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Iowa 3rd worst in rollout



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Cars are lined up at the Lee County Health Department vaccination tent at the former Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison. LCHD workers vaccinated 290 individuals during the inclement weather on Thursday and 509 at both clinics this week.

SLOW ROLL: 40% of Iowa's allotment still hasn't been used for vaccinations

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR



REYNOLDS

LEE COUNTY – Lee County health officials stood in the rain, then sleet, and finally snow today getting as many people vaccinated as they could get through the former Iowa State Penitentiary parking lot.

Workers with the Lee County Health Department held a second drive thru clinic vaccinating hundreds of county residents in the rough weather, while Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds showed frustration at the inconsistent numbers coming from Washington.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has Iowa listed at the 3rd worst state in the country in terms of the number of vaccines given per 100,000 people.

According to the CDC website, as of Feb. 3 Iowa had received 446,825

doses of vaccine and had administered 266,777. Just over 199,000 Iowans have had at least one dose (6,315/100,000 population) and 64,234 have received both shots in

the series.

Iowa has only administered 59.7% of the vaccines they've received, according to the CDC.

Nebraska has received 114,000 doses less than Iowa, and has only given 56.6% of the doses, but is vaccinating at pace of 7,152/100,000.

West Virginia has the highest rate of vaccination. That state has received just 328,600 doses, but has given 268,065 shots for an 81.6% efficiency, and is vaccinating at a rate of more than 14,000/100,000 people.

"We're reaching out to counties and

providers to understand the barriers and we're averaging about 60% in getting vaccines administered. We're working on putting new metrics in place and eliminate some of the uncertainty they've experienced," Reynolds said.

She said the uncertainty comes from the state not knowing more precisely what numbers of doses are coming. The state doesn't want to find itself in the same situation as other states who are having to turn people away two and three times after appointments have been made because supplies aren't sufficient.

Lee County Health Department administrator Michele Ross said 290 doses were administered Thursday and 189 doses were given out Tuesday for a total of 509 prime doses.

The county had a list of close to 3,300 residents 65 and older who had called in

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1st 4-year school

IWU joins community consortium

MT. PLEASANT – For the first time in its history, the Iowa Community College Online Consortium (ICCO) will add a 4-year university to its membership. Iowa Wesleyan University (IWU) will become part of the ICCOC as a Tier 4 partner beginning in the summer of 2021. As a Tier 4 partner, Iowa Wesleyan will share the ICCOC LMS, Canvas by Instructure, and many of the additional resources available to all ICCOC partner colleges.

Seven Iowa community colleges joined together to form the ICCOC in 1999 as a way to provide online learning opportunities to community college students while reducing overall operational costs. Eastern Iowa Community College, Iowa Lakes Community College, North Iowa Area Community College (Tier 3 Partner), Northwest Iowa Community College, Southeastern Community College, Southwestern Community College and Western Iowa Tech now share educational resources and strive to provide a high-quality online learning experience.

The ICCOC was one of the first higher education consortiums of its kind in the nation and continues to be a leader in providing quality online learning with a focus on student success. In 2020, the ICCOC served 51,535 enrollments in over 2,850 fully online course sections across its partner colleges.

IW now will join that partnership. "The addition of Iowa Wesleyan University to the ICCOC is a positive move for all involved and we look forward to the new opportunities this partnership will offer," states Theresa Umscheid, ICCOC's executive director. "Iowa Wesleyan's focus on new and innovative ways to teach students at a distance fits well with the ICCOC's mission and oval strategic plan."

IW was able to join the ICCOC through its recent alliance with Southeastern Community College (SCC). SCC president Dr. Michael Ash says

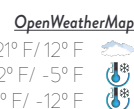
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IWU, SCC continue to expand upon college partnerships

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the addition of IW opens the door to new opportunities for the consortium and its member institutions to share infrastructure and scale with future higher ed partners.

This is a novel approach for higher education institutions to work together to help all students across our state," adds Ash. "We're able to leverage our strengths and resources in ways that will directly benefit our students."

IW president Chris Plunkett is excited about the opportunities it will provide IW students.

"Joining the ICCOC enables IW to provide a broader selection of quality courses to our students that they otherwise wouldn't be able to take."

Iowa Wesleyan, located in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was recently recognized by US News and World Report for being in the top 200 Best Online Bachelor's Programs nationally, fourth in Iowa. It was ranked first in Iowa for its online undergraduate business administration degree.

For more news or to learn about Southeastern Community College, visit https://www.scciowa.edu/aboutscc/office_mktg_comm/news/archive.aspx.

OBITUARIES

FLORENCE PARRISH

Florence Parrish, 90, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 9:03 a.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at the Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, Iowa.

Florence was born on April 29, 1930 in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of A. Thomas and Nettie (McDonald) Moffitt. On September 10, 1948 she married James E. Parrish. He preceded her in death in 1990.



PARRISH

Florence and Jim raised five children: Richard (Beth) Parrish of St. Peters, Missouri, Dr. Robert (Diane) Parrish of Peoria, Illinois, Susan (Henry) Siegfried of Niota, Illinois, Linda (Dennis) Mott of Ft. Madison, Iowa and Paul (Kristi) Parrish of Nauvoo. Besides her children, she is also survived by twelve grandchildren: Nikki (Aaron) Brodie, Sr. Gemma Rose Parrish, Sarah (Scott) Galloway, Kathryn Parrish, Stuart Parrish, Anna Parrish, Andy (Kristy) Siegfried, Michael (Kelly) Siegfried, Doug (Krissy) Siegfried, Katie (Kyle) Fraise,

Kayla (Kyle) Haas and Tim (Amber) Parrish and twenty great-grandchildren.

Florence was a graduate of Sts. Peter & Paul High School in Nauvoo. Shortly after high school she married Jim, with whom she shared 42 years of marriage. She lived her entire life in the Nauvoo and Ft. Madison area. Being an only child, a large family was important to her and all of her efforts were centered around nurturing a strong and loving family. She never missed a birthday, recital, sporting event or program of her children, grandchildren and even her great-grandchildren. She was the glue and center of her family.

Florence was a woman of strong faith and displayed that through her generosity, thoughtfulness, compassion, caring spirit and her support for the mission of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and School. She worked at various secretarial jobs early in her life before focusing on raising her family. She returned to work later as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the AEA of Southeast Iowa. She retired after 20 years of service. Following retirement slowing down was not in her DNA. She remained active at church helping with Touching the Future Campaign, funeral dinners and outside the church she helped with Blind Support Group in Ft. Madison and singing with a group at nursing homes, just to name a few.

When she wasn't volunteering or attending family functions Florence enjoyed spending time with her cousins and friends, visiting and sharing lots of stories and laughter. She also enjoyed playing card games. She will be missed by all those whose lives she has touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Msgr. Paul Showalter as celebrant. Burial will follow in the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery, Nauvoo.

There will be no formal visitation, but friends may pay their respects Saturday, February 6th, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. at Schmitz-Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Nauvoo.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for the Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School or the Great River Hospice House. To leave a tribute for the family, please visit Florence's obituary at sbbfuneralhome.com.

Iowa part of \$573M opioid settlement

DES MOINES — Iowa will receive \$4,677,279 over five years as part of a settlement with one of the world's largest consulting firms, McKinsey & Co., over its role in fueling the opioid epidemic.

Attorney General Tom Miller joined the coalition of attorneys general from 47 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories in the \$573 million settlement, which resolves investigations into the company's role in helping opioid companies promote their drugs.

The settlement, after payment of costs, will be used to abate problems caused by opioids, including paying for substance abuse treatment services for Iowans. This is the first multistate opioid settlement to result in a substantial payment to the states to address the epidemic.

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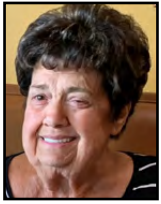
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OBITUARIES

JOAN C. BOATWRIGHT

Joan Carol Boatwright, 77, of Montrose, IA, passed away at 1:42 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Cox South Medical Center in Springfield, MO. She was born on December 6, 1943 in Portland, OR to Benjamin Lincoln & Bessie Katherine Berry Campfield. She married Duane S. Boatwright on November 11, 1967 in Omaha, NE.



BOATWRIGHT

He preceded her in death on January 14, 2008. She worked at Armour Dial in Fort Madison as a relief operator and also worked in the packaging department. She was a member of the UFCW Local 617 and the AFL-CIO Unions. Joan loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed camping, fishing, relaxing in her pool, cooking, and shopping. She was an avid gardener and tree lover and would spend her quiet time crocheting. In her retirement years, she loved spending time with her beloved husband in Las Vegas. Most of all she was a giving person, and cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She will be missed by her two sons, Tony Boatwright Sr. and Duane Todd Boatwright, both of Montrose, IA, one step-son, Bill Boatwright of Des Moines, IA; one daughter, Miley (Wes) Zander of Branson, MO; one step-daughter, Marilyn (Frank) Patkunas of Sanford, NC; one brother, Richard (Jean) Campfield of Earlham, IA; one sister, Betty Kay Campfield of Earlham, IA; 20 grandchildren: Tony Jr. (Amanda), Cody (Ashlee), Logan, Shelby, Elizabeth, Erin, Jacob, Zack, Britteny, Erik, Zachary, Abbey, Gabby (Jordan) and Kelsey, Billy, Dawn (Rocky), Kristin (Amin), Jenna, Sandy (Jamey), Wayne, and Tracey; 37 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Ben and Bessie Campfield; husband, Duane S. Boatwright; step-son, Ronnie Boatwright; brother, Benny "Butch" (Linda) Campfield; sisters, Francis (JW) Kirkpatrick and Katherine (EJ) Daugherty.

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory in Fort Madison. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. on Monday at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Les Featheringill officiating. Burial will be held at Montrose Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Joan's memory. Online condolences to Joan's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

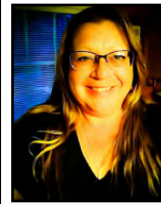
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OBITUARIES

LORI J. MANN

Lori J. (Shurtleff) Mann, 53, of Warsaw, passed away on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, Illinois.

Lori was born on July 18, 1967, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of Carl and Katheryn (Schade) Shurtleff, and graduated from Hamilton High School in 1985. On May 31, 2017, she was united in marriage to Gilbert "Gibb" Mann in Phoenix, Arizona. He survives.



MANN

Lori was baptized into Zion Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, and was confirmed at Messiah Lutheran Church in Keokuk, Iowa. She was employed as an executive assistant for engineering firms in St. Paul until her retirement in 2012. In her free time, she enjoyed reading, crocheting, and running the Hamilton Facebook page. Her favorite pastime was spending time with her husband Gibb and her dog Sharona, both of whom she loved dearly.

Lori is survived by her husband Gibb Mann of Warsaw; her parents Carl and Katheryn Shurtleff; her sister Tracy (Jim) Lewis; four step-children: Mara (Jordan) Drew, Clarissa (Aaron) Appel, Dalton (Tracy Brown) Mann and Aaron (Chelsea) Mann; eight grandchildren; her dog and constant companion Sharona; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Lori is preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents and her aunt Belinda (Schade) Miller.

Per her request, no services will be held.

Memorials may be directed to Mayo Clinic: Division of Medical Oncology, 200 1st Street SW, Rochester, Minnesota 55905.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com. Printy Funeral Home of Warsaw is in charge of arrangements.

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YOUNG-POST

FORT MADISON – Krysta Young and Austin Post are proud to announce the birth of their son Jaxson Gene Young-Post on Jan. 12, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Jaxson joins Shianne Post and Ryker Young at home.

Grandparents are Amber Symmonds; Pebbles and Paul Schneider; and Jack Post, all of Fort Madison.

Great-grandparents are Diana and George Smith of Fort Madison; Corky and Donna Symmonds of Hamilton, Ill.; Leroy and Susie Knock of Fort Madison; and Betty Post of Fort Madison.

FUERMAN

WEST POINT – Brittini and Seth Fuerman of West Point are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lyla Claire Fuerman on Jan. 11, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Lyla is joined at home by Elijah and Lillian Fuerman.

Grandparents are Steve and Kathy Fuerman of Fort Madison; Julie Paschon of Fort Madison; and Thomas Paschon (deceased) of Bartonville, Ill.

Great-grandparents are Kay and Larry Gasperi of Washington, Ill.; Gerald and Elizabeth Paschon (deceased) of Bartonville, Ill.; Floreen and Robert Fuerman (deceased) of West Point; and Anna Mae and Eddie Schafer (deceased) of Fort Madison.

SCHWARTZ

FARMINGTON – Phil and Kayla Schwartz of Farmington are proud to announce the birth of their son Sawyer Schwartz on Jan. 4, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Sawyer is joined at home by Cale.

Grandparents are Richard and Shawn Markell of Keokuk; and Nick (deceased) and Nicky Schwartz of Donnellson.

SMITH

WEST POINT – Devone Hodgson and Tyler Smith of West Point are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Tinley Braylynn Smith on Jan. 20, 2021 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Grandparents are Eric and Amy Boyer of Donnellson; Gwen Smith of Donnellson; and Steve Smith of West Point.

Great-grandparents are Ronnie McClary of Donnellson; and Jacqueline Graff of Ashland, Mass.

Pen City Current congratulates the families on these wonderful additions.

PEN CITY SPORTS ROUND-UP

FMMS 8th graders defeat Ottumwa

OTTUMWA – After trailing 11-2 in the first quarter, the Fort Madison Middle School 8th grade boys rallied to beat Ottumwa 43-30.

Aiden Mitchell had 13 and Dayton Lamar had 12 to lead Fort Madison. Caden Barnes had six, while Julian Dear and Brody Cashman each had four in the win. Justin Maither and Jackson Guzman added two each.

The B team lost 29-15. Guzman has seven for Fort Madison in that game.

FMMS 7th grade girls win

FORT MADISON – The FMMS 7th grade girls basketball team beat Ottumwa 46-16 on Tuesday. Dayonna Davis was the leading scorer with 20 points, followed by Mara Smith with eight. Dynasty Bell-Washington, Halle Menke, and Hadley Wolfe each scored 4 points. Avery Rump and Ellie Huebner each pitched in with two. Menke led in rebounds with seven and Hadley Wolfe handed out eight assists.

Fort Madison won the B game 18-2. Addison Rump and Dynasty Bell-Washington each scored six points to lead the Bloodhounds while Avery Rump and Ellie Huebner each scored two. Bell-Washington led in rebounds with five.

On Monday the 7th grade Lady Hounds beat Fairfield in the A game 36-15. Davis led in scoring with 20, followed by Mara Smith with six. Hadley Wolfe scored three points, with Halle Menke and Jaycee Fullenkamp chipping in two points. Menke led in rebounds with eight.

Fort Madison lost the B game 13-8. Avery Rump and Bell-Washington each scored four points to lead the hounds.

The A team is 3-1 on the season and the B team is 2-1.

Notre Dame edges CLMS boys

DONNELLSON – Burlington Notre Dame edged the Central Lee 8th grade boys Tuesday night 33-31.

Brayden Wyrick rolled with 22 points for the Hawks. Chase Johnson had five and Hunter Edlin scored four in the win.

In the 7th grade game Notre Dame won 34-21. Will Hayes, Brant Kraciun, and Ward Fraise each had four points for Central Lee. Kraciun had three rebounds. The Hawks are 4-2 on the year.

The Hawks play at home vs. Cardinal on Monday and travel to West Burlington on Tuesday.

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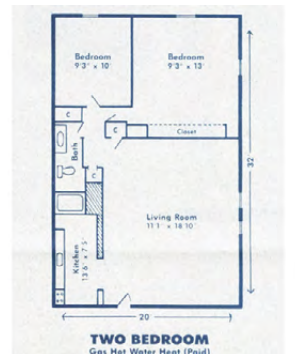
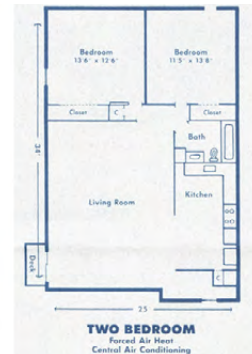
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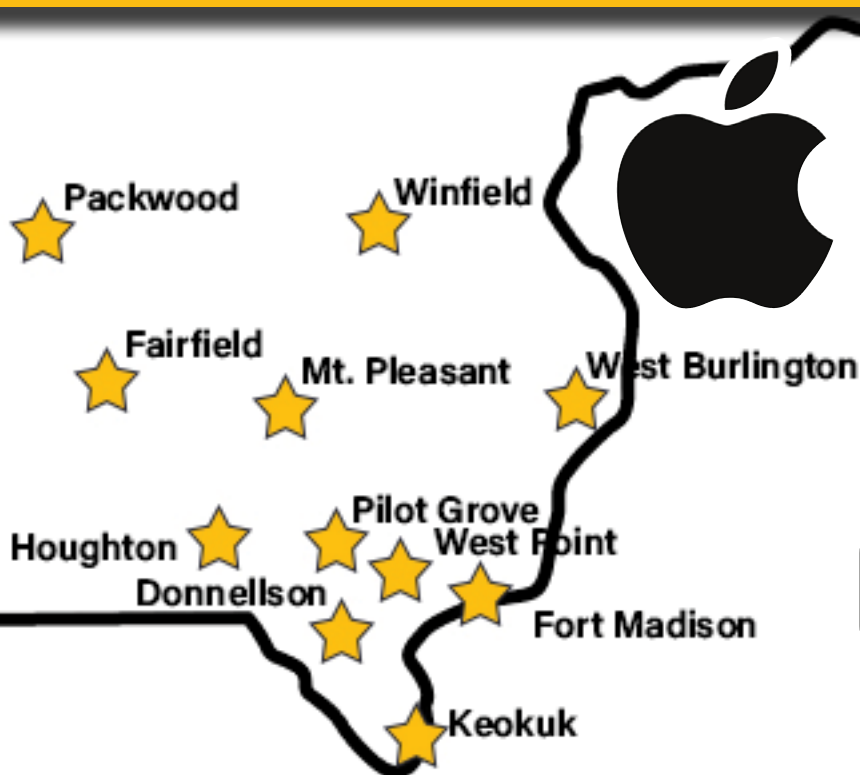


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From the Front

Reynolds said state continues to look for options

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According to the CDC website, as of Feb. 3 Iowa had received 446,825 doses of vaccine and had administered 266,777. Just over 199,000 Iowans have had at least one dose (6,315/100,000 population) and 64,234 have received both shots in the series.

Iowa has only administered 59.7% of the vaccines they've received, according to the CDC.

Nebraska has received 114,000 doses less than Iowa, and has only given 56.6% of the doses, but is vaccinating at pace of 7,152/100,000.

West Virginia has the highest rate of vaccination. That state has received just 328,600 doses, but has given 268,065 shots for an 81.6% efficiency, and is vaccinating at a rate of more than 14,000/100,000 people.

"We're reaching out to county's and providers to understand the barriers and we're averaging about 60% in getting vaccines administered. We're working on putting new metrics in place and eliminate some of the uncertainty they've experienced," Reynolds said.

She said the uncertainty comes from the state not knowing more precisely what numbers of doses are coming. The state doesn't want to find itself in the same situation as other states who are having to turn people away two and three times after appointments have been made because supplies aren't sufficient.

Lee County Health Department administrator Michele Ross said 290 doses were administered Thursday and 189 doses were given out Tuesday for a total of 509 prime doses.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

LCHD workers check on vaccinated residents at the agency's drive thru clinic in the former Iowa State Penitentiary parking lot as sleet started to fall Thursday morning.

The county had a list of close to 3,300 residents 65 and older who had called in to get an appointment.

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