FORT MADISON - Prep work on a new park on the east of town honoring fallen soldiers has begun. After raising nearly $52,000 to purchase the land for the Fort Madison Memorial Park in 2015, enough money has been donated and procured to start prepping the land for seeding.

Andy Andrews, of the North Lee County Historical Society, said the project will ultimately cost close to $500,000 when all is said and done, but for now efforts are to replace the surface with soil for a grass bed.

“We’re gonna take 8 to 10” of dirt out of there. There’s some area where gravel could be 24” thick. We want to take enough out of there so we can haul in fresh soil and move in grass,” he said.

“The state archeologists don’t want us going any deeper than a foot, so when we start digging for trees and lighting we’ll have to watch that carefully.”

A large tractor and electricians were seen at the site today clearing the surface of the park which will be located on the former Sheaffer parking lot between 4th and 5th Streets, and Avenue G and Hwy 61. Workers had pulled old parking lot poles loose and tipped them to the ground so they could be cut off at the base and hauled away.

Andrews said he hopes by the end of the week all the scraped surface and fixtures will be out and hauled away.

“The main thing now is to haul away the residue from Sheaffer parking lot and get new dirt hauled in,” he said. “We should have 7 or 8 trucking firms that will bring dump trucks in later this week. Hopefully by Saturday it will be all hauled out. Tomorrow (Thursday), you will probably see a lot more action.”

The group is looking to raise an additional $20,000 to finish this phase of the project and Andrews says he’s hopeful that by the fall the new park is underway. Fundraising letters are set to go out in the mail in the next few days.

The plan is to finish the park by the fall, raising money for walkways, benches, a flag pole and lighting will begin in 2018. Then in 2019, adding interpretive signage to tell the history of the Fort, the battlefield and soldiers that gave their lives and were buried around the Fort grounds.

There is a tentative plan to move the 1909 reproduction chimney to the site and in 2020 possibly build an Interpretive Center and theatre on the grounds. Landscaping plans include 22 native trees to honor the 22 soldiers said to have lost their life in the battle, perennial beds with 22 perennials in each bed, a native American memorial area, several benches, a sitting area with a possible welcome center/interpretive center. The NLCHS is a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization.

The map at left shows how the park will be laid out when completed in 2020.
FM 6th-grade girls claim title

PCC STAFF
FORT MADISON - The 3rd annual Fort Madison 4th-6th Grade Basketball Tournament was held this past weekend in gymnasiums across Fort Madison. The 1st- and 2nd-place finishers in each grade are listed below as provided by tournament organizers. Coaches and parents are invited to send in pictures or stats from each team for publication in the Pen City Current to editor@pencitycurrent.com. Please provide names for any team pictures if possible and in order is preferred.

4th grade girls
1st place - Keokuk
2nd place - Central Lee

5th grade girls
1st place - Carthage
2nd place - Fort Madison

6th grade girls
1st place - Quincy
2nd place - Fort Madison

4th grade boys
1st place - Quincy
2nd place - Central Lee

5th grade boys
1st place - Carthage
2nd place - Fort Madison

6th grade boys
1st place - Fairfield
2nd place tie - Clark Co. and Mebo

1st place - Carthage
2nd place - Quincy

1st place - Fort Madison
2nd place - Mt. Pleasant

1st place - Keokuk
2nd place - Quincy Blue

1st place - Quincy
2nd place - Fort Madison

1st place - Fairfield
2nd place tie - Clark Co. and Mebo

Hy-Tek Swim Meet
Results In

PCC STAFF
FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison YMCA hosted the Hy-Tek swim meet Saturday at the Fort Madison YMCA. Over two hundred people attended the annual event.

For complete results of the meet, please visit our website at http://www.pencitycurrent.com/pdf/ fm results 1.15.17.pdf.

For the Record

Lee County Sheriff's Report
01/16/17 - 5:01 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 6100 block of Reve Court. Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 6100 block of Reve Court. 01/17/17 - 1:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jordin Rod Dale Snowden, 23, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Correctional Center on a charge of probation/pretrial violation.

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01/17/17
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ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP

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It should be noted a criminal charge is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
The Lee County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., at the Lee County Correctional Center Conference Room.

Present: Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Gary Follio, Don Honold, and Gary Larkin.

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The meeting opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Honold, to adjourn the Tuesday, January 3, 2017 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Honold, seconded by Fedler, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Received the Compensation Board recommendation of $26,000 for members of the Board of Supervisors; $115,000 for the County Attorney; $48,000 for the Sheriff and $70,000 for the Auditor and Recorder and Treasurer.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Honold, to appoint Bill Mullain to the Conservation Board for a 5 year term. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Follio, to approve the amending of the Amended General Assistance Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Follio, seconded by Fedler, to approve waiving the third reading of the Amended General Assistance Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Fedler, to approve an agreement with Imagery System for the Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer’s Office with Solutions, Inc., effective immediately. Motion carried.

Moved by Honold, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2017-24. Roll call: Honold-aye, Pflug-aye, Follio-aye, Fedler-aye and Larkin-aye. Resolution #2017-24 RESOLUTION ABATING TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written request for removal of certain B.L.L.s from the county system and the amount of the taxes as uncollectible; and WHEREAS, Section 454.16 provides in its material part: If the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the tax due through legal action and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall then pass a resolution the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Iowa Code, 2011. Accordingly,

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to Section 454.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby by this Resolution abates the amount due the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following B.L.L.s. The B.L.L.s shall be removed from the county system.

B.L.L. under the name of Tidwell, Parcel 12053494#080050 B.L.L. under the name of Young, Parcel 1041521192000070 E.L.L. under the name of Donald Herrick, Parcel 103012010000660 Dated and signed at Montrose, Iowa on this the 10th day of January, 2017.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

/s/ Rick Larkin, Chairman; /s/ Don Honold, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Gary Follio, Member and /s/ Matt Pflug, Member.

Section 544.2, Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Robert and Mary Hobbs 255 West Street West Point IA 52656 For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND PROVED this 10th day of January, 2017.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

/s/ Rick Larkin, Chairman; /s/ Don Honold, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Gary Follio, Member and /s/ Matt Pflug, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Resolution #2017-28 RESOLUTION #2017-28, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-Wide Urban Revi- talization Tax Exemption District in Lee County; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Jesse and Leah Stiefensmi- er of 2190 West 16 Way West Point IA 52656 For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND PROVED this 10th day of January, 2017.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

/s/ Rick Larkin, Chairman; /s/ Don Honold, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Gary Follio, Member and /s/ Matt Pflug, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Resolution #2017-29 RESOLUTION #2017-29, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-Wide Urban Revi- talization Tax Exemption District in Lee County; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Gary and Jeanette Folluo, 2190 West 16 Point IA 52656 For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND PROVED this 10th day of January, 2017.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

/s/ Rick Larkin, Chairman; /s/ Don Honold, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Gary Follio, Member and /s/ Matt Pflug, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Resolution #2017-30 RESOLUTION #2017-30, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-Wide Urban Revi- talization Tax Exemption District in Lee County; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Gary and Jeanette Folluo, 2190 West 16 Point IA 52656 For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND PROVED this 10th day of January, 2017.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

/s/ Rick Larkin, Chairman; /s/ Don Honold, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Gary Follio, Member and /s/ Matt Pflug, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Resolution #2017-31 RESOLUTION #2017-31, WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-Wide Urban Revi- talization Tax Exemption District in Lee County; and,

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PASSED AND PROVED this 10th day of January, 2017.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

/s/ Rick Larkin, Chairman; /s/ Don Honold, Vice-Chair; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Gary Follio, Member and /s/ Matt Pflug, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.
Committee Reports: Larkin and Folluo attended the Compensation Board meeting. Fedler, Folluo, Larkin and Pflug administered job evaluations to two of the Board’s employees.

At 9:25 a.m., a motion was made by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Correctional Center.

Balance on hand December 31, 2016 $19,349.69

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