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## Hounds send 7 to state

**POSSIBLY MORE:** Johnson, shuttle hurdle team waiting on district time results



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Above, junior Dayton Davis jumps out of the blocks on his way to a second-place finish in the 400-meter dash earning a trip to the state track meet next weekend. Below, jump coach Justin Cain stays true to his word and lets Hound Jakob McGowan tears the sleeves off his polo after McGowan and Mikey DiPrima both qualified for state in the long jump.

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

MT. PLEASANT – The Fort Madison Bloodhound boys track team may have saved the best for last... almost.

The Hounds will send at least six to next weekend's Iowa High School State Track meet after qualifying in at least four events at Thursday night's district qualifier in Mt. Pleasant. Fort Madison is waiting on time qualifications in three other events.

The Lady Hounds will send Raquel Schneider in the 400 hurdles.

The state meet starts Thursday morning on the blue oval at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

The boys got a literal jump start to the day when Mikey DiPrima and Jakob McGowan went 1-2 in the long jump. DiPrima set a personal best on his final jump of the day needing 20-6" to surpass Davenport Assumption's Kade Kreinbring. DiPrima landed a 20-9" jump after scratching on his second jump to leap frog Krienbring and teammate McGowan for the top spot.

McGowan scratched once in preliminaries and had a best 20-6.25" in the finals to secure second place. McGowan's best of the year is 20-11"



DiPrima said he don't know where the extra distance came from. The 20-9" is almost a full foot over his previous best.

"I don't really know where it came from. I just did what the coach said and jumped up and lean forward. I guess it works," he said.

"I was just thinking I had to make a 20-5" or a 20-6" to make it to state and I put everything I had into it"

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### PAW SHELTER

## Santa Store looking for new home

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A 13-year local tradition of helping community kids buy gifts for their families is in a perilous jam.

The Santa Store, which ran out of the old Kum & Go gas station owned by former Mayor Brad Randolph last year, is again looking for a new home. The operation has run out of local churches and former schools in the past, but now is looking for something a bit more steady.

The store takes donated gift items and displays them for community children to come in with a donation and pick out gifts to be wrapped and put under the Christmas tree. Funds from the operation go to support PAW Animal Shelter.

But after the 2020 event, all the remaining gifts, tables, wrapping paper and other supplies were stored at the former Chamber of Commerce building on Ninth Street.

But that building has since been sold and is being rehabilitated for retail space and the Santa Store belongings all had to be moved into a storage rental.

Sandy Brown, Director of PAW, and coordinator of the Santa Store, said now profits from the event are being used to pay rent, when they could be utilized for animal shelter operations.

"It's not an atrocious rent and we're fine with that, but if we can't find a place by Oct. 1 to have the Santa Store, so we have time to set it up and do it, then it will be gone," Brown said.

"And I don't think it's like we're gonna skip a year and then come back, because at that point it's probably going to be done."

Brown said it takes a lot of work to organize, set up, operate, and tear down the event each year. And constantly having to move the event to different locations is tiring.

"The community loves it, the kids love it and we love doing it," she said.

"But I'm 13 years older than when we

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## For the Record/From the Front

### For the Record

#### Fort Madison Police Report

05/10/21 – 9:07 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 3300 block of Avenue L.

05/10/21 – 3:59 p.m.  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Taylor Russell Young, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/21/21 – 7:51 p.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2400 block of Henry Ladyn Drive.  
05/11/21 – 9:33 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Troy Michael Oshea, 50, of Keokuk, in the 1800 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

05/11/21 – 1:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Danyelle Marie Eid, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 29th Street, on a charge of driving

under suspension.  
05/11/21 – 5:23 p.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue E.  
05/12/21 – 11:07 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Douglas Alan McPherson, 40, of Fort Madison in the 200 block of Avenue F, on a charge of domestic abuse assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

#### Lee County Sheriff's Report

05/10/21 – 5:59 a.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James William Hopp, 41, of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.  
05/10/21 – 2:31 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin Wayne Trout, 42, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on warrants for voluntary absence from custody and a judgment hold. He was

taken to Lee County Jail.  
05/11/21 – 3:24 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremy Wane Cochenour, 46, of Keokuk in the 1200 block of Avenue H, on charges of OWI-2nd offense and child endangerment. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
05/11/21 – 10:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Terry Lynn Douthart, 47, of Farmington, at Lee County Jail, on warrants for domestic assault and 5th-degree theft. He was released on bond.  
05/11/21 – 9:33 p.m.

– Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Gage Lee Smith, 24, of Fort Madison at Henry Ladyn Drive and Hwy. 61, on charges of driving while barred and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
05/11/21 – 11:25 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Autumn Nicole Cochran, 22, of Keokuk at Johnson Street Road and McKinley Road on charges of interference with official acts and possession of meth-

amphetamine. She was taken to Lee County Jail.  
05/12/21 – 6:53 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Noah Michael Gittings, 20, of Lomax, Ill., at the sheriff's office on a charge of domestic assault. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
05/12/21 – 10:27 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Derick George Harper, 24, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

#### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

05/10/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls.  
05/11/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to five medical calls, two assists, and one odor investigation.  
05/12/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls.

## Event could end if new location isn't found

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started doing this for the CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau), and I can tell you it's a huge deal having to pack everything up, move it, unpack it, set it up, tear it down, pack it up, store it all, and then be looking at moving it all again. Looking at moving this again... before we even start, is exhausting."

Brown said they are looking for a place to hold the event where they won't necessarily be required to move it every year. She said usually every couple of years, and lately every year, the group has had to move the operations from one place to another.

"Basically, if you want to sell your building let Santa Store store their stuff there. What the store needs, if it's to continue, is a place to hold it for several years," she said.

The store would require electricity and water, but she said parking they can work around. They also need some wide open spaces to be able to put up more than 24 long banquet tables as well as setting up a wrapping area.

Brown said she understands that most people are looking to sell or rent the buildings that are vacant and they understand that as being good for the community when they are sold and business is brought to the community.

"But if you have one of these open buildings, we're looking. And we also can provide a receipt in the amount of your rent for a tax deduction. We've been doing that and can continue to do that. We're 100% tax deductible. And if your building is sitting empty, you're not getting anything."

Anyone with property that could be considered to keep the Santa Store going should contact Brown at PAW Animal Shelter at 319-372-2274.



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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### WILLIAM E. CORVAIA

William Edward "Bill" Corvaia, 74 of Keokuk, IA died Friday, April 30, 2021 at Country View in North Liberty, IA.

He was born February 11, 1947 in Centerville, IA the third of four children, to Dan and Opal Hart Corvaia. He and his family moved to Keokuk in 1952. Bill graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1965.



CORVAIA

On July 14, 1965 he was united in marriage to Anita Cloud. She preceded him in death.

Bill was a business man and at one time, owned and operated three retail businesses. Hillbilly Heaven and Corvaia's Furniture and Appliance both in Keokuk since 1986. He also had one store in Ft.

Madison, IA.

He was an avid antique collector.

Bill was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by two sons, Anthony W. Corvaia of Kirkwood, IL and Timothy E. Corvaia (Tonya) of Dallas City, IL, five grandchildren, John, Chris and Devin Corvaia, Andrew Adams and Wendy Corvaia, ten great-grandchildren, one sister, Deanna M. Ramaker of Granbury, TX.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Josephine and one brother, Joseph D. Corvaia.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Reverend David Brownfield, Ph.D. officiating. A private family burial will be held in Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk. The service will be live streamed on Bill's tribute wall on the Vigen Memorial Home webpage.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10- 11 a.m., Saturday, with family meeting with friends at that time.

Family will meet with friends following the funeral service at Meyers Courtyard from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the family. A special thank you to Clyde Mitchell for helping and being Bill's best friend.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

### GLORIA D. GENCK

Gloria D. Genck, 51, of Ft. Madison passed away on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 4:49 PM at the University of Iowa Hospitals.

She was born on July 11, 1969 in Keokuk, IA to George and Ramona Spiker Genck. Gloria was a general laborer and lastly worked at Matt's Greenhouse. She was a member of the Moose Lodge. Gloria enjoyed swimming, air brush painting, drawing, concerts, watching TV and playing with her puppies.



GENCK

Survivors include two daughters, Erica and Mariah; son, Corey; one brother, George; her significant other, Mike Lutten and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and there will be a celebration of life held at a later date.

A memorial has been established for PAW Animal Shelter and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Sports

# “Kritter” Hayes takes over Central Lee boys hoops

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON – It may be safe to say that Central Lee has hired the first coach in history named “Kritter”.

Kristopher “Kritter” Hayes is taking over the Hawks’ boys basketball program after being approved by the board at Monday’s regular meeting. The Keokuk native and teacher brings close to three decades of coaching at all levels to the program.



HAYES

He takes over for Evan Swanson who left the program after last year’s 7-15 season, just 6-11 in the Southeast Iowa Superconference.

And Hayes is quick to realize that this could be as much of a ‘starting over’ scenario as he’s seen.

“To be honest, this is the just the second day. I haven’t had a chance to meet with the kids yet,” Hayes said Wednesday evening. “I’ve done a little research and they’ve lost a ton of talent, so I’m hearing the expectations are very low for the experience we have.

“But I haven’t been there to evaluate it so I’m going to take all that with a grain of salt.”

On paper, the expectations could be real. The Hawks return just two members of a senior loaded squad, sophomore Corbin Pohren, who played sparingly scoring just 10 points on the year. But Pohren is confident with the ball in his hands and could run the offense and is a solid 3-point threat. Junior Alex Sandoval scored 49 points on the year and hit 42% from field.

All the other points for the entire season were put up by players who will graduate this month.

“The first thing I’m going to do is evaluate the



talent we have. I’d like us to be a fun team to watch, be fast-paced. But if we need to slow things down we can do that,” Hayes said.

“You have to have good guards to do that, so we’re going to focus on the little things like playing without the ball. Our guys are going to learn how to do that and play good defense. I really feel like if we can be strong with the ball, and take good shots, we can stay in games. Talent makes a difference, but there are things we can do to stay in games.”

A 1994 graduate of Keokuk High School, Hayes has coached for 26 years at junior high, junior varsity and varsity levels, most recently as the middle school boys coach in Keokuk. He also had a stretch at Creston, Iowa where he coached varsity boys and girls golf among other things. He’s also been on football staffs at the varsity and junior varsity levels.

At Creston, Hayes coached with Billy Hiatt who he calls a ‘hard-nosed’ coach who took him under his wing. But he grew up following the Iowa Hawkeyes under coach Dr. Tom Davis, so his philosophy surrounds hard cuts, good screens and top-level rebounding.

Hayes said Central Lee’s new \$13 million facility upgrade including a new gymnasium, weight room

and locker rooms was a big part of the decision to leave the Keokuk athletic program.

“It was huge. I knew what they have coming with the facility improvements. The future is very bright at Central Lee and I’m leaving a home that’s been there for 30 years of my life. I just felt now was a great time to give it a shot,” he said.

“I feel very blessed and fortunate to be given the chance by the Central Lee Administration. It will be awesome to be the first boys head basketball coach in the new facility.”

He said he realized that at times he will be competing against friends and coworkers at Keokuk.

“It’s gonna be tough no doubt. I have very strong relationships with coaches, kids and families there,” he said. “But I know what my jobs going to be, and that’s to lead the Hawks. I’ll put that stuff aside and want our kids to compete and big respected by Keokuk. I’m kind of an old school, one-game-at-a-time guy. When that opportunity comes – we’ll be ready.”

Hayes said he’s heard some rumblings about the numbers in the boys basketball program at Central Lee and he can build on that.

“I plan on growing the numbers by being positive, bringing energy and passion, and then capitalizing on the work ethic Central Lee is known for,” he said.

He said he’s done a little digging on the Southeast Iowa Superconference and said New London and Danville are always strong.

“I know just a little enough to be dangerous. There are some strong teams and some young teams that are very good and we’ll have our work cut out for us. But it’s a blank slate and we can only go upwards.”

Hayes adds to a fresh look in Central Lee’s athletic programs. The administration brought in former Fort Madison Aquinas/HTC girls coach Jay Baldwin last year to help reboot the girls program. They also hired Chuck Banks to lead a resurgence in the football program just over a year ago. Banks replaced Nick Ehret, who was hired last week as Washington’s new head coach.

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## Sports

# Schneider carries family tradition of 400 hurdles at state

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McGowan said he was having trouble with his steps and actually scratched running through the pit, but was able to put that aside and get to the finals.

"My steps were off at first and then I got some nerves going. I had some stutter steps, but then I got that straightened out. This feels really good. All the hard work is paying off," he said.

The Bloodhounds then went seven events without qualifying anyone until junior Dayton Davis put up a 51.71 in the 400-meter dash good enough for second place. All first- and second-place finishers advance to the state meet.

Davis' time was 1.2 seconds off the pace of Washington Elijah Morris.

"It feels good, but I was definitely dead tired after," Davis said.

"I was very nervous because the two guys behind me were seeded about .5 second slower so that made me nervous. My goal was to run as close as I could to the dude in first and if I did that I could get second. But at the 200 mark I knew I was doing okay."

Davis also anchored Fort Madison's 4x400 relay team in the final event of the night. The Bloodhounds were seeded 3rd in the event, but ended up winning the event outright.

Brock Califf ran the first leg and gave Fort Madison a slight lead at the first exchange with Garrett Hannum. Hannum kept Clear Creek-Amana at bay until a choppy hand-off let

the Clippers slip in front of Andrew Schaefer on the first turn, but Schaefer would overtake CC-A's Keyan Gisleson on the final stretch and handed to Dayton Davis who took things home from there for a 3:29.80, a full second ahead of the Clippers.

The Bloodhounds would also qualify with a first-place finish in the 4x200 relay. That team of Califf, McGowan, Schaefer and Hannum motored to a 1:31.97, just .09 ahead of Jace Figueroa's final leg for West Burlington-Notre Dame.

Hannum said the Hounds knew their seed time was one of the top two, but they were just hoping to qualify.

"I just wanted to have a smooth handoff and then get out fast and not look back at all. Just keep looking forward. I was hoping to qualify, but I didn't think we'd win it," he said. "I'm just glad to get a chance as a senior to go. It was my last chance and it felt really good to cross that line first."

Coach Mike Schneider said the performances are a result of how hard the kids have worked and the culture of the athletic program growing at Fort Madison.

"Our kids are just running their tails off. I just don't know what to say," Schneider said. "Qualify the 4x200, 4x400, open 400, and the jumps, and then we're going to be on the bubble in the 100, 200 and the shuttle hurdle. I think we surprised some people tonight."

"We got other coaches pushing kids our way. The soccer team's here tonight,

(Head Coach Derek) Doherty is here tonight. That's what it takes."

Schneider said jump coach Justin Cain's presence brought more out of McGowan and DiPrima.

"We have to give credit to Justin on that one. The kids just jump better when he's here," Schneider said.

Raquel Schneider, coming off a foot injury that has sidelined her for the past two weeks, ran a 1:09.62, a full 2.5 seconds a head of the field to qualify for state for the second time. She ran as part of the shuttle hurdle relay team as a freshman.

"I didn't think about it much during the race, but it kinda hurts. I'm gonna go ice it," she said. "I was just trying to push through. But this feels great. I'm really excited."

Schneider may also have other aspirations at state and that would be to set a family record. Her mother Carrie, older sister Brett, and older brother Quentin all ran 400 hurdles at the state meet.

Coach Chad Hannum said he wasn't surprised by the success of the team, but was surprised at how they each performed individually.

"The only thing that really surprised me tonight is how much they're PR'ing by," he said.

"We're ready. They've been running well all season, so I knew they would run well tonight, I just didn't know they'd run this well."

Hannum said Garrett Hannum pulled himself from the 400 hurdles where he thought he might have a chance to qualify, to make sure he



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Bloodhound Mikey DiPrima lands in the pit after taking off during the long jump finals Thursday in Mt. Pleasant. DiPrima won the event and advanced to the state meet next week with Jakob McGowan, who finished second in the event.

was fresh for the 4x400 relay and help the team qualify.

Junior Tate Johnson will have to wait a few hours to see if he qualified in the 100- and/or 200-meter dashes. Johnson, who just got back on the track after sitting most of the season with hip flexor issues, placed 3rd in both events. Johnson finished the 100 at 11.39 and the 200 at 23.02.

The top two finishers at each district qualify for state and then the next best eight times in the state qualify.

The shuttle hurdle team of Macaden Rhoer, Davis, Kane Williams and Hayden Segoviano also finished 3rd with a time of 1:05.06 and will have to wait to see if their time will qualify.

Those results are expected no later than noon on Saturday from IHSAA officials.

Fort Madison finished with 105 points good enough for 3rd place in the district. The Lady Hounds finished eighth with 40.F



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 5/4/2021

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, 5/4/2021, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Mohrfeld presided with Council Members Andrews, Bowker, Lair, Schulz, Rink, Cangas and Amandus present either in person or electronically. This meeting was held with some members of Council and staff present but was also available electronically (pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.8). On motion, Council approved the agenda. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 4/20/2021; Payroll of 4/23/2021; April Manual Claims, Claims dated 4/29/2021; Resolution No. 2021-26, Binding Release of Claims – 815 Avenue H; Renewal: Sidelines Bar LLC, effective 5/1/2021; Outdoor Service Extension: Vinnies Long Branch, effective 7/4/2021 and New 5-Day License:

River Rocks Bar & Grill, effective 6/8/2021. Brad Randolph gave a report on Great River Regional Waste Authority. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-27, authorizing the filing of an application for the Iowa Department of Transportation's COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program for Construction of Connecting Fort Madison! Phase IV 48th Street Trail Connection. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on Supplemental Agreement No. 1, with Stanley Consultants of Muscatine, Iowa for the Pretreatment Program Assistance. On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional Services Agreement with Klingner and Associates, P.C., of Burlington, Iowa, for the Marina Dredging Project. At 7:16 P.M., the meeting adjourned until May 18, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. /s/ Matt J. Mohrfeld, Mayor  
ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L. Blind, City Clerk

EDWARD HARVEY, COPIES ..... 3,541.80  
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, REPAIRED RADIO CLIP ..... 40.00  
FORT MADISON WATER, WATER ..... 27.59  
GRAY QUARRIES, INC, SUPER PATCH ..... 1,377.00  
GREAT RIVER PLUMBING INC, REPAIR URINAL LINE ..... 267.50  
HACH CHEMICAL CO., COTTON SWABS ..... 224.40  
HEATHER HOREY, CLOTHING ALLOWANCE ..... 163.41  
HEUSS PRINTING, INC, ADVERTISING ..... 265.50  
HOENIG TREE SERVICE INC, REMOVED TREE 4/15 ..... 1,200.00  
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, PROF FEE - PARKING LOTS ..... 18,345.91  
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, POST ..... 266.70  
IDEAL READY MIX COMPANY, CONCRETE - 12/ AVE F ..... 615.13  
IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC., SEALER ... 4,100.15  
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER, BATTERIES ..... 113.76  
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MOHRFELD ELECTRIC, REPAIR HANGING HEATERS ..... 146.38

225.13 MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO, METERS ..... 1,040.00  
PITNEY BOWES, METER RENTAL ..... 171.00  
POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON WATER BILLS/PAST DUES ..... 1,436.60  
RAINBO OIL CO, HYDRAULIC OIL ..... 100.55  
SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING, SEIBUS - JAN-MAR ..... 2,125.00  
SHOTTENKIRK SUPERSTORE, SENSOR .. 83.26  
SIACC, SUPERVISORS TRAINING ..... 150.00  
STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC, PROF FEE - WW PRETREAT ..... 10,093.75  
TESTAMERICA INC., WEEKLY SLUDGE TEST ..... 151.20  
TRUCK REPAIR INC., OIL CAP ..... 805.07  
TRUeline FIRE & SAFETY, NEON SAFETY SHIRTS ..... 825.47  
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, MONTHLY TECH SUPPORT ..... 252.50  
U.S. CELLULAR, PHONES ..... 1,508.01  
ULINE, CHAIR/TABLE ..... 604.68  
UPS, SHIPPING ..... 10.54

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VEENSTRA & KIMM, INC, PROF FEE - 10 ST SWR SEP ..... 2,525.00  
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS ..... 8,076.77  
WOODROFFE SAWMILL INC, LUMBER FOR PORCH ..... 180.00  
TOTAL ..... 99,060.47  
GENERAL FUND ..... 27,738.36  
SPECIAL REVENUE ..... 2,789.62  
ROAD USE ..... 12,277.35  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ..... 7,652.70  
WATER O&M .. 27,154.75  
WASTE WATER O&M ..... 19,474.72  
SOLID WASTE ..... 419.81  
AIRPORT ..... 172.00  
STORM WATER ..... 1,381.16  
GRAND TOTAL ..... 99,060.47

**MANUALS - APRIL 2021**

ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC ..... 29,909.47  
BAIER FORD, PICKUP ..... 26,894.00  
CENTURY LINK, PHONE ..... 67.81

ELLIOTT EQUIPMENT CO., 21 FREIGHTLINER GARBAGE ..... 149,945.81  
HY-VEE, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE JANITORIAL SUPPLIES ..... 77.45  
MASTERCARD, TRAVEL/FLOOD INS/ETC ..... 2,806.58  
NATIONAL BUS TRADER INC, ADVERTISING .. 720  
POSTMASTER, FORT MADISON SPRING CLEAN-UP VOUCHERS ..... 1,700.56  
STEW HANSEN, DODGE CITY 2 NEW DURANGOS - POLICE DEPARTMENT ..... 61,496.00  
WELLMARK BC/BS, MAY 2021 PREMIUMS ..... 91,948.04  
WEX BANK, FUEL USAGE - APRIL ..... 10,808.44  
TOTAL ..... 376,374.16  
GENERAL ..... 41,188.89  
SPECIAL REVENUES ..... 123,586.53  
ROAD USE ..... 16,432.33  
CAPITAL PROJECTS ..... 21.62  
WATER ..... 28,161.63  
WASTEWATER ..... 13,999.16  
SOLID ..... 152,916.19  
AIPPORT ..... 67.81  
TOTAL ..... 376,374.16

EXPENDITURES	4/30/2021
General	\$68,927.25
Special Revenue	126,615.96
Road Use	28,709.68
Capital	7,674.32
Water	55,316.38
Sewer	33,473.88
Solid Waste/IWC	153,336.00
Storm Water Util.	1,381.16
	<u>\$475,434.63</u>
REVENUES	4/30/2021
General	\$ 40,153.46
Special Rev.	331,570.75
Road Use	297,068.39
Debt	989.41
Capital	354,088.61
Water	312,376.38
Sewer	272,260.96
Solid Waste/IW	79,981.62
SW Utility	16,934.65
	<u>\$1,056,240.01</u>

PAYROLL	4/23/2021
General	\$ 185,227.34
Old Fort	2,766.89
Emp. Benefits	7,072.13
Mershon Trust	518.12
Road Use	28,266.03
Tourism	964.86
Water	29,351.01
Sewer	34,715.04
Solid Waste	12,028.10
Airport	486.54
Storm Water	3,775.21
	<u>\$305,171.27</u>

**Claims 05/04/21**

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, PRINTER LEASE ..... 915.80  
AHLERS & COONEY, PC, URBAN REVIT PLAN ..... 3,547.87  
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC ..... 38.60  
ALTORFER INC., PARTS ..... 5,208.37  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, RETURN SPEAKER ..... 184.50  
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORM ..... 769.87  
B&B PROPANE, HEAT ..... 131.16  
BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD INC., SIGNS/ BOLTS ..... 240.64  
BATES SANITATION & ASPHALT, PORTA-POTTIE RENTAL ..... 150.00  
BRADLEY BRYANT, WIN-

TER WEAR ..... 146.38  
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., WYE PIPES ..... 685.00  
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLE ..... 85.00  
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES, REPAIRED THE CAMERA ..... 708.00  
CULLEN CONSTR. & EXCAVATING, ASBESTOS INSPECT/ABATE ..... 2,155.72  
DAVE VRADENBURG, CLEAN/SCRAP/PAINT CH ..... 5,400.00  
DAVIS RADIOLOGY PC, PRE-EMPLOYMENT ..... 50.00  
DIGITAL ALLY, BATTERY COVERS ..... 735.00  
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, BLACK TONER ..... 614.55  
DOUDS STONE, ROADSTONE ..... 1,967.73

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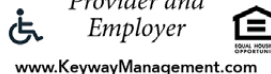
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Above, Raquel Schneider pulls ahead of the pack in the 400-hurdles at Thursday's district track meet in Mt. Pleasant. Schneider would become the fourth member of her family to qualify for state in the event. At left, senior Garrett Hannum holds off West Burlington Notre Dames' Jace Figueroa (far left) and Clear Creek-Amana's Reece Hoffman in the 4x200 relay. The Hounds would go on to win the events to qualify for state.



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# Current-Lee

## CURRENT-LEE

### Building Bridges' May Resource Fair

Young House Family services is hosting a Lee County Building Bridges Initiative's Getting Ahead May Resource Fair from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday May 16, in Central Park in Fort Madison. Children's activities, an auction, and booths will be set up to let participants see what Getting Ahead is all about.

### Lee County Pheasants Forever Banquet

The 34th Annual banquet will be held Saturday, May 15th with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. at Quality Inn in Fort Madison. Tickets are still available online at [www.leecountyph.org](http://www.leecountyph.org) or from any committee member. For more information call 319-470-8314. Admission includes dinner, socializing, chances to win raffles, prizes and Pheasants Forever memberships.

### Party on the Patio

Lee County Bank and Merschman Seeds sponsoring the music and Scott's Miracle Gro Co. is the premiere patio sponsor for the first Party on the Patio of the year at Baxter Sports Complex on Thursday, May 20, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Proceeds from the event go to the Fort Madison Beautification Foundation. Rob Hogan will be performing on the patio.

### Soroptomist Par-Tea

Fort Madison Soroptomists are holding a Par-Tea fundraiser. Those interested in donating can contact Lauri Wondra at 371-7743. The Par-Tea will continue 2 to 4 days and comes with party planners name, phone number and how to share the fun with friends.

The donation will include tea cups displayed in community members yards.

### Old Fort Players "Leaving Iowa"

"Leaving Iowa" takes the stage May 7th - 9th and 14-16th with 7:30 shows on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. matinees on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and military and \$10 for students. Tickets are available at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) and the theaters Facebook page.

### Florida of Iowa Golf Outing

LEE COUNTY - After being canceled due to COVID in 2020, the annual Jack Morris Memorial Florida of Iowa Golf Outing is set for June 11. Sponsorships are available and registrations are being taken by contacting the Chamber at 319-372-5471 or by email at [chamber@fortmadison.com](mailto:chamber@fortmadison.com).

### FMCH Foundation Golf Classic

LEE COUNTY - The Fort Madison Foundation golf outing will be held Friday, June 18 at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course with morning and afternoon flights. Sponsorship and Team opportunities are now available. All money raised benefits Fort Madison Community Hospital. Contact Carrie at 319-376-2747 or [cgreen@fmchosp.com](mailto:cgreen@fmchosp.com) for more information.

### Fort Madison Farmer's Market

The summer markets start again on June 7, each Monday. New vendors are being sought. Call 319-371-5471 for more information. Check out Facebook page at @FMFarmersMarket.

### Baxter Sports Complex Golf Outing

The first ever event will be held July 17, 2021 with a 12 p.m. shotgun start at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course. Live and silent auctions will be held and the event will feature 8" cups. Dinner and drinks will take place at Baxter Sports Complex after the event starting at 6:30 p.m. Teams are \$400 and hole sponsorships are \$150 each. For more information contact Jeff Woodside at 372-2932 or [baxtersportsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:baxtersportsdirector@gmail.com).

### Adopt-A-Garden

The Fort Madison Parks & Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to help maintain flower beds located in city parks. There are 13 flower beds available. Contact the city at 319-372-7700 ext 201 or email [jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com](mailto:jcullen@fortmadison-ia.com) for more information.

### Pollinator Walk Series

Lee County Extension and Lee County Conservation are hosting a three-day series exploring flowering plants and their role in pollination. The walks are free with an RSVP requested at 835-5116 and will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 June 26, and Aug. 28.

### Green Team Fundraiser

The Fort Madison Green Team is soliciting funds for One Tree Planted, a non-profit whose mission is to plant trees in every corner of the world. To make a donation, click on the link provided: <https://www.bonfire.com/the-green-team-fundraiser/>.

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## Business News/Lee County News

# Kokjohn named FMCH top employee for April

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Vicki Kokjohn as their April Employee of the Month. Vicki is the Vice President of Patient Care Services and has been with FMCH for fifteen years. She was recognized with this nomination:

This employee is always visible and always takes the time to talk with staff regarding any issues or concerns that may come up. She is always upbeat and will always point out the positives in any situation. This employee is constantly striving to do what is best for the patients and our community. She interacts with employees and is always ready to help others. If she receives a question she doesn't know the answer to, she will find the answer and follow up. This employee is accountable and always ensures follow through. She lives our culture which is part of what makes FMCH such a great place to work. She always puts the patients first, interacts with and cares about the employees, and acts as a positive voice for the organization.

When asked if there was anyone she wanted to recognize for making a difference in her career at FMCH, Vicki responded, "I have been blessed throughout my healthcare career – so many people have played a part in my continued growth and opportunities. I would have to say I have relied on the values my parents instilled in me, faith, hope, honesty, resiliency and hard work." She also credited her co-workers with being her favorite part of working at FMCH, "the people, everyone who comes to work every day making a difference in our patient's, families and each other lives."

When not at work, Vicki enjoys spending time with her family, reading and being outdoors. The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above, and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kayla Riley, Vice President of Employee Operations, left, and Shelby Dickens, FMCH CEO, right, present Vicki Kokjohn with the April Employee of the Month award.

## Central Lee honors school board members

DONNELSON, IOWA — The Central Lee Community School District will join public education communities throughout Iowa in celebrating School Board Recognition Month this May. Board members are Kim Hasek, Bill Young, Mark Hulsebus, Brock Westfall and Tony Sciumbato.

This school year, the Central Lee Community School District's Board of Education has faced many challenges and decisions by serving

during a global pandemic. They have made tough choices that impact the health and safety of students, staff and the school community, while continuing to prioritize student achievement and educational equity.

"Our school board members spend countless hours working to provide the best possible educational experience for our students," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Central Lee Superintendent. "They also serve as the corporate

board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way we can say thanks for all they do."

As elected officials, the Board of Education serves as a link between the Central Lee community and the classrooms. They are responsible for approximately 1,100 students and 150 staff members and serve the communities of Argyle, Donnellson and Montrose..

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


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