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## Kids hit \$20K for PTGs



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

From left to right Kayan Patel, Lexi Blanchard, and Jayse Harmon all sprint around the Fort Madison High School track as part of the 2021 Fort Madison Elementary Walk-A-Thon. The students raise funds through sponsorship donations that are added to the business sponsorships of the event. This year's event raised just over \$20,000.

### FM ELEMENTARIES

## Kids kick it at FMHS for Parent Teacher Groups' funding

*Students get perfect day for walking at track to raise funds*

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – It's been two years since they've been able to get on the track at the Fort Madison High School to generate funds for the elementary school Parent Teacher Groups.

But on Wednesday the students were able

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Fort Madison Elementary students from Richardson and Lincoln Elementary filled about half the stands at Richmond Stadium for a group picture at Wednesday's Elementary School Walk-A-Thon

### BNSF UPDATE

## Bridge to stay closed until Oct. 27 now

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Officials with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad are indicating that the Fort Madison bridge will be closed until Oct. 27.

According to a spokesperson with BNSF, repair teams are replacing several steel beams and to get the beams in place the concrete highway deck has to be removed and reinstalled after the beams are replaced.

The construction and re-installation taking place on the deck are the more time-consuming parts of the routine repairs.

Originally the bridge was supposed to have reopened by now, but officials say barring any further delays, the bridge deck is scheduled to re-open by Oct. 27.

### IOWA NEWS

## Reynolds unveils programs to fight workforce shortages

ADEL- Today, Governor Kim Reynolds announced two new programs to help combat Iowa's workforce shortage – a new grant program to promote workforce innovation in the manufacturing sector and a new reemployment case management system to refocus Iowa's unemployment system on rapid reemployment.

Iowa will be investing a total of \$30 million in grant opportunities, using federal funds through the American Rescues Plan Act (ARPA), to assist small and medium-sized manufactur-



REYNOLDS

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### WEATHER

THU 21 Oct..... Overcast and Chilly, 55° F/ 46° F  
FRI 22 Oct..... Cool with Broken Clouds, 61° F/ 44° F  
SAT 23 Oct..... Cool with Broken Clouds, 61° F/ 43° F

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### IOWA LOTTERY

LUCKY FOR LIFE 10/19..... 18 22 28 44, Lucky Ball: 7  
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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### JOSEPH "JOE" P. MATHENEY

Joseph "Joe" Patrick Matheney, 80, of Keokuk, passed away on Monday, October 18, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Keokuk.



MATHENEY

Joe was born on April 18, 1941, in Keokuk, Iowa, the son of Charles and Carmileta (Selby) Matheney. He attended St. Mary's Grade School and graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School in 1959, later attending Southeastern Community College. In 1963, he was united in marriage to Julia "Julie" Wood at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Keokuk. She survives.

Joe owned and operated his own employment agency in Memphis, Tennessee, for forty years, retiring to Keokuk in the early 2000's. He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Keokuk. Joe enjoyed spending his free time deer hunting, doing yardwork, boating, and cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals and the Hawkeyes. Most importantly, he loved spending quality time with his family, hunting with his sons and attending sports games. Joe was an All-State basketball player in high school and also played in college.

Joe is survived by his wife Julie Matheney of Keokuk; three children: Michael (Amy) Matheney of Memphis, Tennessee, Christine (Mike) Ciesla of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Tim (Cindy) Matheney of Frisco, Texas; seven grandchildren: Colin, Scott, Zach, Amanda, Ashton, Dale (Caroline) and Julia Matheney; his great-grandson Tripp; and his sister Camileta Matheney of St. Louis, Missouri.

Joe's life will be celebrated with a private graveside service at Hickory Grove Cemetery in rural Keokuk.

Memorials may be directed to Keokuk Catholic Schools or All Saints Catholic Church.

Tributes and condolences may be left at [www.dejongsfuneralhome.com](http://www.dejongsfuneralhome.com).

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### FRANCIS "FRANK" C. LAWLER III

Francis "Frank" Charles Lawler III, 59, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 10:13 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical



LAWLER III

Center in Fort Madison. He was born on November 25, 1961 in Fort Madison, IA to Francis & Lois A. Hansen Lawler II. He married Janet S. Staub on November 18, 1999 in Carthage, IL. He was a truck driver when he was younger, a respiratory therapist and later he did the motor route for the Fort Madison Daily Democrat. He was an amateur weather enthusiast and enjoyed fishing and his animals.

Frank is survived by: his wife: Janet Lawler of Fort Madison, IA; his father: Frank Lawler II of Keokuk, IA; his aunt/mother: Rose Marie Henderson of Montrose, IA; 1-sister: Dr. Jennifer Lawler of Argyle, IA; 4-brothers: Ben Lawler of Fort Madison, IA, Daniel Lawler of Fort Madison, IA, James (Gina) Henderson Jr. of Cedar Hills, TX & John (Anna) Henderson of Las Vegas, NV; 1-niece: Meagan Lawler & 1-nephew: Michael Lawler. He was preceded in death by his mother and 1-brother, Joseph Henderson.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2021 with the family to receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Andrew Wiese officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison. A memorial has been established in Frank's name. Online condolences to Frank's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

### ROBERT L. "BOB" LONG

Robert L. "Bob" Long, 87, of West Point, IA, died Saturday, October 16, 2021 at River Hills Village in Keokuk.



LONG

He was born on July 16, 1934 in Ferris, IL, the son of Willis and Alice Iseminger Long.

He graduated from Warsaw High School with the Class of 1952.

On December 17, 1955, Bob was united in marriage to Charlotte Marline Boone in Quincy, IL. She preceded him in death on January 23, 2015.

Bob had been employed at St. Louis Gear/Royal Machines in Keokuk for over 30 years, retiring in 1999.

Bob was a quiet, intelligent, hard-working man. He was married to the love of his life for 59 years. They spent a lot of time on the weekends selling different items at flea markets. The most important part of their life was caring for their family. He was very close with his son. He loved spending time with his granddaughter and great granddaughters. He will be missed.

He is survived by his son, Steve Long of Warsaw, one granddaughter Shannon (Long) Chilson and her husband Jason of Portage WI, three great granddaughters Julia, Savannah, and Audra, one brother Larry (Carolyn) Long, two sisters Donna (Casey) Jones and Marilyn Griffin.

Besides his wife, Bob was also preceded in death by his parents Willis and Alice (Iseminger) Long.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Pastor David Turner officiating. Burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery in Warsaw, IL.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with friends from 5 - 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Cemetery in Warsaw.

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

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## From the Front/Current-Lee

# Donation portals still open online

**WALK** - Continued from Page 1

to enjoy one of the better days of the year as they celebrated the first Walk-A-Thon in two years. The event wasn't able to be held in the same format last year.

Students from both Richardson and Lincoln Elementary schools met at the high school for the annual Walk-A-Thon to benefit each school's PTG/PTO. Emcee Matt Rump announced that the students had raised just over \$20,000.

Funds raised included sponsorships of the kids' walk given to students, as well corporate sponsorships for the event.

Walk-A-Thon Coordinator Kelly Nelton said the funds raised were down a little bit from previous years.

"But we had to cap the number of sponsorships because we actually ran out

of space on the shirts," Nelton said.

The students also take envelopes home to get sponsorships from friends, family, and neighbors.

"Then we have an online link for each school that people can donate online and that's still open. We use those funds to provide educational programs for the schools. We provide books for the library and teacher reimbursement," Nelton said.

The links for ongoing donations are: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2021walkathon> and <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2021-walk-a-thon-62082>.

Other uses include helping teachers with supplies. She said basically anything outside the school district budget, teachers can come to the PTG groups to help with

funding.

"The awesome thing about this fundraiser as opposed to selling wrapping paper or frozen cookies, is that we're not giving a portion of the proceeds away," she said.

"If somebody donates \$10 or \$100 we get to keep all of that," she said. "Each school has their own PTG or PTO and they worked together to get the business sponsors and pay for the shirts and then each school gets to keep what their t-shirt sales and donations are.

"We're really excited to be back here and we couldn't hold our annual event with parents at the track. It's been two years since we've been here. It's great weather and we have amazing staff and great principals that support both organizations."

Eight students, four from each elementary, were awarded certificates for being the top fundraisers at their school and got to take the first lap with Rump. Then all the other students joined in and walked the track for 30 minutes.

The students could run on the inner four laps or walk on the outer four laps, or do a combination of both.

The students also all filed into the refurbished Bloodhound grandstands for a group picture.

## HALLOWEEN

The following is a list of upcoming Halloween events submitted to Pen City Current.  
**October 17-31 – Scarecrow Stroll** – A community-wide scarecrow display contest. Open to all residents and businesses in Keokuk. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in four categories: single family home, neighborhood (2+ homes), small business, and franchise business. Details can be found on Main Street Keokuk's Facebook page here. Register your display here <https://forms.gle/bnZbw1aX3iSDBU467>.

**Thursday, October 28 – 4pm-5:30pm. Halloween Parade at The Kensington** parking lot. Enter through 2210 Avenue H side, grab a treat bag as you exit on 22nd street.

**Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-6:30pm – Fort Madison Family YMCA 5th Annual Trunk or Treat at Baxter Sports Complex**

**Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-7pm – Downtown Fort Madison Trick or Treat.**

**Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-7pm – Fun City Halloween Candy Crawl.** Trek through the complex for oodles of candy during this fun, family-friendly night! Visit Candy Alley to receive a Candy Map. Finish the trek at the Convention & Event Center to enter the Costume Contest! Top 3 winners in each age group will win \$25-\$75 in Gamebucks.

**Thursday, October 28 – 5pm-8pm – Fort Madison Chamber Witch's Walk,** Downtown Fort Madison. Wear your costume & come downtown for Trick or Treating, Pumpkin Carving Contests, & more! Watch their Facebook page here for more details.

**Thursday, Oct. 29, 6-9 p.m. - Lee County CrimeStoppers' No Tricks - All Treats** event at the Lee County Fairgrounds. This year Wal-Mart Keokuk is jumping in for this huge event.

**Friday, October 29 – 3:30pm-5pm – Keokuk Downtown Trick or Treat.** Participating businesses will be identified with an event window decal and included on a list of Downtown Trick or Treat destinations. More details can be found on Main Street Keokuk's Facebook page here.

**Saturday, October 30 – 10am-noon – Shug's Tiny Town Spooktacular Saturday.** Pumpkin decorating, costume contest and trick or treat in the play center. Space is limited-registration is required. Only \$15/child-must be paid at the time of registration. Cost includes admission to the play center for the day. Buy your ticket online at <https://tinyurl.com/crkjkev4> or call the store at 319-372-SHUG (7484).

**Saturday, October 30 – 3pm-5pm – Old Settlers Park Trick or Treat.**

**Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – City of Donnellson Trick or Treat.**

**Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – City of Fort Madison Trick or Treat.**

**Saturday, October 30 – 5pm-7pm – City of West Point Trick or Treat.**

**Sunday, October 31 – 10am-1pm – FallFest at Victory Faith Church.** This free family event includes breakfast for kids at 10:00am, lunch for everyone, carnival games, live music, prizes, and inflatables. 2359 53rd Street, Fort Madison. Google Map here for directions.

**Sunday, October 31 – 5pm-7pm – City of Keokuk Trick or Treat.**

**Sunday, October 31 – 5pm-7pm – Keokuk Police Department Halloween 1st Stop.** Visit their Facebook page here for more information.

**Sunday, October 31 – 5pm-7pm – City of Montrose Trick or Treat.**

If your organization or business is hosting a family-friendly Halloween event, email Lee K. Vandenberg at [lee.v@pencitycurrent.com](mailto:lee.v@pencitycurrent.com) to include your event here.



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## Sports

# HTC moves to regional semifinals against New London

*Bendlage and Natalie Randolph combine for 19 kills to lead Crusaders to advance*

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP  
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Melissa Freesmeier was honored for her 1,000th career win after Holy Trinity’s three-game sweep of Seymour in Wednesday’s Class 1A regional quarterfinal.

All that matters to the Crusaders’ coach now is the current postseason record.

“The reality is, it’s the postseason and we’re 1-0,” Freesmeier said. “We’ve got a job to do.”

The Crusaders made it a quick night with a 25-6, 25-7, 25-13 win in a match that took less than an hour.

Holy Trinity (30-10), ranked No. 5 in Class 1A, plays No. 13 New London (26-13) in Monday’s regional semifinal.

“We’ve got to look for Monday night, whoever it may be,” Freesmeier said. “That’s exciting. That’s the fun of the year — the hard work, everything we’ve put in during the year. It’s go time.”

The Crusaders set the tone early against Seymour (19-11). They scored 12 consecutive points, and 18 of 19, in the first game. Then, in the second game, they had a six-point run and two five-point stretches.

“Very important,” Freesmeier said of the start. “We talk about playing every point, not making a lot of mistakes in a row, keep control of the game. I thought our kids did a great job of that.”

Seymour challenged in the third game, taking an early 4-1 lead and trailing 12-11 before Holy Trinity scored 11 consecutive points. Brooke Mueller had three of her six aces in that run, and Mary Kate Bendlage added three kills.

“Brooke got hot at the service line,” Freesmeier said. “And we took care of the net. Had some big swings there.”

Bendlage led Holy Trinity with 11 kills. Natalie Randolph had eight kills.

#### KILLS

Mary Kate Bendlage 11, Natalie Randolph 8, Kassi Randolph 4, Reagan Holvoet 4, Brooke Mueller 3, Kayla Box 2, Taegan Denning 1.

#### SERVING

Kassi Randolph 7-7 (2 aces), Anna Sobczak 16-16 (2 aces), Natalie Randolph 12-13 (3 aces), Mary Kate Bendlage 13-13 (1 ace), Brooke Mueller 19-19 (6 aces)

#### DIGS

Anna Sobczak 15, Mary Kate Bendlage 8, Natalie Randolph 5, Brooke Mueller 4, Teagan Snaadt 4, Kassi Randolph 3, Kayla Box 2.

#### ASSISTS

Kassi Randolph 17, Anna Sobczak 3, Reagan Holvoet 1.

#### BLOCKS

Kayla Box 1, Taegan Denning 1, Reagan Holvoet 1.



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

At top, HTC sophomore Mary Kate Bendlage scores on a point at the net for the HTC Crusaders. HTC won in three sets to move to the regional semifinals against No. 13 New London Monday night. Above, sophomore Olivia Power goes up for an attack against the HTC front line in Wednesday’s regional quarterfinal win for HTC.

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# Obituaries/Classifieds

## OBITUARIES

### LINDA L. SINELE

Linda Lee Sinele, 81, of rural Niota, Illinois, passed away at 10:52 a.m. Monday, October 18, 2021, at her home in Niota.



SINELE

She was born on June 25, 1940, in Aledo, Illinois, the daughter of Ben and Bessie (Bistline) Castor. On April 15, 1962, she married Loren Dale Sinele in Marston, Illinois. He preceded her in death on May 8, 2012.

Survivors include her two sons: Lance (Stacy) Sinele of Arizona, Lane (Angee) Sinele of Powellton, Illinois; one daughter: Lorinda (Tracy) Markey of Carthage, Illinois; nine grandchildren: Andrea (Jeff) Pititto, Ben (Alesha), Luke, Caleb and Matthew Sinele, Hannah (Max) Holmes, Rachel, Lauren and Katie Markey; four great grandchildren: Elise, Bridget, Elliot and Stella; one brother: Larry (Patsy) Castor of Aledo, Illinois; one sister: Janice Duncan of Aledo, Illinois. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one niece and one nephew. Linda was a graduate of Aledo High School. She retired from Martin's Accounting and helped her husband farm. She was a member of Faith Family Church and the Bright Angels Board. She was treasurer of Nauvoo Senior Citizens and had served on many church committees. Linda was an avid community member. She enjoyed attending every activity of her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed visiting her friends as she was a social butterfly.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Friday, October 22, 2021, at Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo, where the family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Schmitz - Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

Burial will be at Thornber Cemetery in rural Powellton, Illinois.

A memorial has been established in her memory for Thornber Cemetery or Sts. Peter & Paul.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.sbbfuneralhome.com](http://www.sbbfuneralhome.com). Schmitz- Banks & Beals of Nauvoo is assisting the family with arrangements.

## OBITUARIES

### GERHARD E. LUEBBERS

Gerhard E. Luebbers, 88, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 7:27 a.m. Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at the home of his daughter in Revere, Missouri.



LUEBBERS

Born on May 26, 1933, in Geneva, Iowa, the son of George A. and Dorothea (Willard) Luebbers. He married Patricia Skinner, they later divorced. On November 25, 1989 he married Ruth Emma Petty at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington. She preceded him in death on June 17, 2007.

He is survived by one daughter: Dawn (John) Hesse of Revere, Missouri; six sons: Andy Luebbers of Farmington, Iowa, Tom (Patricia) Petty of Colorado, Terry Petty of Hawthorne, Nevada, Jerry (Linda) Petty of Farmington, Iowa, David (Casey) Petty of Farmington, Iowa, Sam Petty of Clarksville, Tennessee; grandchildren: Kristopher, Kodi, Kelsie, Austin, Alissa, and many more grandchildren and great grandchildren, three sisters: Clara Munson, Jo DeFreise, Janice Pagen; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ruth, step son Larry Petty, sister Agnes, daughter in law Sylvia.

Gerhard was a member of the Saint Boniface Catholic Church, and The Knights of Columbus. He loved riding horses, welding, farming, ranching, dancing and watching western shows. Most of all he loved spending time with family and friends.

Friends may call 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Schmitz Funeral Home, Farmington.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, October 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Boniface Catholic Church in Farmington with Father Dennis Hoffman as Celebrant. Burial will be at the String Prairie Cemetery near Argyle.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING MINUTES  
DONNELLSON CITY  
COUNCIL  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday,  
September 29th, 2021  
6:00PM  
City Hall**

The special meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor D. Ellingboe, with Council Members Estrada, Weber, Marshall, Moeller and Schneider present. Motion by Estrada,

second by Schneider to approve the agenda: all ayes. A hearing was held due to request from appellant Julie Walljasper regarding Notice and Order to Abate Violations at 102 Lynn St issued by the Code Official on August 12th, 2021. Motion by Marshall, second by Schneider to uphold the Code Officials determinations as set forth in the Notice and Order, RCV all ayes. Motion by Estrada, second by Schneider approving appellant 30 days

from September 29th, 2021 hearing, to comply with the Notice and Order as affirmed by the Council, all ayes. Motion by Marshall, second by Schneider adjourning the special meeting, all ayes. Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned. Dave Ellingboe, Mayor Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MEETING MINUTES  
DONNELLSON CITY**

**COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting  
Monday,  
October 4th, 2021  
7:00PM  
City Hall**

The regular meeting of the Donnellson City Council was called to order by Mayor D. Ellingboe, with Council Members Estrada, Weber, Marshall, Moeller, and Schneider present. Motion by Weber, second by Schneider to approve the agenda: all ayes.

Citizen comments - None Motion by Schneider, second by Weber to approve the minutes of the September '21 meetings: all ayes. Motion by Marshall, second by Estrada to approve the September '21 financial reports: all ayes. Motion by Estrada, second by Marshall to approve the September '21 disbursements and October '21 bills to be allowed: all ayes. Motion by Moeller, second by Schneider to

approve building permit for Wendel Walljasper @ 125 Garden St to construct shed, all ayes. Motion by Estrada, second by Marshall to approve offering parttime maintenance position to Scott Shaffer @ \$15 an hour 3 days a week, all ayes. Discussion was held regarding the following projects at the parks. Mays Park - grant application was submitted to offset the cost to construct a new shelter house. Community members have



### Vaccination Nurse

Lee County Health Department is seeking to contract with a RN, LPN, or other qualifying professional licensed to administer vaccines in Iowa. The contracted position will include working in LCHD's scheduled vaccination clinics which involves clinic preparation work, administering COVID-19 and flu vaccination, possible vaccine data entry and tracking, and scheduling. Hours will vary each week throughout LCHD's vaccination campaign. Those interested should contact or send credentials/resume to Emily Biddenstadt, Community Health Program Manager, at [ebiddenstadt@leecountyhd.org](mailto:ebiddenstadt@leecountyhd.org). LCHD is an EOE.



### Registered Nurse Hospice & Homecare

Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time RN to work in the agency's hospice & home health care programs. Experience in completing comprehensive patient assessments and providing skilled nursing care based on patient's plan of care preferred. Skilled nursing home visits and patient care management responsibilities will be required. LCHD's operational hours are 8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday with each RN assigned an on-call rotation every 3rd to 4th weekend and limited evenings during the month. LCHD offers a team oriented work environment with competitive wages and excellent benefits. Please send resumes to Becky Fader, Program Manager, at [bfader@leecountyhd.org](mailto:bfader@leecountyhd.org) or to LCHD, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, IA 52627 by November 8, 2021. LCHD is an EOE.



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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

also made contributions to Mays Park. Railroad Park – city officials are working to get the depot registered as a national historical place to open grant opportunities to make needed repairs to the depot. Westview Park – grant applications are currently being submitted to offset the cost on Phase 1 of the Westview Park Trail project. Once completed the trail will be

.5 miles long and wind through the wooded area of the park.

Police Report - There were 48 calls for service in September 8 traffic stops and 59 building checks.

Public Works Report – Flushing of hydrants has been completed.

Clerk Report –Lee County Crimestoppers is hosting a Halloween Event Friday October 29th from 6-9pm at the Lee County Fairgrounds. Donnellson Trick or Treat will be held October 30th 5-7pm.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Ellingboe declared the meeting adjourned.

Dave Ellingboe, Mayor  
Attest: Rebecca Schau, City Clerk

Summary of All Receipts: General \$21,875.98 Capital Equipment Reserve \$0 Road Use Tax \$14,725.04 Employee Benefit \$1,276.37 Local Option Sales Tax \$9330.93 Debit Service \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$0 Water \$22,890.83 Water Sinking USDA \$1,816.00 Sewer \$28,702.82 Sewer Sinking \$0.

Summary of All Disbursements: General \$27,327.44 Capital Equipment Reserve -\$0 Road Use Tax \$68,211.23 Employee Benefit \$1,378.74 Local Option Sales Tax \$1,250.00 Debit Service \$8,235.58 Capital Project Fund \$0 Rathbun \$0 ARPA \$20,560.39 Water \$55,699.77 Water Sinking \$1,816.00 Sewer \$24,805.05 Sewer Sinking \$0

PHILIP INSURANCE AGENCY, Insurance Garage ..... 36.00  
MASTERCARD, postage/training/website..... 473.65  
WINDSTREAM, Phone/Internet ..... 420.85  
ALLIANT ENERGY, Electric..... 5,926.72  
GRRWA, Landfill... 378.00  
MCFARLAND SUPPLY, Office Supplies ..... 39.99  
FRENCH- RENEKER-ASSOCIATES, Engineering Fee..... 1,100.00  
MID AMERICAN ENERGY, Gas ..... 71.02  
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAXES ..... 3,249.40  
IPERS, IPERS-REGULAR..... 2,052.43  
TODD HERDRICH, Cell-phone Reimbursement ..... 50.00  
DONNELLSON LUMBER CO, Supplies ..... 19.63

DAILY DEMOCRAT, Subscription/Proceedings ..... 221.99  
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAXES ..... 1,826.00  
PILOT GROVE SAVINGS BANK, Final Payment Ballpark Lights... 8,235.58  
J & S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS, Computers/Service..... 3,741.87  
MT. HAMILL ELEVATOR, Weed Spray..... 183.00  
HUFFMAN'S FARM AND HOME, Postage/Supplies ..... 99.83  
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT, Radar Testing..... 80.00  
MARTIN EQUIPMENT, 2021 JD Backhoe ..... 54,800.00  
CULLEN CONSTRUCTION CO, Pest Control ..... 42.80  
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT, ACA Training ..... 250.00  
CITY OF WEST POINT, Chiefs Wages/Fuel ..... 3,135.12  
WEX BANK, Fuel.. 481.89  
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES, Testing ..... 23.00  
VERIZON, Data ..... 40.01  
PETTY CASH, postage ..... 11.35  
USPS, water bill postage ..... 149.20  
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES, Testing..... 12.50

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENE, Water Excise Tax ..... 3,581.00  
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENE, Sales Tax ..... 847.00  
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER, Bulk Water ..... 5,247.00  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, Loan Payment ..... 1,816.00  
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING, Batteries ..... 121.54  
LYNCH DALLAS, P.C., Lawyer Fees ..... 391.00  
ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER, Annual Inspection ..... 46.50  
BAKER & TAYLOR, Book ..... 16.52  
BRENDA KNOX, office supplies ..... 40.94  
INGRAM, Books ..... 1,153.64  
A NEXT DEGREE COMM CO, Phone..... 67.33  
QUILL, Office Supplies ..... 29.80  
RSM US LLP, Acct 828-080-5 IT Service ... 140.00  
ALIGN ARCHITECTURE & PLAN, Field Services Report..... 175.00  
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL, PAYROLL CHECKS ..... 13,716.19  
CLAIMS TOTAL ..... 114,541.29

**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids for the 2021 CREEK DEBRIS REMOVAL will be received by the City Clerk at City Hall, 811 Avenue E, Fort Madison, Iowa until 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

Any bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

All bids properly received will be opened and publicly read aloud in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Specifications and instructions are available at City Hall, Public Works Department, Fort Madison, Iowa or at [fortmadison-ia.com](http://fortmadison-ia.com). For more information, please contact Public Works Director, Mark Bousselot at (319) 372-7700, ext. 204.

The City of Fort Madison reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept that proposal which the City Council deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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## Lee County News/Local News

# Dems to hold trivia Night

KEOKUK - The Lee County Democratic Party is having a Trivia Fundraiser this Friday, October 22 at the LULAC Club, 1424 36th Avenue, Fort Madison. Registration begins at 5:00 pm and the game starts at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and there is a maximum of 8 members per team. Players may come with their own team, a partial team, with a friend, or by themselves.

The Democrats will match up partial teams and individuals and couples with teams. Mulligans will be for sale. Food and drinks will be for sale at a reasonable price. The Lee County Democratic Party urges those without complete teams as well as individuals and couple to not hesitate to attend. They'll put together teams that will have an enjoyable evening. If you have any questions call Mary Jo Riesberg at 319 526 3160.

# Schiller working on plans to return to Nepal

DONNELSON - Ernie Schiller will be offering community presentations on Nepal & Mt. Everest and the work Rebuild Nepal Education Foundation is doing in Nepal. The presentation is entitled: Nepal- A look back at 5 Years After the Earthquake. It will begin by Ernie Schiller, Chair of Rebuild Nepal Education Foundation trying to raise awareness of the dire need in rural Nepal and to share information about the country & culture of Nepal.

This presentation will be open and free to the public and a 15-minute PowerPoint Presentation, featuring scenery of Nepal & the effects of the 8.7 Richter Scale event that took place in May of 2015, will be given. Come to see the wonderful scenery of Nepal and the mountains, including Mt. Everest. Come to find out how the earthquake killed 9,000 people in 30 seconds and witness the effects of the earthquake on the homes and schools. Also learn about how our volunteers work in these remote mountainous regions and assist in the schools. Come to find out how our 501 c(3) non-profit foundation based in USA, is helping as 'educational missionaries'.

Over the past 6 years, we have been to Nepal 5 times (before COVID-19), with hundreds of volunteers from the USA and around the world volunteering in the most remote areas of Nepal improving life of Nepalese children. Website: [www.rebuildnepaleducation.org](http://www.rebuildnepaleducation.org)

Times & Dates of Presentations:  
 Mt. Pleasant Library Wednesday October 27th 6:30 & 7:00 PM 2 Presentations  
 Ft. Madison Library Thursday November 4th 7:00 PM  
 Keokuk Library Monday November 8th 6:00 PM  
 Burlington Library Tuesday November 9th 6:00 PM  
 West Point Library Thursday November 11th 6:30 PM  
 Iowa City Library Sunday November 14th 2:00 PM  
 Farmington Library Tuesday November 16th 6:00 PM  
 Ernie Schiller, 2224 204th Avenue, Donnellson, Iowa 52625. Home (319) 835-5689 Cell (319) 316-2354 Rebuild Nepal Education Foundation: [www.rebuildnepaleducation.org](http://www.rebuildnepaleducation.org).

# Police offer tips for safe Halloween Beggar's Night

FORT MADISON - 'Tis the season of black cats, bats, goblins and scary spooks...It's Halloween! We will soon see all that goes bump in the night on Saturday, October 30, 2021, as all the little beggars will be going out for their treasures and treats.

The Fort Madison Police Department, along with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, asks that all people drive in a safe and defensive manner and please watch out for our children. They most likely will be excited

as they collect their candy and will not watch out for vehicular traffic.

During this season, time Law Enforcement Officers throughout the entire State of Iowa will be out enforcing Iowa's seat belt, drinking and texting laws, as well as all other traffic laws, in order to ensure a safe Halloween.

The Fort Madison Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy Halloween.

# Reynolds ups commitment to state workforce shortage

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ing businesses to improve workforce innovation through retention, recruitment of new employees, and leveraging technology solutions to address vacancies and increase workforce capacity. Advanced manufacturing is Iowa's largest industry, accounting for nearly 18% of the state's Gross Domestic Product.

"Like most other states, Iowa's ongoing workforce shortage is a critical situation that needs addressed today," said Gov. Reynolds. "With our current economic vitality, we are ideally situated to push our economy to new heights. We are committed to providing the necessary support to our advanced manufacturing industry, and other impacted industries, to overcome this primary obstacle and turn this short-term trajectory into long-term, broad-based prosperity."

The first grant opportunity will supplement the existing Manufacturing 4.0 program for small manufacturers, employing up to 75 employees, with \$5 million. The second grant opportunity will invest \$25 million to make similar grant opportunities available to mid-size firms employing 76 - 250 employees.

Separately, Iowa Workforce Development will soon be launching a new Reemployment Case Management system to make sure Iowans can get back to work as quickly as possible.

Currently, unemployment recipients do not have to engage with IWD's re-employment process until week five. Now, IWD will provide one-on-one career coaching at week one and will audit the recipient's work-search requirements on a weekly basis for those receiving unemployment benefits. With some narrow exceptions, weekly work-search requirements will also double from two to four and the number of activities that qualify as a work search will be reduced from 27 to 12.

"With a significant workforce shortage, I want to be sure that no Iowan who is receiving unemployment benefits unnecessarily remains on the sidelines. This new program and other changes will further that goal," Gov. Reynolds said.

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

10/19/21 - 5:35 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Ty Edward H. Hancock, 44, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue M, on a charge of driving while barred.  
 10/19/21 - 9:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 2000 block of Avenue B.

10/19/21 - 10:52 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 300 block of Avenue G.  
 10/19/21 - 5:19 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 38th Street.  
 10/19/21 - 6:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of burglary in the 600 block of 14th Street.

### Lee County Sheriff Report

10/19/21 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to 3 deer accidents. No injuries were reported. Those listed above are arrested on a suspicion of a charge(s) and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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