

PEN CITY CURRENT

It's Black & White and Read all over

Friday, April 30, 2021 | 10 pages | Volume 5 • Issue 92



www.pencitycurrent.com

Purple Paint-A-Thon



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Coordinator Savanna Collier works on the trim painting as part of the Partners' annual Paint-A-Thon. The home in the 3100 block of Avenue N is one of three homes that got a makeover this year.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Readers get free audiobooks through July

BY SARAH CLENDENING
Fort Madison Public Library Director

FORT MADISON – SYNC Audiobooks for Teens returns for a 12th season of free audiobook downloads to keep for individuals ages 13 and up! AudioFile Magazine has hosted this program all these years to encourage the development of new listeners during middle- and high-school summer vacation periods. Listening to audiobooks has been demonstrated to increase literacy capacity in highly skilled bookworms as well as those who don't identify themselves as readers, to provide opportunities to deepen capacity for empathy, and to offer exposure to a wide variety of genres, voices, and expressive styles.

That said, while the program is geared toward teens, most of these titles will appeal to adult readers as well and anyone can take advantage of these free audiobooks. This year, the SYNC season runs for 14 weeks, from April 29 through August 4, for a total of 28 titles, all available to participants worldwide.

SYNC titles will be delivered via OverDrive's Sora app, compatible with all types of computers, tablets, and smartphones. While audiobooks must be downloaded within one week from being made available, once the files have been downloaded, they remain yours until you delete them, with no due date.

Visit the SYNC website, <https://audiofilemagazine.com/sync-season/>, for a complete list of titles and more information about the program. This year's SYNC title collection includes dramas, autobiographies, fantasies, thrillers, romances, and much more. Participants will be offered many #OwnVoices audiobooks, a classic tale from China, an artist's tour their professional career, some often-requested humor, and collections of short stories. Performance styles include single narration, author narration, full-cast performances, and dual performer deliveries. Some of the audiobooks have a run time under two hours, of particular appeal to brand-new listeners, and others run as long as 12 hours.

See LIBRARY, page 8

CITY NEWS

City officials quash rumors on marina ramp fee

No \$10 fee to use marina ramp in any proposal

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Rumors circulating that the city's new marina project will come with a ramp fee have been quashed.

Fort Madison City Councilman Tom Schulz said Thursday that he'd been contacted by several residents who said they were hearing that the entities running the new marina were going to charge a fee to use the ramp.

"I confirmed today that that was untrue," Schulz wrote in a text to Pen City



SCHULZ

Current. Schulz said federal and other grants that are being applied for to help with the cost of the project would actually prohibit a charge to the general public for access

to the ramp.

Schulz said he didn't know where the rumor got started but wanted to address it quickly with Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, who confirmed the rumor to be untrue.

The new marina project got a boost last week from Fort Madison Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission in a pledge to commit \$1.5 million over 5 years if the city was able to assemble the project as it had been laid out.

The city of Fort Madison has com-

mitted \$1.5 million to the project, but SIRRC officials have said the city will need to match that groups money with other private/public investments to trigger its 5-year support.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has also upped its commitment to the project after Public Works Director Mark Boussetot went to work on showing how the value of increased flood mitigation and dredging efforts in the marina could show a bigger return on the federal investment.

Mohrfeld said FEMA's contribution now could be close to \$1 million and would include a four-foot dredge of the marina. That work is set to begin at the end of the summer.

That phase of the project would also

See MARINA, page 2

INDEX

Business Directory.....P.7
CLASSIFIEDS.....Ps.6-7
Complete Rental.....P.8
Conagra Brands.....P.6
Connection Bank.....P.5
CURRENT-LEE.....P.5
FROM THE FRONT.....Ps.2,8
Fullenkamp Insurance.....P.3
Great River Regional Waste Authority.....P.2

IOWA NEWS.....Ps.3-5,8
Keyway Management Company.....P.6
Lee County Health Department.....P.2
Lincoln PTG.....Ps.9-10
LOCAL NEWS.....P.8
NH TSA.gov/TheRightSeat.....P.6
OBITUARIES.....Ps.2-3
• Dean L. Moore, 89
• Leonard G. Witting, 90

Pen City Current.....Ps.6-8
Pilot Grove Savings Bank.....P.4
Pothitakis Dentistry.....P.3
SCENE AROUND TOWN.....P.4
Sonny's Super Market.....P.8
Southeast Iowa Regional Airport.....P.5
StopTextsStopWrecks.com.....P.7

WEATHER

OpenWeatherMap
FRI 30 Apr.....Sunny and Clear, 66° F/ 49° F
SAT 01 May.....Sunny and Warm, 76° F/ 53° F
SUN 02 May.....Light Rain, 72° F/ 60° F

IOWA LOTTERY

LOTTO AMERICA 04/28.....2 33 34 39 46, Star Ball: 10, All Star Bonus: 5
PICK 3 04/28 MIDDAY.....2 2 5
PICK 3 04/28 EVENING.....5 6 2
PICK 4 04/28 MIDDAY.....14 9 4
PICK 4 04/28 EVENING.....5 6 5 3
POWERBALL 04/28.....16 18 35 39 53, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 3

SUBSCRIBE

Scan the code to subscribe today
Paid & Free Options Available!



Obituaries/From the Front



Check Out Our SWAP SHOP

In need of a few cleaning supplies, spray paint, weed killer, etc?

Come check out what is available at our Swap Shop in our

Household Hazardous Waste facility.

Our Swap Shop is open Monday-Friday during regular business hours

at our main Facility in Fort Madison.

Stop in the Scale house to let them know you want to look through the swap shop, and they will get someone to help you!!

FREE TO RESIDENTS



Ft. Madison Main Office:
2092 303rd Ave
Fort Madison, IA
1-319-372-6140

Keokuk Transfer Station:
111 Carbide Lane
Keokuk, IA
1-319-524-6175

Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa

OBITUARIES

DEAN L. MOORE

Dean Laverne Moore, 89, of rural LaHarpe, Illinois, passed away at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at his home.

Dean was born on August 23, 1931 in Pontoosuc, Illinois, the son of George and Grace (Brown) Moore. On June 20, 1954 he married Carolyn Driskell at the Blandinsville Christian Church. She preceded him in death on October 15, 2020.



MOORE

Dean served in the U.S. Army from 1952 until being Honorably Discharged in 1954. Dean farmed all of his life and enjoyed operating his bulldozer. His family owned and operated the True Value Hardware Store in LaHarpe for many years. Dean was a member of the LaHarpe Masonic Lodge, Blandinsville First Christian Church and LaHarpe Lions Club. He served his community as a volunteer for the LaHarpe Ambulance Service and as a Northwestern School Board Member.

Dean enjoyed word search puzzles, watching and reading Westerns and was an avid John Wayne fan.

Survivors include three children, Mike (Bambi) Moore of Blandinsville, Larry "Chip" (Janet) Moore of Macomb and Jennifer (Lanny) Bowman of Blandinsville; nine grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Patsy Moore of Macomb and Penny Moore of Oquawka and several nieces and nephews.



Dean was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Carolyn; his parents and four siblings, Helen Boone, Alice Mapes, Everett Moore and Gene Moore.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Blandinsville First Christian Church with Gordon Blankenship and Andy Dressler officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in the LaHarpe Cemetery.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 30th at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in LaHarpe where Masonic Rites will be recited at 5:00 p.m. followed by visitation with the family until 7:00 p.m. A memorial fund has been established for Blandinsville First Christian Church, Lamoine Christian Camp, CHOI Peds HEM/UNC (St. Jude Children's Research Hospital local affiliate), MDH Hospice or Blandinsville Rescue Squad.

To leave a condolence for the family, please visit Dean's obituary at banksandbeals.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

Pen City Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes. Reposting of obituaries due to changes can only be requested by the submitting funeral home and will be assessed a \$15 reposting fee.

Dredging slated to start in Sept.

MARINA - Continued from Page 1

involve removing all current docks. Those would be replaced with close to 100 brand new docks, with about half being covered.

Other initial work would be creating a recreational pier out of the current jetty wall that extends further into the river and more upstream to help keep silt from drifting back in against the natural flow of the river. The pier would be built up and out of the 100 year flood plain to help reduce the majority of the silting in the marina that occurs during flooding.

Dock fees and a percentage of sales at the new hospitality center, planned as new construction, would pay for maintenance and future dredging as needed.

The city will own the marina, but will lease the property through a public/private partnership for operations.



Obituaries/Iowa News

OBITUARIES

LEONARD G. WITTING

Leonard George Witting, 90, of West Point, Iowa, passed away at 7:20 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at his home.

Leonard was born on January 5, 1931, in Houghton, Iowa, the son of Henry and Kathryn (Woerdeman) Witting. On November 15, 1958, he married Sylvia Steffensmeier at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa.



WITTING

He is survived by his wife: Sylvia; two sons: Craig (Mary) Witting and Chris Witting; three daughters: Sue (Eugene) Kassmeyer, Terri Delaney and Jan (Jim) Vonderhaar; daughter-in-law: Shelley Witting; ten grandchildren: Ross Witting, Zac, Luke, Clint and Blake Kassmeyer, Tyler and Brandon Delaney, Jacqueline (Joey) Cicchese, Justin and Josie Vonderhaar; sister-in-law: Carol Witting and brother-in-law: Fred Baxter. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son: Rick and granddaughter: Jennifer Delaney, as well as his parents, sisters: Anna Marie Burger, Elizabeth and Carmelita Baxter and brother Bernard.

Leonard was a graduate of St. John's High School in Houghton, Iowa. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He farmed and worked at Kruse Implement for 30 years.



Leonard was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, choosing the finest meats to grill for family gatherings and spending time with his friends and grandchildren. Friends may call after 12:00 noon, Friday, April 30, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A Christian wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point with Reverend Apo Mpanda, Father Dennis Hoffman and Deacon Jim Vonderhaar as con-celebrants. Mass will be lived streamed on the church Facebook page and posted on his obituary "Tribute Wall" on our website following the service at: www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point with full military rites presented by the West Point American Legion Holtz-Geers Post #668.

Memorials have been established in his memory for West Point Fire and Rescue or Holy Trinity Catholic Schools.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with local arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Initial state jobless claims drop by 50% from previous week

DES MOINES - The number of initial unemployment claims in Iowa, filed between Sunday, April 18, and Saturday, April 24, was 3,893, a decrease of 3,088 from last week's adjusted numbers. There were 3,494 initial claims by individuals who work and live in Iowa, and 399 claims by individuals who work in Iowa and live in another state. The number of continuing weekly unemployment claims was 31,149, a decrease of 1,801 from the previous week. For the week ending April 24, 2021, nearly 50.7% of claimants indicated their claims were not COVID-19 related, which is an increase from 41.5% the previous week.

The U.S. Department of Labor adjusted last week's initial claim number to 6,981 (a decrease of 274) and continuing claims to 32,950 (a decrease of 596). Iowa Workforce Development relies upon the weekly data released by the U.S. Department of Labor to report its numbers and as such, adopts the revisions to the previously published data.

IWD will continue to pay eligible claimants for the federal extensions for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) through September 4, 2021. If you do exhaust regular state benefits, you will be automatically enrolled in the PEUC program. If you are notified that your benefit year has expired, you must file a new claim online to determine your continued eligibility. Due to current call volumes, we encourage customers to call only if they need assistance filing their claims. Additional customer questions can be answered by emailing uicclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Claimants who have received a notice of federal benefit overpayment now have the option to request an overpayment waiver for PEUC, FPUC, PUA and Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) benefits. The overpayment waiver form is available online: <https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/application-overpayment-waiver>

IWD encourages Iowans to be vigilant and take precautions to protect their iden-

See **JOBS**, page 8

Looking for Stability?

Make Your Move to Fullenkamp Insurance today!



We have a long track record with the companies we represent, including:

- Nationwide - 58 years
- IMT Insurance - 47 years
- Progressive - 37 years
- United Fire Group - 37 years
- Continental Western Group - 37 years
- Auto Owners Insurance - 16 years

**Auto • Home • Health
Business • Life • Farm • Crop**

Serving Southeast Iowa, Northeast Missouri, & West-Central Illinois for 58 years



307 5th Street West Point | 319-837-6178 or 800-292-2208 | www.fullenkampins.com
Open Monday through Friday 7:30 - 5:00 & Saturday 8:30 - 11 or by appointment



The Tooth Is. . . We ♥ Our Patients!

Now Accepting New Patients

Fort Madison
Family Dentistry West
319-372-4882

Dr. David Courtney
Dr. Stephanie Heyland
Dr. Mark Pothitakis

Fort Madison
Family Dentistry East
319-372-3614

Dr. Jonathan Dingeldein

Pothitakis Dentistry

6 Convenient Locations to Serve You

www.DrMarkDDS.com



Charles Vandenberg, Editor

(319).371.1670
editor@pencitycurrent.com

Lee K. Vandenberg, Sales Manager

(319).371.4125
sales@pencitycurrent.com

Copyright © 2016 by Pen City Current

All published materials are property of Pen City Current and cannot be used without express written permission.

PEN CITY CURRENT

It's Black & White and Read all over

Founded in 2016

P.O. Box 366 | Fort Madison, IA

Member LION Publishers

www.lionpublishers.com



Pen City Current and www.pencitycurrent.com are products of Market Street Publishing, LLC. Pen City Current is published Sunday through Friday mornings by 6AM.

Scene Around Town/Iowa News



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



Photo by Taylor Vandenberg/PCC

Pen City Cruisers Treasurer Kim Krogmeier and Chad Schneider, President of PC Cruisers have become Official Sponsors of the Old Settlers "Music in the Park" summer concerts. They are shown above presenting a \$250 check to Sheryl and Jim Decker (Event Chair and President of Old Settlers Association respectively) and Paul Wilkerson VP of OSA and member of Pen City Cruisers.

The Cruisers will also be part of the Friday, July 23 performance of "Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50s" bringing their classic cars and "The Pink Ladies" for an evening of fun and fellowship. To help sponsor "Music In the Park" this summer contact Sheryl Decker at 372-7813 or OSA at jsdecker@msn.com by May 15th when advertising will begin.

Chuck Vandenberg of Pen City Current is shown above presenting a check to President Jim Decker and Paul Wilkerson of the Old Settlers Association for \$250.00 for Summer 2021 "Music in the Park". Chuck and Lee Vandenberg were the first family to come forward to help ensure the summer music concerts would continue into the future. Chuck said "we just like what these folks do". A Community sponsorship for families who enjoy the concerts is only \$100 and is tax deductible.

All donations of any amount are tax deductible to this nonprofit organization. Jack and Jan Moore and Linda and David Smith are the first families to sign up this year. Gifts of any amount are welcome to boost their treasury from Covid-19's impact on non-profit organizations like the Old Settlers Association.

We are where you are.



319-469-3951

Pilot Grove Savings Bank

Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender

www.pilotgrovesavingsbank.com

Reynolds sets virtual child care townhalls

DES MOINES - Today, Governor Reynolds announced two Virtual Town Hall meetings to support and inform the Child Care Task Force.

On March 10, Governor Reynolds signed Executive Order 8 launching a new Child Care Task Force to develop a comprehensive strategy to address the child care shortage and barriers to child care in Iowa. As part of this effort, the Task Force wants to hear directly from parents and child care providers.

"No comprehensive strategy to address child care would be complete without direct input from parents and child care providers," said Gov. Reynolds. The first Virtual Town Hall meeting will be held on May 6, 2021 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm for parents with children in child care.

The second Virtual Town Hall meeting will be held on June 1, 2021 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm for child care providers.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to Ryan.Capps@governor.iowa.gov with your name, affiliation (if any), and which town hall you are requesting to participate in. On the day of your respective town hall, you will receive a link

Current-Lee/Iowa News

CURRENT-LEE

Lincoln PTG Fundraiser Auction

Bidding is currently under way for the Lincoln Parent Teacher Group online auction through Fraise Real Estate & Auction. Go to <https://www.fraiseauction.com/auctions/online-only-fundraising-auction-for-lincoln-elementary/> and register to vote on a number of donated and student-created auction items. Bidding ends Saturday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Live Healthy Iowa 5K

Fort Madison is one of 11 counties participating in the Live Healthy Iowa 5K on May 1 with a 5K run walk at 8 a.m. and a 9 a.m. 1K Kids' Walk. Register now at LiveHealthyIowa5K.org

Salute to Small Business Breakfast

Huffman's Farm & Home and Huffman Welding, Inc and the Fort Madison Chamber are sponsoring this year's Salute to Small Business Breakfast. Nominations are being accepted now at <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehq7d511kmf27okf/a008kmzi-vosw/questions>. The breakfast is being held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. at Small Grand Things south of West Point.

United Way Golf Outing, Virtual 5K

LEE COUNTY – The United Way annual golf outing will be held on May 7 this year with a noon shotgun start. Registration and sponsorships are now available by contacting Karen at 319-524-4504 or at director@unitedwaygrr.org. The group is also sponsoring a virtual 5K event from May 21, to May 31. Registration is ongoing with a cost of \$20 per person including a t-shirt, \$15 to participate with no shirt. Shirts can be picked up at 511 Blondeau St. in Keokuk or you can include an additional \$5 to have it shipped to you.

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 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.

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 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.

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 jcul-len@fortmadison-ia.com for more information.

KidTek University

Lee County Economic Development Group is offering scholarships to attend KidTek at Southeastern Community College. Click here for more information: <https://www.scciowa.edu/conted/searchreg/kidtek/scholarships.aspx>.

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/>.

Read Across Iowa

WEST POINT – Preschool story time through the Iowa State University Extension is being held on Mondays in March beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Point Public Library. This year's theme is agriculture.

Fort Madison Public Library

All Booked Up! is held Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This week discussion will focus on the Underground Railroad. At 3:30 each Thursday is Thursday Crafternoons at the library. Facemasks are required.

FM YMCA

T-ball and Coach Pitch for 2021 registration deadline is May 2. T-ball for 4 and 5 year olds with games on Monday and Thursdays from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Coach pitch is for 6 and 7 year olds with games from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Contact Kaylin Featheringill at 319-372-2403 ext. 2 or by email at kaylin.featheringill@fortmadison.org. Indoor swim lessons also start April 26 through May 26 for 3 to 5 year olds. Registration deadline is Sunday, April 25.

Baxter Co-ed softball leagues

6 on 6 and 4-on-4 leagues are being organized now. Spring, summer and fall seasons. Registration is \$150 for 6-on-6 and \$125 for 4-on-4 per team. Call the Baxter Sports Complex at 319-372-2932 or email BaxterSportsDirector@gmail.com.

Summer Downtown Markets

This year's downtown markets will be held June 10th, July 8th and Aug. 19th in historic downtown Fort Madison. Food, beer, wine, donuts, boutiques, home decor, signs, fresh garden plants, music and more from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. starting at 7th and Avenue G. Be a vendor by contacting darlarae71@yahoo.com.

Community Action celebrating 57th year serving southeast Iowa

BURLINGTON - 2021 marks the 57th year since the Community Action Network was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty.

Over 1000 agencies across the country are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors making communities stronger and helping families across the US thrive. This year, Community Action of Southeast Iowa, a proud member of the Community Action Network, will also commemorate 55 years of service helping families throughout southeast Iowa.

"Each May, during Community Action Month, we

reflect on the impact we and our network has had on families. Last year alone, we served 14,336 people in southeast Iowa, and over 15 million across the country with immediately needed services such as shelter and food, and longterm solutions like education and jobs" said Executive Director Sheri Wilson.

Community Action Agencies serve 99% of all American counties with life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability. All agencies are locally controlled and represented by the private, public, and low-income sectors of the community. "We are proud of our communities' participation in the development and oversight of our programs," said

Wilson. "Their engagement helps us to be more effective in our approach by determining what southeast Iowa needs."

To celebrate the continued success of Community Action and raise awareness throughout southeast Iowa we have compiled a list of topics on our May calendar that we will be highlighting on our Facebook and in our agency e-newsletter throughout the month.

###

Community Action of Southeast Iowa is a member of the National Community Action Partnership and the Community Action Network, which was born out of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.



Check out our rates and specials!
AIRCHOICEONE.COM

DAILY FLIGHTS CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS
SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL AIRPORT



CONNECTION
BANK

We've got this.

www.myconnectionbank.com
Burlington • Fort Madison • Montrose • Keokuk
Member FDIC

Classifieds



Summer Job Opportunity

Conagra Brands' Fort Madison manufacturing facility is looking for entry level production associates for temporary, summer work on all shifts. Pay is \$15.00 per hour. To be considered for employment, you must be flexible to work any shift, Saturdays and Sundays as required and at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma.

Please visit
conagrabrands.com/careers
to apply!

Multiple full-time positions available as well.
Visit the website for additional details.



Join our team and launch your Conagra experience at
www.conagrabrands.com/careers

HEARTLAND CO-OP

2136 Green Bay Rd
Wever, IA 52658
319-372-7852

Now Hiring!

Marine Facility Operations & Maintenance

Benefits Included
Full & Part Time
Positions Available

Heartland Co-op is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE-AA) committed to advancing diversity in the workplace. Post offer... pre-employment drug screen, job physical, & physical capacity profile required.

FOR JOB INFO & TO APPLY VISIT:
heartlandcoop.com
Career Opportunities, Wever

HELP WANTED

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS CHILDCARE PROVIDER

The Fort Madison Family YMCA Learning Centers are seeking candidates to fill childcare positions at our Donnellson, Iowa daycare centers Monday through Friday.

Candidates must enjoy working with children and have a fun, loving, and caring personality.

Positions begin at \$9.00 per hour, full-time with potential wage increases based on experience and certifications attained.

Required certifications are: CPR/First Aid, Mandatory Reporter, Universal Precautions, and additional training/certifications.

Mandatory background checks will be performed prior to hire.

Apply online at fortmadison.org/employment-opportunities/ or in-person at 220 26th St., Fort Madison or 607 Park St., Donnellson.

FENCE AND DECK INSTALLER

Must be 18 years of age or older. Construction experience preferred but not required. Must be willing to work at least 40 hours a week. Have a valid driver's license. Vacation and 401k package offered after first year.

Apply in person at
TriState Outdoor Products
1519 Hwy 218
West Point, IA
319-469-3636



Want a career in the Criminal Justice field?

Consider a Correctional Officer position at Iowa State Penitentiary Ft. Madison, IA

Wondering if you can be a correctional officer?

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Graduation from high school, GED, or equivalency. Degree in Criminal Justice helpful but not necessary. Ability to pass a background check (minor charges considered), a drug urinalysis, and an online profile assessment test.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Correctional officers serve as the backbone to the correctional system. Their careers are both challenging and rewarding as they balance their security mission with the mission of helping those incarcerated reform themselves into a successful, law-abiding citizen upon their reentry. Once fully trained, Correctional Officers can make a lasting impact on an incarcerated person's life while also helping maintain safe and secure correctional facilities. New Correctional Officers earn a full time salary as they go through their training, and the State offers one of the most competitive benefits packages in the private or public sector. Starting Salary: (\$20.34/\$30.14 [Max])

Correctional officers are DRUG FREE, SELF CONFIDENT, ASSERTIVE, HONEST, TEAM PLAYERS, FLEXIBLE, DETAIL ORIENTED, QUICK LEARNERS, SAFETY CONSCIENTIOUS, RELIABLE, RESPONSIBLE, RULE FOLLOWERS, SOCIALLY AWARE, OPEN MINDED, AND ACCEPTING OF DIVERSITY.

Get started!
Go to

www.governmentjobs.com/careers/iowa

Applications only accepted during posting dates. Call ISP at (319)372-5432 ext 41823 or 41824 for info. To find us, Filter results by selecting Location (Fort Madison), and/or Job Category (Corrections).

Tips for a successful application: Set up an account using current contact information and an email you check regularly. From the menu select "Notify me of Job Openings" select categories you are interested in. Fill out the application completely, attach a resume, and check your account for additional info needed or notices regularly.

Got a news tip?
Call Chuck
(319)371.1670

LEE COUNTY SECONDARY ROADS

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN SUPERVISOR

Lee County is raking applications for an Engineering Technician Supervisor to work out of our Fort Madison, Iowa office. Duties will include: to direct and oversee the work of a small crew of engineering technicians, perform research and fieldwork for land surveys, engineering surveys, and construction surveys; drawing plans and preparing specifications, conduct inspections of work performed by contractors, and preparing right-of-way descriptions and drawings for the purchase of land to improve and construct roadways and operate survey equipment.

Lee County provides equal opportunity in employment to all persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion or disability.

To apply, download an application from our county website, www.leecounty.org or request one from the Engineer office, and return your completed application, along with a resume to: Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, IA 52627, or email it to engineer@leecounty.org Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

If you have any questions please contact Lee County Engineer, Ben Hull, at (319) 372-2541 or email him at engineer@leecounty.org.



If you love them enough to listen to "Hot Cross Buns" for two hours straight, then surely you'll check to make sure they're correctly buckled in the back seat.

NHTSA.gov/TheRightSeat

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

Affordable housing for persons 62 or older, handicapped or disabled, regardless of age.

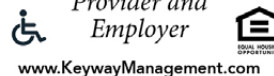
Eagle Bluff

APARTMENTS

2803 Ave. A
Ft. Madison, IA 52627
Call for information

319-376-1311

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer



www.KeywayManagement.com



Follow Us

@pencitycurrent



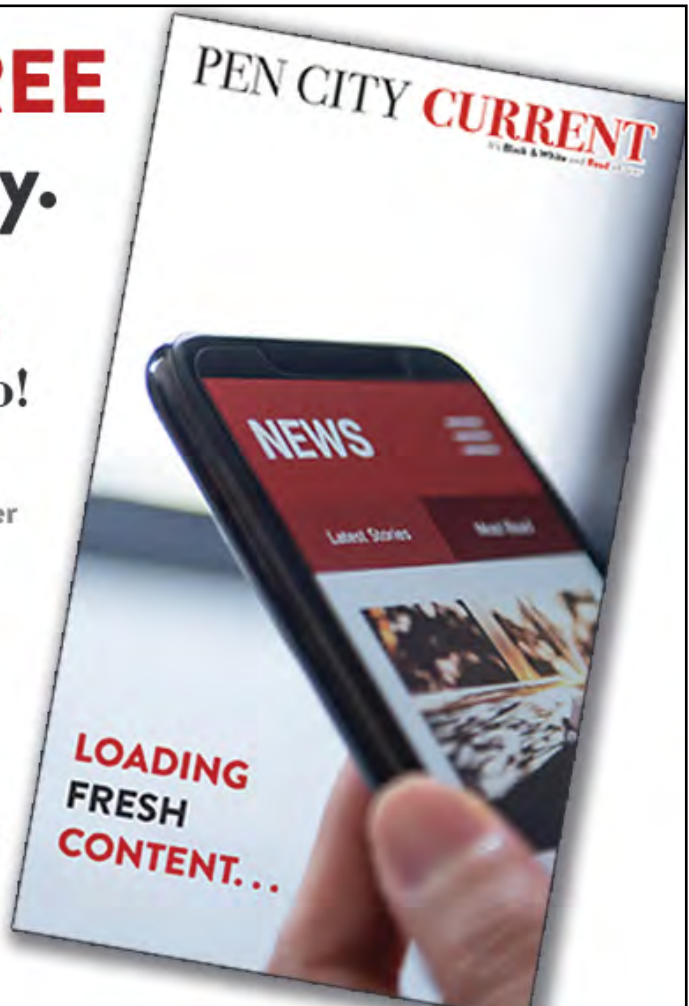
Download our FREE mobile app today.

Take **Pen City Current** with you wherever you go!

#ItsBlackAndWhiteAndReadAllOver



Now available for Android & iOS in the iTunes Store & Google Play Store.



Classifieds

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Call Lee at 319.371.4125 today to advertise!

WEDDING & EVENT CENTER



Small **GRAND** Things
Grand Things Happen Here

Danielle Neaves & Ann Newton Neaves
319.837.8132

1903 West Point Rd | West Point, IA 52656
Facebook/Instagram/Pinterest | smallgrandthings.com



Patrick Profeta
General Manager

Keokuk Auto Credit
We Tote the Note

No Credit Check Low Weekly Payments
www.keokukautocredit.com

1728 Main | Office: 319-524-2334
Keokuk, IA 52632 | Fax: 319-524-2373

KEMPKER'S

True Value  **RENTAL**

Treating our customers like family since 1970

Fort Madison • Burlington • Mount Pleasant

www.kempkerstruevalue.com

YOUR AD HERE
for as little as **\$50 per month**

Call Lee at 319.371.4125
or email classifieds@pencitycurrent.com

Help GRRWA Keep Your Community Hazard-Free!



Household Hazardous Waste Unit is open
Monday through Friday
8am - 4pm

800-216-2370
Call for an appointment



FL Madison Main Office: 2592 30th Ave Fort Madison, IA 52625-4160
Keokuk Transfer Station: 113 Carbine Lane Keokuk, IA 52621-6175
Visit Us Online! www.grrwa.com facebook.com/grrwa

Dirty Dog Detailing & Boarding

Grooming by appointment
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
319-371-9044

Over 51 Years Combined Professional Animal Experience

2090 250th St | Owners Barb Ball & Natalie Dauma
Donnellson, IA 52625 | Family owned & operated

DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY
Est. 1877

Photo Correction
Business Cards
Flyers
Office Supplies
Vinyl Banners
T-Shirt Printing

Coffee Mugs
Posters
Art Supplies
Printing
Office Furniture
Trifold Brochures

621 Avenue G | Fort Madison, IA | **319.372.2721**
doddprinting.com

ENJOY FREE DELIVERY TO FORT MADISON, KEOKUK, BURLINGTON & THE SURROUNDING AREAS!

How can chiropractic therapy help you?

BENEFITS OF CHIROPRACTIC

- Improved joint mobility, function, and health
- Decreased degeneration of joints and connective tissues
- Improved circulation
- Increased energy, vitality, and improved sleep
- and many, many more

DR. ROBERT BROCKMAN
Brockman Chiropractic

2311 Avenue L, Suite 3, Fort Madison • 319-372-3800
<http://brockmanchiropracticdrbob.com/>

Extremity Adjustment | Myofascial Relaxation | Cranial Adjustment | Muscle Facilitation

Advertise
in a brand new way.

Reach thousands of potential customers each day & grow your business. Call today!

Lee (319)371.4125 • Chuck (319)371.1670

PEN CITY CURRENT
It's Black & White and **Read** all over

Generations of Great Service

- 24 Hour Service
- Never An Overtime Charge
- FREE Estimates
- Servicing All Makes



YOUR Heat & Air Guy

Full Service HVAC Company
Serving Fort Madison, Burlington, and surrounding areas with over 30 Years Experience!

Ft. Madison: 319-372-4328
Burlington: 319-752-4328
All Areas: 877-380-4328

www.YourHeatAndAirGuy.com

TEXT AND WHATEVER JUST DON'T TEXT AND



STOPTEXTSSTOPWRECKS.ORG





Don't Let Your Business Slip Away

If someone is hurt on your property, is your business protected?

Umbrella coverage can help reduce the risk of paying claim costs beyond where your business insurance liability limits stop. Schedule a SuperCheck® today because when your world is protected - it's business as usual.



Larry Holtkamp
1301 37th St
Fort Madison
(319) 372-9145
(319) 470-1927 Cell
LARRYHOLTkamp@FBFS.COM

FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES

Auto | Home | Life | Annuities | Business | Farm & Ranch

Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Insurance Company, Western Agricultural Insurance Company, Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, West Des Moines, IA. *Company providers of Farm Bureau Financial Services PC109 (4-17)

Iowa News/From the Front

Library has full slate for summer

LIBRARY - Continued from Page 1

If you are interested in this, you may want to sign-up for e-mail reminders since books can only be download during the week that they are featured. Once the next week's books come up, older books can no longer be downloaded.

April and May Sync Titles

- Week 1, April 29: After Crossing the Border
Come On In: 15 Stories about Immigration and Finding Home by Adi Alsaid [Ed.] | Read by Amielynn Abelera, Jonathan Todd Ross, Katherine Littrell, Leila Buck, Maria Liatis, Sneha Mathan and Illegal: Disappeared #2 by Francisco X. Stork | Read by Roxana Ortega, Christian Barillas
- Week 2, May 6: Confronting Injustice
They Went Left by Monica Hesse, Read by Caitlin Davies and Trel by Dick Lehr | Read by Bahni Turpin
- Week 3, May 13 - 19, 2021: Rooted in China
Descendant of the Crane by Joan He | Read by Nancy Wu and Monkey by Wu Chèng-èn, Arthur Waley [Trans.] | Read by Kenneth Williams
- Week 4, May 20: How to Be Human
Alive by Scott Sigler | Read by Colleen Delaney and a Full Cast and What Makes Us by Rafi Mittlefehldt | Read by Graham Halstead
- Week 5, May 27: Making a New Life
Magic Barrel by Bernard Malamud | Read by Sheldon "Shelley" Berman, David Cromer, Marge Kotlisky, Nana Potok, Malcolm Rothman, Jensen Wheeler and Of Beetles and Angels by Mawi Asgedom | Read by Mawi Asgedom

Upcoming Events at the Fort Madison Public Library -

Masks are required to be worn in the library and at all

in-person library programs.

1st Thursday @ the Library - May 6 1- Make the 1st Thursday of the month library day with no fines on overdue books returned that day, our book discussion group meeting at 1:30 and the launch of our monthly Take and Make craft. May's craft is a decorated magnetic clothespin to help you keep track of important papers or pictures. This might also make a cute mother's day gift if combined with a picture of yourself or a thoughtful note.

Pre-School/Toddler Story Hour - Wednesday morning at 10:30.

Thursday Crafternoon - Thursday, 3:30-5:00, for ages 14 and older (adults, this means you, too) - This program is an opportunity to spend some time working on an in-depth project for the whole month.

Hang Teen - Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 (except for May 4) for ages 12-19.

Minecraft - 4:00-5:30, ages 9-18 on Mondays. Space is limited by the number of computers we have and we are not taking registrations this year. Please arrive promptly.

Wacky Wednesday - On May 12, Lee County Extension will have a STEAM program "Touch & Feel Textures" beginning at 2pm. Join us for craft days between 2pm and 4pm on May 5 and 19. May 5th will be a chance to make a mother's day craft and May 19 will be a dreamcatcher craft.

All Booked Up! - The library's book discussion group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Thursday, May 6, we will be discussing "Not a Sound" by Heather Gudenkaur. June 3 will be the book "The Bright Unknown" by Elizabeth Butler Younts. Copies of the book are available at the library for check out. Join us for a lively discussion.

FPUC benefits close in on \$2 billion

JOBS - Continued from Page 3

titles following reports of increased unemployment insurance fraud attempts. Claimants can protect their log-in information such as username, password, and Personal Identification Number (PIN) by making these as challenging as possible. Please be sure to always access our claims website directly via the IWD website rather than through a web browser search. IWD has added enhanced security measures to the claims website to increase the protection and integrity of the unemployment insurance program. We understand these enhanced measures may add additional steps in the filing process, but they are necessary to protect our customers. Please visit the IWD website for more information: www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov.

IowaWORKS centers and satellite offices are providing limited in-person services to assist customers with work search activities and basic employment assistance. Services include assistance with job searches, applications, resume preparation, and other services to help Iowans with their employment needs. Individuals should telephone their local office first to schedule an appointment as walk-in services may be limited in order to follow social distancing recommendations. Workshops and classes will not be offered at this time. Customers with questions regarding unemployment insurance benefits should continue to contact the IWD call center at 1-866-239-0843 or email uicclaimshelp@iwd.iowa.gov to obtain information about their claims.

A total of \$17,045,400 in FPUC benefits was paid, which include retroactive payments and reauthorized payments that went into effect on Dec. 27, 2020. Since April 4, 2020, a total of \$1,956,346,333 in FPUC benefits has been paid.



CURBSIDE PICKUP

At this time we are offering curbside pick-up for orders over \$20. Orders can be placed via phone (319-837-6126), email (sonnymarket@hotmail.com) or Facebook messenger (@sonnyssupermarket). Immediate reaction to Social Media is not guaranteed.



Call for curbside pickup

319.837.6126

327 5th Street, West Point, IA



Complete Rental Price Beat Guarantee

Show us an advertised price or quote
We'll beat it by 15%

5636 Avenue O, Fort Madison, IA

319-372-8105

Located right across the road from Jim Baier in Fort Madison

*Not valid with any other discounts

we'll be right back!

Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Monday, May 3 & Tuesday, May 4 so we can enjoy some much-needed down time.

The e-Edition will resume on Wednesday, May 5.

Thank for reading!

PEN CITY CURRENT

It's Black & White all over

www.PenCityCurrent.com

FM

Online Auction & Cash Raffle

Online Auction April 25th Thru May 1st

Bidding Ends May 1st at 7pm!!

- 🐾 **Classroom Projects**
- 🐾 **Bloodhound Fire Pit**
- 🐾 **Dana Bushong Necklace**
- 🐾 **American Girl Dolls**
- 🐾 **Community Gift Baskets & Certificates**
- 🐾 **Speer's Farm Basket**
- 🐾 **Golf Gift Certificates**
- 🐾 **3D Metal Deer Head**
- 🐾 **Downtown FM Basket**
- 🐾 **Burlington Fun Basket**
- 🐾 **So Much More!**

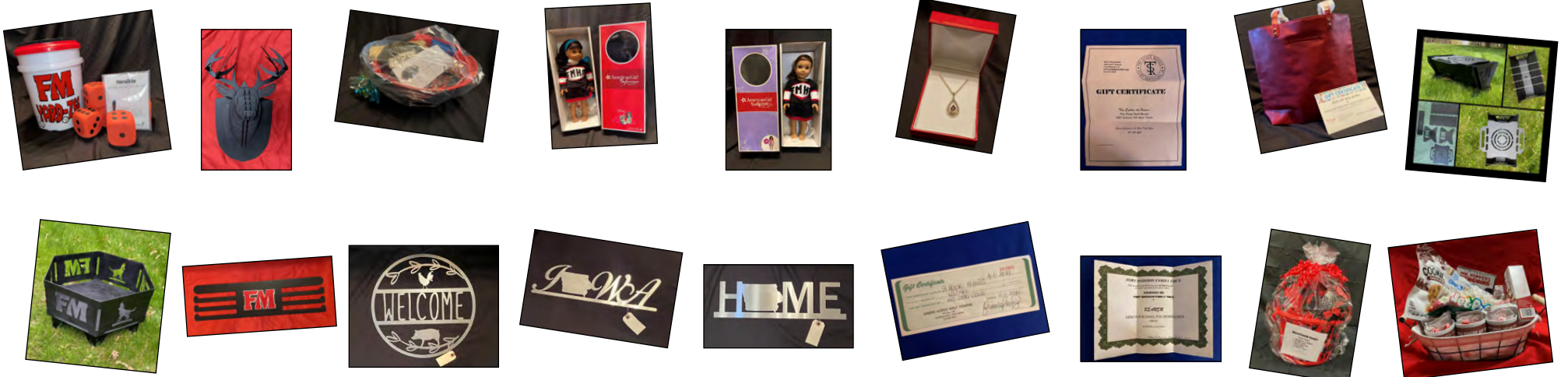
Check our Facebook Page for Item Photos!

<https://www.facebook.com/ftmadisonlincolnptg>

Auction Hosted by Fraise Auction Company

<https://www.fraiseauction.com>

**Don't Forget!
Raffle Tickets Due April 28TH!**



FM Lincoln Elementary PTG Online Auction



Mrs. McClellan's Kindergarten Tippy Planter

Mrs. Billingsley's 1st Grade Photo Project

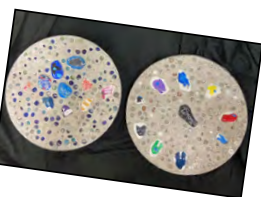
Mrs. Billingsley's 1st Grade Cookbook

Mrs. Cashman's 2nd Grade Tote Bag (2019-20)

Mrs. Terrell's 3rd Grade Jenga Set

Library Handmade Bean Bag and Book Basket by Mrs. Carter

Mrs. Bailey's 1st Grade Coffee Mug Set and Hot Cocoa Basket (2019-20)



Speer's Farm Finds Basket Donated by Speer's Farm Finds

Metal Signs Donated by Huffman Farm and Home

36" 11 Gauge Bloodhound Firepit

Necklace Donated by Dana Bushong Jewelers

Burlington Weekend of Fun Basket

Billy Simms Autographed Football Donated by Billy Simms Restaurant

Color Street Gift Basket Donated by Mani's with Sammie

Gift Certificate to Kim's Confections Donated by Brian Steffensmeier

Classroom Projects

Ms. Martin's Kindergarten Dr Seuss Basket and Portrait

Ms. Howard's 1st Grade Jenga Set W/ Photo Project

Mrs. Wheeler's 2nd Grade Classroom Faces Blanket

Mrs. Wibbell's 3rd Grade Student Photography Collage

Mrs. Woolever's 3rd Grade American Flag Painting

Movie Night Basket Created by Lincoln's Ms. Loots, Ms. Pollpeter, & Ms. Settles

Bloodhound Basket Created by Ms. Forbes

Mrs. Hellige's Kindergarten Barn Quilts (2020-21 AND 2019-20)

Mrs. Cashman's 2nd Grade Classroom Guess Who Game

Ms. Nagel's 2nd Grade Checkers Set

Mrs. Bothell's 3rd Grade Stepping Stones

Mrs. Saathoff and Mrs. Ridgeway's Online Students Outdoor Fun Basket

Specials Cooking Basket by Mr. Rump, Mrs. Price, & Ms. Harting



Donated Items

Six Month Family YMCA Membership donated by Fort Madison YMCA

10 Gauge 3D Deer Head

25" Bloodhound Collapsible Camping Firepit

American Girl Dolls Donated by American Girl

Thirty-One Bag and Gift Certificate Donated by Amy Lambert

Bloodhound Sports Cooler and Bleacher Blanket Set

Spirit Hollow Gift Certificate for 1 Hour Suite Rental at Shankapotamus Golf Academy

Movie Baskets Donated by a Lincoln Family

Green Acres Gift Certificate for 18 Holes of Golf Donated by Green Acres

FM Sports Medal Holder

FM Themed Yard-zee Game

FM Downtown Basket with items donated by our local Downtown Businesses

Four Tickets to Friday Night Tri-State Rodeo Donated by the Tri-State Rodeo

6' FM Porch Sign

Wire Basket Filled W/ Hardback Children's Books Donated by a Lincoln Family

Baking Basket Donated by a Lincoln Family

[Click here to visit our Facebook page](#)

[Click here to visit Fraise Auction Company](#)

