arnold Refrigeration, EMS, \$ 26,874.93  
• Mohrfeld Electric

Inc., Board of Health, \$ 17,479.60  
• Mohrfeld Electric Inc., EMS, \$ 5,290.21  
• Elite Fire Sprinkler Systems, Board of Health, \$ 59,555.50  
• Elite Fire Sprinkler Systems, EMS, \$33,117.00  
Public Input  
Best You Coalition Update  
Consider Approval of Children First Fiscal Agent Agreement  
Approve 2025 DERA Grant Program Certification  
Discussion and Possible Action on a Feasibility Study for a Single Courthouse  
Consider Approval of Lease Agreement with Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation in Keokuk  
Consider Approval of Third and Final Reading of the Siting and Operation of Wind, Solar, and Battery Energy Systems Ordinance  
Consider Approval of Resolution Adopting Fee Schedule for Siting Permits for a Commercial Wind Energy System, Commercial Solar Energy System, and/or Com-

mercial Battery Energy Storage System  
Approval for Airfare travel to Dallas, Texas for AFDO Annual Educational Conference June 21-June 25, 2025 (One LCHD employee)  
Discussion and Approval to Remove Kim Spear from Pilot Grove Savings Bank Accounts and Add Carrie Barnes to the main payroll bank account at Pilot Grove Savings Bank  
Consider Approval of Resolution Terminating 28E Agreement with MHASEI Mental Health Region  
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**LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 8, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Iowa, met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the County Administration Building, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison, Iowa.  
Present: Denise Fraise, Ginger Knisley, Garry Seyb, Chuck Holmes, and Tim Wondra.  
All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.  
The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Moved by Knisley, seconded by Holmes, to approve the amended agenda removing #9, discussion and possible action on ancillary health insurance for employees, and #16, discuss and consider approval of continuation of employment for CPC Administrator. Motion carried.  
Moved by Knisley, seconded by Wondra, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the Monday, March 24, 2025 Board minutes and the claims for payment.  
Moved by Holmes, seconded by Knisley, to approve claims for the BOH/EMS Building Project. Motion carried.  
• SG Construction Company March BOH \$ 212,240.68  
• SG Construction Company March EMS \$ 56,517.40  
• Arnold Refrigeration Inc March BOH \$ 70,837.89  
• Arnold Refrigeration Inc March EMS \$ 16,346.65  
• SE IA Regional Planning BOH \$ 10,000.00  
Public Input: Kris Rankin, Fort Madison Thrive Coalition, explained they are needing a fiscal agent for their group and questioned whether Lee County would be interested. Kris will discuss with Auditor

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Sherri Yasenchok further. Representatives from DVIP/RVAP were present to discuss Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Supervisor Holmes read a Proclamation declaring April to be Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Knisley, to table approval of a letter in support of HF967 relating to benefits and contributions of IPERS protection occupations so that the supervisors could do more research. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Wondra, to approve the ADDS Opioid Application in the amount of \$70,333.00 for one year to provide evidence based educational services within Lee County Schools. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Auditor's office moving self-funding insurance funds from a currently held CD to Pilot Grove Savings Bank. This move was for administrative and managerial reasons only.

Moved by Knisley, seconded by Wondra, to approve a Change Request in the amount of -\$9,443.68 for the reduced scope of work on the HVAC system for the new Health/EMS building. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Knisley, to approve Resolution #2025-68 Updating the Secondary Roads Supplement to the Personnel Policy. Roll call: Holmes-aye, Knisley-aye, Wondra-aye, Seyb-aye, Fraise-aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #2025-68

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors are responsible for providing a Personnel Policy to its employees;

WHEREAS, this Policy is subject to change without prior notice;

WHEREAS, the Board is interested in making changes to the Probationary Employment Section of the Secondary Roads Supplemental Policy as follows:

Probationary Employment

A probationary employee is one who has not completed nine (9) consecutive months of continuous service as a full-time employee with the Employer.

Commencing on the first day of the first full calendar month of employment, the probationary employee, if eligible, shall be covered under the group health insurance provided by the Employer.

Probationary employees will begin to accrue paid leaves from the date they begin employment. A probationary employee may use paid vacation time, sick leave, and personal leave as accrued and is entitled to use bereavement leave, jury duty leave and to receive paid holidays. At the discretion of the County Engineer, an employee may use vacation leave during the probation period before accrued as long as the employee signs a wage withholding agreement for those amounts used before accrual. A probationary employee may use compensatory time, when mutually agreeable.

However, a probationary employee may not use accrued vacation time until completion of the probationary period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 8th day of April that these changes be approved.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Denise Fraise, Chairman; /s/ Ginger Knisley, Vice Chair; /s/ Garry Seyb, Member; /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member; /s/ Tim Wondra, Member. Attest: /s/ Sherri Yasenchok, Auditor.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Knisley, to approve the purchase of a Low Boy Trailer for Secondary Roads from Hawk Equipment for \$97,787.00. Motion carried. Other bids included Road Machinery & Supplies Co. in the amount of \$116, 619.56 and Zieger, Inc. in the amount of \$109,075.00.

Moved by Knisley, seconded by Wondra, to approve the first reading of the E911 Rural Addressing Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Seyb, to approve a bid from Heat and Air Guy for \$6,800 for the HVAC System at the County Administration Building. This bid includes the County purchasing the equipment. Motion carried. Other bids included Cordray Heating and Cooling LLC in the amount of \$10,210.00 and Kraus & Son Inc. in the amount of \$10,750.00.

Received and filed the Veteran's Affairs monthly minutes for the February 19, 2025 meeting, the Auditor's Report of Fee's Collected for the month of March 2025, and the Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month of March 2025.

Moved by Wondra, seconded by Holmes, to approve a full time new hire for the Sheriff's department, David

Doyle, Deputy, \$32.42/hr., effective 04/09/2025; a step increase for Jack Davis, Park Ranger, from \$27.92 to \$28.73, effective 04/12/2025; a retroactive step increase for Lindsey Lofthus, Administrative Assistant, from \$24.41 to \$25.11, effective 11/01/2023; a step increase Amanda Walden, Legal Secretary, from \$21.91 to \$22.53, effective 4/4/2025 and a step increase Kent Brisby, Building and Grounds Maintenance Tech, from \$23.08 to \$23.71, effective 4/1/2025. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Knisley reported on a Best You Coalition meeting, a Quad City DECAT meeting, and Keokuk City and Keokuk Schools Budget Hearings. Wondra reported on an EMS tour of the county, a Secondary Roads tour, a Children's First meeting and a Thrive meeting. Holmes reported on a Children's First meeting, a Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board meeting, and a Pioneer Cemetery Commission meeting. Seyb reported on a SEIRPC Board meeting, a Friends of Lee County Childcare meeting and a DOT meeting. Fraise reported on a Juvenile Detention Center tour, a Regional Mental Health meeting, two insurance committee meetings and a DOT meeting.

At 10:20 a.m. it was moved by Holmes, seconded by Wondra, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Denise Fraise, Chairman  
Attest: Sherri Yasenchok, Lee County Auditor

Access Energy, svs ..... 186.72  
Advcd crctnl Hlth, svs ..... 493.00  
Airgas USA, splys ..... 421.06  
Alliant Enrgy, svs ..... 9819.63  
Amazon, splys ..... 39.63  
Arnold Rfgtn, parts ..... 87184.54  
Axon Entrp, equip ..... 21335.56  
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Blue Top Excvtnng, svs ..... 39520.00  
B Bonar, svs ..... 200.00  
Bound Tree Med, rx ..... 4858.40  
BTNCO, equip ..... 848.50  
Cantril Truck, equip ..... 3500.00  
Cntrl IA Juv Dtnt, svs ..... 3056.34  
CenturyLink, svs ..... 8.41  
City/Donnellson, svs ..... 126.18

ClickStart Web, svs ..... 44.85  
Comm Action, svs ..... 940.83  
Crtive Prdct Srcng, edu ..... 81.59  
Crimson Bites, rfnd ..... 50.00  
Cullen Pest Cntrl, exps ..... 65.00  
Culligan, water ..... 52.15  
CVS Caremark, splys ..... 1.42  
Democrat Co, publ ..... 370.80  
Dly Gate City, publ ..... 182.94  
Diamond Drugs, svs ..... 1555.80  
Disc Tire, svs ..... 105.95  
RK Dixon Co, equip ..... 2972.52  
Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys ..... 34.50  
Dnnllsn Lumber, equip ..... 420.88  
Dnnllsn Tire, svs ... 429.00  
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Dunkin Garage, svs ..... 14.00  
Estrn IA Tire, tires ..... 882.80  
EMSLRC, edu ..... 17.00  
D Enger, svs ..... 200.00  
Farm/Home, splys ..... 289.34  
Floyds EZ Way, svs ..... 77.00  
FM Water, svs ..... 227.41  
Four B Tack, unif... 100.00  
M Fowler, exps ..... 30.00  
N Granaman, svs ..... 1485.37  
S Gray Rpr, svs .... 472.00  
Gt Prairie AEA, splys ..... 419.40  
GrtAmer Fncl, equip ..... 179.09  
Griffin Mfflr, parts ..... 1369.23  
J Haeffner, equip ..... 1000.00  
Hartricks Lmbr, parts ..... 1.99  
Heartland Bus, svs ..... 25242.99  
Henderson Prod, splys ..... 320.36  
Heritage Med, splys ..... 24.00  
Historic Res Grp, svs ..... 4830.00  
Huffman Wldng, svs ..... 427.47  
Hy Vee, splys ..... 1336.65  
ICAP, ins ..... 9185.00

ICS Jail Splys, splys ..... 996.00  
Rainbo Oil, oil ..... 6860.18  
Rathbun Wtr, svs .. 155.75  
Red Lion Rnwbls, svs ..... 2217.37  
RicohUSA, splys... 343.57  
S.G. Cnstrctn, svs ..... 268758.08  
Schmidt Boat, svs ..... 11213.00  
T Schroeder, exps .... 7.98  
S Scott, equip ..... 1000.00  
SEIRPC, svs ..... 10000.00  
SEIRMC FM, svs .. 675.00  
SIADSA, svs ..... 5609.50  
SIEDA, cntrb ..... 2483.54  
SIMM Assoc, splys ..... 345.21  
Sinclair Tractor, publ ..... 392.21  
Solutions, svs ..... 5346.61  
SEIRMC, svs ..... 225.00  
K Spear, exps ..... 212.00  
P Spiekermeier, exps ..... 19.00  
Strawberry Patch, equip ..... 1000.00  
T-Mobile, svs ..... 767.33  
Trinity Musc, svs ..... 20484.36  
P Tripp, exps ..... 8.00  
US Cell, svs ..... 878.94  
Valsoft, svs ..... 215.00  
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From the Front

Fort Madison loaded with events over the weekend

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Schneider said.

The 2x4s group is holding fundraisers this month including May 8th where Pizza Hut will donate a portion of sales from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the Fort Madison Eagles are sponsoring a Taco and Enchilada support on May 13th from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Schneider said this year's spring car show was the biggest turnout they've had for a show. "This is actually our record number of 78 registered cars, and then I think we got about 25 club cars that we don't count in the final numbers. But 78 paid registries and the club cars are here for additional display."

Schneider said the farthest car entry was driven in from Kentucky and not trailered in. "He has family that lives an hour from here and he's in the military, so he drove here to stay with his family over the weekend and he is a friend of mine. I've known him for years, so I asked him to come, and I told him we had a prize for the longest distance driven for the show not just trailered and brought in. So, he drove it here over the last couple of days."

Schneider also said the club is growing, and that's a good thing for the community. "Southeast Iowa just has so many car enthusiasts that they're always looking for an event to do and luckily, we're the first one of the year. There's cruises in April, but this is the first actual car show, so that's a good way to kick off the season and people are itching all winter, so I think that definitely contributes to our numbers," he said.

"We are currently at 89 members, 74 cars. I just looked that up the other day because somebody else asked me. That's a lot of families. And then we're giving back to the 2x4s For Hope this year, that's why we have them on site because we all agreed as the car show committee to donate to someone different every year, and 2x4s is brand new to us," Schneider said.

The show wrapped up with the club awarding the Sheriff's Choice, Police Chief's Choice,

Fire Chief's choice, Veterans' Choice, Club's Choice, the Susan Butler Memorial Award, the Longest Distance Award, and then the top 30.

Gary Hurts of Plymouth, Illinois said he and his buddy drove their vehicles over and the two put on about 5,000 miles traveling to car shows across the region.

"I put on a show in Plymouth as part of the Plymouth Old Settlers Association," Hurts said he took it over close to 10 years ago because he wanted to see it continue.

He brought a powder blue and white Monte Carlo in 2013 and has "enough money in it" to allow him to be part of the car shows. He's also redone a 1987 Camaro and he drives that around to festivals across the area, as well.

The event was part of a full weekend in Fort Madison, capped off with the Twisted Cat Catfish tournament on the Mississippi. Boaters hit the waters at about 6 a.m. and then had a weigh-in at Willow Patch in the afternoon Sunday. There were about 60 boaters registered for the tournament.

There was also the Cinco De Mayo celebration at the Kingsley Inn that brought visitors in for authentic Mexican food, dancing, games, and music.

Chi Easton, the organizer of the inaugural event, said despite a little chilly weather, the event was a success.

"We're so happy with the weather. It turned out great. It's a little chilly, and we didn't know what to expect our first year, but with our Mexican heritage, we really wanted to start doing more things with it," she said.

"So this year is the 104th Fiesta and it is the first Cinco de Mayo. Honestly, we started with a couple food trucks and a band, and then we just kept going and going and grabbing things and we're really happy that we have things for kids to do."

Excitement Disc Golf held a two-day tournament in Fort Madison up at Rodeo Park's disc golf course. Eastin said there were about 90 golfers signed up to play in the tournament and they had a reception at Turnwater Friday night before the tournament.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Gary Hurts, of Plymouth, Illinois sits by his vintage Monte Carlo during Saturday's Pen City Cruisers' Car Show in Fort Madison. Hurts was one of 78 entries into the car show, its largest ever. Hurts also organizes the Plymouth Old Settlers Car Show held in August every year in the town's square.



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Visitors to the first-ever Cinco De Mayo celebration in Fort Madison get ready for the band to play following a dance presentation. There were games for kids to play and food trucks also on site Saturday downtown.



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