LCHD air quality test was normal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PDG EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An air quality investigation conducted at the request of the Lee County Board of Supervisors and Lee County Health Department Director Julie Schilling was released Monday and shows no problem areas, according to EMC Insurance of Des Moines, the county's property insurance company.

The LCHD moved from the location in April under an air quality concern at the department's former location at 2218 Avenue H. The department has been housed at the North Lee County Office building since the end of April. No one from the LCHD or the county has elaborated on what the concern was until the report was issued Monday.

The Pen City Current issued a Freedom of Information Act request to the Lee County Attorney's office on June 7. Lee County Attorney Clinton Bodaddock and Asst. County Attorney Ross Braden had previously indicated the report would be kept confidential under Chapter 22 of the Iowa code as well as possible litigation.

The report is a summary of a mold investigation conducted on April 24. The report has several redactions but indicates the investigation was done at the request of Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise and Lee County Health Department Director Julie Schilling. The report was completed on May 3.

EMC uses a benchmark of 900 spores per cubic meter for indoor spore concentration. However, no outdoor concentration benchmark was indicated. EMC also uses indoor air quality benchmarks, including temperature ranges from 68 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit with humidity under 50%. During the investigation, the temperature was 66 degrees in the sampled areas and the humidity was 48%, all within guidelines.

According to the report, mold spore samples were collected in areas of the lower level's east side, including the waiting room, office area, small storage room, with humidity under 50%. During the investigation, indoor spore concentration benchmarks were met.

The Pen City Current requested a copy of the report and an interview with the department head. The report indicated the department was cleared of any problems. The report also found an air quality concern at the department's former location.

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Chamber continues quest to visit member businesses

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce has launched a new program from their Member Benefits Committee called #ChamberStrong. The goal of the program is to personally visit every Chamber member every two years to thank them for their membership and support. The first visits took place Thursday. Members that were visited were FMAAA (pictured on page 2), iTWireless, Two Rivers Insurance, Faeth’s Cigar Store, and Kelly’s Cakes, all in downtown Fort Madison.

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Dettmers, 32, no address
released Bradley Michael
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06/17/17 - 12:05 a.m. - Fort
He was taken to the Lee
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06/16/17 - 4:04 p.m. - Fort
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of Avenue N on a charge of
juvenile in the 2700 block
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06/18/17 - 1:11 a.m. - Fort
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Madison police responded
06/18/17 - 12:03 a.m. - Fort
Vehicle on Harmony Court.
Madison police responded
06/17/17 - 11:35 p.m. - Fort
the 600 block of 7th Street.
06/17/11 - 11:35 p.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of a stolen vehicle in
the 2400 block of Avenue L.
06/17/17 - 7:45 p.m. - Fort Mad-
ison police arrested Kimberly
Sandeffer Boorman, 32 of
Fort Madison after serving two
warrants. She was taken to
the Lee County Jail and held.
06/17/17 - 3:12 p.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of a burglarly in the
100 block of 25th Street.
06/18/17 - 1:27 a.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of a burglarly in progress in the
1100 block of 22nd Street.
06/17/17 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of vandalism in the
600 block of 5th Street.
06/18/17 - 8:33 p.m. - Fort
Madison police arrested
Bette Lou Royer, 50, of Fort
Madison, in the 1700 block of
Avenue G, for OWI-1st
defense and driving while
suspended. She was taken to
the Lee County Jail and held.
06/18/17 - 9:03 p.m. - Fort
Madison police arrested
Kimberly Sandeffer Boorman,
as a result of warrants.
06/17/17 - 8:19 p.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of a burglarly in the
600 block of 7th Street.
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a report of a stolen vehicle in
Harmony Court.
06/18/17 - 12:03 a.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of a burglarly in Harmony
Court.
06/16/17 - 9:29 p.m. - Lee
Madison police responded to
a report of a burglary in the
1800 block of Avenue J.
06/18/17 - 9:52 p.m. - Lee
Madison police cited and
released Dakota Brice
Dunn, 24, of Fort Madison,
as a result of warrants.
06/19/17 - 1:00 a.m. - Fort
Madison police responded to
a report of a burglarly in the
1800 block of Avenue J.

Lee County
Sheriff’s Report

06/16/17 - 4:04 p.m. - Lee
County Sheriff’s deputies responded
to a one-vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy.
61 south. According to reports a
motorcycle driven by Courtney
Allen Kellum, 33 of Keokuk,
approached a vehicle ahead too fast and entered the
median where he was thrown from the motorcycle. He was transported to Keokuk Area Hospital with injuries. No
charges were issued at the scene, however the accident
remains under investigation.
06/16/17 - 6:52 p.m. - Lee
County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Jayme Thomese
Franks, 29, of Fairfield at
the Jefferson County Jail
on a warrant for 4th degree
theft. He was taken to Lee
County Jail and released on
06/18/17 on his recognizance.
06/18/17 - 2:23 p.m. - Lee
County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Taj Michael Kite, 28 of
Donnellson, in the 2700 block of
195th Avenue on a charge of
criminal trespass and 3rd de-
gree harassment. He was tak-
en to Lee County Jail and held.
06/18/17 - no time given - Lee
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11 13 18 21 23 24
6/19 Evening 5 7 8 9 10 14
15 17 18 19 20 23

6/18 Mid-Day 2 7 9 3
6/18 Evening 7 8 4 0

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will be remembered always.
Hounds still winless after MP losses

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Ongoing struggles continue to plague the Fort Madison Bloodhound baseball team as they were handed two more losses 13-3 and 12-0 Monday night at home.

The Hounds trailed by just two runs in the first game before Mt. Pleasant put up eight runs in the top of the 5th and the Hounds couldn’t answer in the bottom half with a run to invoke the 10-run rule.

In the second game, the Hounds came up against Zach Reason, who threw a no-hit shutout giving up only 3 walks in 5 innings. Reason gave up walks to Jace Burgher, Brandon Reichelt, and Elijah Barnes for the only baserunners the Hounds had on the night.

Again it was a single inning that set the tone for the game as the Hounds trailed just 3-0 going into the fourth inning behind some decent mound work from freshman Burgher. FMHS head coach Ken Steeple brought in senior Brady Reynolds to start the inning in relief of Burgher.

The Panthers jumped on Reynolds after he struck out the first batter and walked the second. Pat Canby singled in a run and after the Hounds Di-ego Lozano lost a ball in the dark sky in left field, Zac Ieding laid a dou-ble to deep right to plate two more runs. An error by Dayne Cordray at short and a walk was enough for Steeple as he brought in Lennon Barker to finish the inning. Barker got the next two batters out to end the inning.

“He’s a senior and we needed to get someone in to help with us with some strikes,” Steeple said of the pitching change to start the inning.

The Hounds came up in the bottom of the fourth and went 1-2-3 on two strike outs and a ground out to first to set up the fifth inning down 7-0.

Barker stayed in for the fifth inning, but the Panthers got five of the six batters across to put the game out of reach. An er-ror in right and four walks plated four runs.

Panthers’ Colby Potts hit a sacrifice fly to center to score another and Steeple brought in Parker Den-niing as the third pitcher of the night. Denning gave up a single but then got the next hitter to line out to Burgher at third to end the inning.

The bottom of the fifth wasn’t much more produc-tive. Elijah Barnes worked a walk, but a ground out, a strikeout, and a fielder’s choice ended the game for the Hounds.

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Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Agenda
DATE: TUESDAY, June 20, 2017
MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Correctional Center, 2530 255th St., Montrose, IA 52639
AGENDA
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda

Consider Approval of
Second Reading of Animal Control Ordinance
Consider Approval of
Third Reading of Amendment to Fireworks Ordinance
Consider Approval to
Replace Sheriff’s Deputy Personnel Actions:
A. New Hire – Sheriff’s Office
Reports: A. Recorder’s Report of Fees Collected
B. Sheriff’s Report of Fees Collected
Commission or Committee Reports
Adjourn

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Groups trying to settle lease buy out

LCHD - Continued from Page 1

With the exception of an outdoor Basidiospores concentration of 910, attributable to rainfall prior to the investigation, all other samples were well below the 900 benchmark with the highest indoor concentration being a 270 spores/cubic meter of penicillium.

“Our concern was that we didn’t know what those numbers were when we were told to leave the building,” Schilling said. Schilling has said the investigation was launched out of concern for the safety of the employees and staff of LCHD. The Health Department inked a 3-year deal with the Iowa Department of Corrections last week to lease the 4-story former John Bennett Administration building at $7,000/month. Their current lease was $5,400/month but didn’t include utilities or maintenance, which the DOC agreement does. When asked if the LCHD had considered moving back into the former location, Schilling said the department would not be making any additional comments on the issue.

“We are moving into the John Bennett Unit. We had been looking for a long time for a new building to move into so that’s where we’re going,” Lee County Auditor Denise Fraise said. She contacted the insurance company on direction from the Lee County Board of Supervisors. She also said there was no cost to the county for the investigation as it was a covered policy investigation.

The LCHD had been leasing space in the building currently occupied by The Kensington, a senior assisted living center in Fort Madison. The Kensington is owned by AgeMark, headquartered in California, a company that owns senior assisted communities across the United States.

Rachel Benda, the Director at The Kensington, said AgeMark is looking at the request from Lee County to settle the current lease agreement. As is stands, the LCHD is looking at paying rent to both IDOC and AgeMark for six months until the current lease with AgeMark expires due to notification of the move by LCHD.

The Kensington also had Klinger and Associates of Burlington review the report. In a letter to The Kensington, Klinger agreed the investigation was done properly and the results were indicative of a normal indoor air environment.

“I did receive the letter from Ross Braden about a settlement for breaking the lease and have also seen the mold investigation report from EMC Insurance. I’ve reviewed both with Marty Heg, COO of our management company, AgeMark. With so many factors to consider, we may also seek legal counsel,” said Kensington Director Rachel Benda in a statement Friday.

“Once the summary report from EMC Insurance is released, you’ll see that Lee County Health Department’s assertion that it was “forced” to move because of an “unhealthy indoor environment.”

“We wish that the Lee County Health Department’s assertion that it was “forced” to move because of an “unhealthy indoor environment” was substantiated. For the past 30 years, The Kensington and Lee County Health Department maintained an excellent landlord/tenant relationship. Despite the circumstances surrounding the current situation, integrity and professionalism are two of our corporate values and we promise to do what is right for everyone concerned.”

In an email Monday, Benda said AgeMark and The Kensington wished the department the best going forward.

“We wish that the Lee County Health Department wouldn’t have vacated because we didn’t think they needed to. However we wish them well in their new place of business.”

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FRI 23 Jun

Moderate Rain

Low – 68.5°F | High – 84.7°F

SAT 24 Jun

Light Rain

Low – 58.8°F | High – 72.4°F

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New truck, old truck – all seems the same luck

SWARM - Continued from Page 1

Still looking for a weekend retreat. Along with the art, my book sales were steady. Ginnie got to sit in air-conditioned comfort, listen to music and handle the photography and book sales. I sat out in the heat and sweated.

The next day, Sunday, we relocated to Weyer for a garden tour, like gypsies moving from one town to another, pulling a wagon full of pots and pans. A feature of the residence we were stationed at was that it had a genuine train-caboose cabin, complete with a basement. I kid you not. Sometimes in the midst of everything, you just have to sit back and look around.

Loading up to go home, once again, was my busiest time for sales. No sooner did I have a sculpture on the trailer, but someone wanted it. I’ve noticed this human characteristic before, people love to poke through piles. Myself included.

When the weekend of heat and art was over, Ginnie and I celebrated with soft-serve ice cream and a bucket of KFC. I returned the borrowed truck to its owner and he said, “Shout, Curt. I’ve been wanting to get a new truck, why don’t you buy my Silverado. You need a bigger truck anyway if you’re going to be pulling a trailer full of metal.” (Notice he didn’t say “junk.”)

So, I did. It was “Tuesday, Good-News Day.” My mechanic called. The engine on my little pickup wasn’t blown, it had a split radiator. Thank you, God.

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