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Zoning Commission denies shooting range

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The Madison County Courthouse steps were packed on Thursday evening, as citizens turned out in droves to discuss a controversial proposed shooting range near Patterson in a public hearing. The courtroom was filled to capacity once the doors opened, with many citizens occupying the hallway outside the room as well. The hearing took place during a meeting of the Madison County Zoning Commission, beginning shortly after their meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The hearing stretched on until the meeting closed at 9:13 p.m.

The topic of the evening was The Vanguard, a proposed private, membership-based firearms training and education facility owned and operated by a partnership between Keegan Garrey, Gabe Lanz, Ethan "Beef" McGuire, and Mark Marean. The range would be located in Union Township in Madison County, and occupy approximately 128 acres across five parcels.

The facility would feature 10-20 outdoor rifle and pistol training bays, a dedicated long-range shooting area of roughly 1000 yards, an elevated two-story shooting tower,



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On Thursday, March 19, interested citizens headed to the Madison County Courthouse to speak in support of or opposition to The Vanguard, a proposed shooting facility, during a public hearing set for 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor courtroom. Doors opened at 6:10 p.m.

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New Earlham Medical Clinic now open

Madison County Health Care System (MCHCS) is proud to announce the opening of the new Earlham Medical Clinic, which officially opened its doors to patients on Monday, March 23. This new, modern facility enhances access to comprehensive healthcare for Earlham residents and surrounding communities, bringing together experienced providers, improved technology, and expanded diagnostic services all under one roof.

The new Earlham Medical Clinic is located right down the street from the previous clinic at 137 W 1st Street, Earlham, IA 50072.

"We are so excited to welcome patients to our new Earlham Medical Clinic," said Marcia Hendricks, Chief Executive Officer of Madison County Health Care System. "This expansion reinforces our commitment to making convenient, high-quality healthcare available close to home. We're especially proud to now offer on-site X-ray services, a much-needed addition for the Earlham community, along with a team of dedicated providers passionate about exceptional local care."



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The new Earlham Medical Clinic is located at 137 W. 1st Street in Earlham.

The Earlham Medical Clinic now offers a full range of primary care and diagnostic services, including comprehensive family medicine care, preventive services, and chronic disease management; same-day and next-day appointments for acute needs; new radiology capabilities, featuring on-site X-ray imaging for faster diagnosis and treatment; and seamless coordination with MCHCS specialists and hospital

services in Winterset

The clinic is led by providers Dr. Ambrose Munro and Laura Hagen, PA-C, who bring years of clinical experience and a strong commitment to personalized, family-centered care. They are joined by a skilled support team: Missi Gibson, CMA; Amber Welch, CMA; Lauren Nelson, RT(R); and Heather Downing, Earlham Medical Clinic Coordinator.

MCHCS invites the community to a Grand Opening, Open House, and Ribbon Cutting on Friday, April 17, from 2-3:30 p.m.

The event will include guided tours, an opportunity to meet the care team, light refreshments, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The new clinic hours are Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Ambrose Munro and Laura Hagen, PA-C, are now accepting new patients. Appointments can be scheduled at (515) 758-2907.

MCHCS extends its gratitude to the Earlham community, city officials, and partners who helped make this project possible. The clinic remains committed to playing a vital role in Earlham's ongoing growth and overall well-being.

For more information about the new Earlham Medical Clinic or the upcoming open house, please visit www.madisonhealth.com or follow Madison County Health Care System on social media.

Madison County Tourism Manager wins Social Media Award at the 2026 Iowa Tourism Conference



Seven tourism organizations were honored with "You Rock" Geode Awards at the Iowa Tourism Conference in Altoona on March 12, 2026.

For the second year, the Iowa Tourism Office recognized tourism organizations or businesses for going above and beyond and providing an example of excellence to their peers or other industry partners. These organizations or professionals have demonstrated dedication, creativity and positivity in their actions and have changed their destination for the positive.

Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Tourism Manager, Teddi Yaeger, was recognized for excellence

in social media. Lucy Cade, Social Media Manager for the Iowa Tourism Office, presented the award stating,

"Madison County Tourism excels in using social media to tell meaningful, authentic stories about their community. Through creative videos, business spotlights, event promotion, and trend-driven content, they've built a dynamic online presence that connects with visitors and showcases the beauty and charm of Madison County."

Right after the award presentation, Yaeger took part in a panel entitled "Getting Started with Destination Social Media Marketing."



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Teddi Yaeger, Madison County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Manager, displays the "You Rock" Geode Award she was honored with at the 2026 Iowa Tourism Conference. She was commended for her work on the Madison County Tourism website that connects with visitors and showcases the beauty and charm of Madison County.