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Central Lee STEM night



Photo courtesy of Central Lee FFA

Central Lee's Collin Congdon demonstrated how FFA/Ag students use the plasma cutter in their classes. Collin spoke about the safety protocols they adhere to and some of the finer details of plasma cutting to Central Lee elementary students.

EMPTY NEST

Erin's Law shines light on child sexual abuse

Erin Merryn is an Illinois woman who was sexually abused as a child by two different men—men she knew (which is usually the case—one was her uncle). Because of her abuse, she petitioned the Illinois State Legislature to pass what became known as Erin's Law.

Erin's Law is a law requiring the public schools to implement a prevention-oriented, child-sexual-abuse program that teaches students in grades Pre-K thru 12, age-appropriate techniques to recognize sexual abuse and how to report it.

Erin is visiting every state legislature and encouraging them to pass the law. To date, 37 states (74%) passed the law before it was signed into federal law. The law is now being considered by the Iowa State Legislature. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, each year, an average of approximately

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



63,000 children are victims of substantiated or indicated sexual abuse.

The Federal Law frees up federal money for use by schools for sexual abuse education. It is imperative for states to pass Erin's Law so schools can utilize the federal funds to educate children on how to protect themselves and speak up instead of remaining silent.

The bill in the Iowa Legislature now is "House File 245." It's easy to find and read. The bill can be found by Googling "Iowa State Legislature."

I encourage everyone to communicate

with their State Representatives, Senators and Governor. Email is the easiest way, and the list of legislators is on the website with their email addresses. By clicking on the email address, you can send and email directly to the legislator and communicate your opinion. They do respond in a reasonable amount of time.

Here are a few legislators for Iowa with their email addresses, If you're on the website, hover over their name and their picture appears. Cool.

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COUNCIL MEETING

Bowker pushes back on vacant property rules

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A Fort Madison City Councilwoman pushed back on an ordinance that would require residents to register vacant properties in the city starting in November.

At Tuesday's regular meeting Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker said the ordinance, which charges a fee starting at \$25 annually for a single family vacant home, is unfair to property owners who have well-maintained properties.

City Building Director Doug Krogmeier and Fort Madison Fire Chief Joey Herron said the new ordinance isn't there to hinder responsible property owners, it's to address the other properties that aren't well maintained. Herron said you have to treat all the property owners the same.

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AWARDS

ISP K9 handlers bring home certification awards

FORT MADISON – The Iowa DOC K9 Department certifies through the United States Police Canine Association (US-PCA) each year. This year's certification was held in Spencer, Iowa on March 27th – 29th 2022. More than 60 teams attended from Iowa and Minnesota and each team needed to certify in two categories: vehicle searches and room searches.

The Iowa State Penitentiary team consisted of Sergeants Steve Dill, Dustin Yager, and Mike Barnes. Two K9 Teams from Clarinda Correctional Facility (CCF) joined them. Jason Gibson with K9 Hugo and Damian Barnett with K9 Bane.

The Iowa Department of Corrections placed very well with individuals and teams taking home trophies. Clarinda Correctional Facility Sergeant Damian

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

CARLOS VASQUEZ

Carlos "Charlie" Vasquez, 76, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 12:05 PM at Parkview Manor in Wellman, IA.

He was born on July 16, 1945 in Ft. Madison to Juan and Margarita Diaz



VASQUEZ

Vasquez, Sr. Charlie worked production at JI Case and retired after thirty years of service. He served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam Era. He enjoyed dancing and listening to Mexican music.



Survivors include one sister, Mary Mendez of Ft. Madison and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers: Marion, Leonard, Lupe, John and Victor.

The funeral mass will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church. The family will meet with friends from 9:30 - 10:30 AM at the church prior to the service. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Ft. Madison Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

CHERI' A. BERGTHOLD

Cheri' A. Bergthold, 49, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Monday, April 4, 2022 at her home. She was born on February 3, 1973 in Fort Madison, IA to Francis & Gertrude "Gert" Kreps Bergthold. She was formerly a caregiver for ResCare and



BERGTHOLD

enjoyed boating & decorating the outside of her house. She was very artistic.

Cheri' is survived by: 1-daughter: Echo Bergthold of Fort Madison, IA; her father: Francis Bergthold of Montrose, IA; 1-sister: Tiffany Le-wandowski of Colorado Springs, CO and 3-people whom she considered step sisters: Tara Akers, Dana LeMaster & Zana Holmes. She was preceded in death by her grandparents and her mother.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Sacred Heart Cemetery. A memorial has been established for her daughter's education. Online condolences to Cheri's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

OBITUARIES

HELEN GLASGOW

Helen "Nadine" Glasgow, 87, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, April 4, 2022 at The Kensington in Ft. Madison, IA.

She was born June 24, 1934 in Alexandria, MO the daughter of Roscoe and



GLASGOW

Avice Bryant Arnold. Nadine graduated from Kahoka High School. On April 11, 1953 Nadine was united in marriage to Donald E. Glasgow in Jefferson City, MO. He preceded her in death on January 27, 2010.

Along with her husband, Nadine and Donnie were the owners and operators of The Fabric Boutique in Keokuk for many years.

She was a member of the Alexandria Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, MO.

Nadine was a skilled seamstress. She enjoyed reading all types of books, but most of all, she was the happiest when she was surrounded by her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Melody (Dennis) Burke of Montrose, IA and Lori (Phillip) Bruner of Moberly, MO, two granddaughters, Michelle (Bryan) Sage of Keokuk and Jenna (Adam) Schofield of Grapevine, TX, one grandson, Kyler (Jordan) Perry of Fayette, MO, one great-grandson, Cole Sage of Montrose, IA and one great-granddaughter, Chloe Sage of Keokuk. She is also survived by two brothers, Larry (Carolyn) Arnold of Kahoka, MO and Milton (Suzanne) Arnold of Alexandria, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Lori Bruner officiating. Burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held after 1:00 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.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.



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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition
Friday, April 8 through Tuesday, April 12
so we can enjoy some family time.

The e-Edition will resume
Wednesday, April 13.

Thank for reading!

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Iowa News/From the Front

Time to reach out in support of Erin's Law on sexual abuse

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Governor Kim Reynolds's phone number is 515-281-5211, to speak with her staff.

Sexual abuse against children is such a hush-hush topic. It's kept behind closed doors. No one wants to talk about it, but it can affect a child for life (steal their childhood). The Iowa Legislature recently passed unanimously in both houses a bill to stiffen the penalties for elderly-adult abuse (unanimously!). The bill is on its way to the governor. Kim Reynolds has indicated she will sign it. We should be able to do at least the same for our state's most valuable resource—our youth.

Erin Merryn has also written books: "Stolen Innocence," "Take Back the Night," "Living for Today," "An Unimaginable Act," and "Bailey No Ordinary Cat." Her website is erinslaw.org.

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, find him on Facebook, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com, or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

2nd District art contest underway

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, April 5th, 2022, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02) announced the launch of the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. This annual competition is conducted by the U.S. House of Representatives to showcase the talent of high school students from across. "I am thrilled to announce the launch of this year's Congressional Art Competition. Last year I was pleased to see so many incredible pieces of art from across the Second District," said Miller-Meeks. "I would encourage any student or art teacher with questions or interest in submitting for this year to contact my office. I look forward to seeing the creativity and artistic talent of the Second District on full display!"

Background:

This year's winner will receive two round-trip tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend a Congressional reception honoring the winner from each Congressional district and will have their work displayed in the halls of the U.S. Capitol for one calendar year. Runners-up will have the opportunity to have their art put on display in Miller-Meeks' offices in Ottumwa and Davenport.

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students (9th – 12th grade) who reside or attend school in the Second Congressional District. The submission period for the Spring 2022

Congressional Art Competition is now open through Friday, April 22nd at 5pm.

Artwork Entry Criteria:

Rules for the Congressional Art Competition are available [HERE](#)

- Must be two-dimensional and no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, 4 inches in depth

- Must not weigh more than 15 pounds

- Art pieces are NOT required to be framed for judging; however, if your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it must measure no larger than the maximum dimensions and weight when framed

- Medium types include painting, photography, drawing, mixed media, and others (i.e., computer-generated art, collages, etc.)

- Only one entry per student will be accepted

Must be original in concept, design, and execution, and may not violate U.S. copyright laws

Submission Deadline and Instructions:

Please submit two high-quality photos in JPG format to William.Ahlquist@mail.house.gov by Friday, April 22nd at 5pm

Make sure to include a copy of the 2022 Student Release Form in PDF format

In the subject line of the email, please include the following information:

"Your name – Name of the piece – Medium"

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Business News

Alliant Energy names next bank of board officers

MADISON – Alliant Energy (NASDAQ: LNT) names new executive officers to elevate customer experiences and advance the company’s clean energy transition.

Barbara Tormaschy has been promoted to senior vice president and will oversee sustainability and regulatory strategy; Michael Luhrs will join the company as the senior vice president of customer experience and strategy.

“Our commitment to sustainability and advancing our leadership role in the clean energy transition is unwavering,” said John Larsen, Chair, President and CEO of Alliant Energy. “Barbara is the perfect leader to take our transition to clean energy to the next level.”

Tormaschy joined the company in 2016 as vice president of finance, overseeing the company’s financial analysis, planning, investor relations and regulatory finance functions. In February 2019, she was named Treasurer and assumed responsibilities for the company’s financ-

ing activities that support all customer-focused investments.

In her new role, Tormaschy will be responsible for leading environmental, social and governance (ESG) programs, as well as the company’s sustainability, regulatory strategy and solutions teams. In addition, she’ll lead the company’s transition to clean energy and will be accountable for the company’s resource development strategy and execution. Tormaschy has a bachelor’s degree in Quantitative Business Analysis from Pennsylvania State University and earned her MBA from the University of Houston.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to lead a talented group of employees as we focus on accelerating our transition to cleaner energy,” said Tormaschy. “This will positively impact our customers and the communities we proudly serve while also creating a healthier envi-

ronment for all to enjoy.”

While Tormaschy focuses on ESG and accelerating the company’s transition to renewables, Luhrs will be responsible for the refinement and execution of the company’s customer experience strategy. Using data-driven analytics and insights to drive recommendations, decisions and actions, Luhrs will partner across the enterprise and leverage customer programs and technology investments in order to improve the overall customer experience. He will also be responsible for leading the company’s corporate strategy, communications, community affairs, electrification, energy markets and customer solutions.

“Delighting customers by creating an effortless experience is more important than ever before in our industry,” stated Larsen. “Michael’s proven leadership in developing customer-centric solutions will make a positive difference in customer satisfaction and play a pivotal role in accelerating our strategy and delivering on our purpose – to serve customers and build stronger communities.”

Luhrs joins Alliant Energy after more than two decades with Duke Energy. Over his career, Luhrs has led teams in engineering, business, regulatory, innovation, program management, grid infrastructure, marketing, call centers and finance. Most recently, he served as vice president of integrated grid strategy and solutions. Luhrs earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering and Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and Economics – both from North Carolina State University.

“I look forward to joining the Alliant Energy leadership team and supporting and advancing their purpose to benefit all customers,” said Luhrs. “I’m proud to have the opportunity to reinforce the company’s commitment to delivering excellent customer value and experiences by engaging with our customers and communities.”

A complete list of company executives and their biographies is available online at alliantenergy.com/executives.



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Business News/From the Front

Local team places 3rd at K9 competition

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Barnett with K9 Bane received second place overall, and for the Top Rookie Dog competing against 16 other K9 teams. ISP Sergeants Mike Barnes with K9 Justice received 4th place overall, with 1st place in rooms, and second place on vehicles. ISP Sergeant Dustin Yager with K9 Maverick received 8th place overall. ISP Sergeant Steven Dill with K9 Rosco was awarded 2nd-place room search. Finally, CCF Sergeant Jason Gibson with K9 Hugo took 3rd place in room search.

Iowa Department of Corrections represented very well in overall team placements. The USPC judges take the score of each participant and create a combined overall score to determine team placements.

First Place team:

Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility Sergeant Asa Beauchamp with K9 Cash; Fort Dodge Correctional Facility Sergeant Jamie Weitzel with K9 Otto; Fort Dodge Correctional Facility Sergeant Wade Hammen with K9 Tank; and Anamosa State Penitentiary Damon Van Bogart with K9 Karma

Third Place team:

Clarinda Correctional Facility Sergeant Jason Gibson with K9 Hugo; Clarinda Correctional Facility Sergeant Damian Barnett with K9 Bane; Iowa State Penitentiary Sergeant Steve Dill with K9 Rosco; Iowa State Penitentiary Sergeant Dustin Yager with K9 Maverick; Iowa State Penitentiary Sergeant Mike Barnes with K9 Justice

The Team trains regularly with their K9's in each of these areas to ensure they are ready for their day-to-day work in the facility.



Photo courtesy Iowa State Penitentiary

Officers and their K9 partners from Iowa State Penitentiary placed at the USCPA certification trials last week in Spencer Iowa.

Chamber of Commerce seeking nominations for small business breakfast

FORT MADISON – Each May during National Small Business Week the Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce honors the greater Fort Madison small business community for their efforts and achievements during the previous calendar year. The Small Business of the Year and the Micro Business of the Year awards are presented and all nominees are acknowledged during the Annual Salute to Small Business Breakfast.

Eligible businesses will be based on the following criteria:

- Is organized for profit
- Has a place of business in Fort Madison
- Is independently owned and operated
- Is not dominant in its field on a national basis
- Made an impact on the community or economy over the past year (2021)
- Has changed and/or grown in the past year (2021)

New last year, the Chamber will once again be awarding a small business for Innovator of the Year. The Innovator of the Year Award will recognize one business that changed their business model to accommodate their customers in a way they hadn't before. "2020 made many businesses rethink their way of doing things and we want to continue to recognize that," said Chamber Director Savanna Collier.

To nominate a business, please contact the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com or 319-372-5471.

A committee of former award winners and Chamber Event Committee members will review the nominations, and make a decision based on the above criteria. Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, April 20th.

The event is sponsored by Huffman Welding & Machine and Huffman Farm & Home.

The Salute to Small Business Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 5th at Small Grand Things; doors open at 7:00am to browse the expo displays and a buffet breakfast will be available starting at 7:30am (\$15/per person for Fort Madison Area Chamber member employees, \$20/per person for non-members).

Reynolds ships food to Ukrainain

WEST DES MOINES— Gov. Reynolds will join Meals from the Heartland leaders as an initial shipment of food from Meals from the Heartland will be shipped to Ukraine to support Iowa's Sister State of Cherkasy. Credentialed media are invited for a brief photo and video op of the event.

Plans are underway with Meals from the Heartland to hold a public packaging event that will allow continued food supplies for Ukraine. More information will be provided next week. Donations can be made through Mealsfromtheheartland.org or Iowasister-states.org.



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PUBLIC NOTICE GREEN BAY LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2022

The Green Bay Levee and Drainage District met for their regular meeting on February 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Heartland Co-op, Wever. Present were trustees Rick Kuntz and Brandon Bonar. Trustee Mike Walker was present via telephone. Clerk Kimberly Spear was absent due to bad roads so trustee Kuntz took minutes. Also present were Klinger engineer reps Bri-

an Bross and Josh Leyh. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Kuntz read the minutes from the January 27, 2022 reorganizational meeting and regular meeting. Walker moved to approve the minutes. Bonar seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pump master Pat Kaltefleiter was unable to attend the meeting. Walker updated the board on pumping station affairs. Motion was made by Kuntz and seconded by Bonar to approve the pump station report. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the proposed pipeline easement. A new route has not yet been established.

Brian Bross and Josh Leyh updated the board on options for the sand movement project. The options were discussed. No action was taken.

Walker noted that there are no updates regarding

the main ditch project. There was no contact from FEMA.

Walker updated the board on the relief wells project. There is still work ongoing. Josh Leyh thought it would probably be a month before it is finished.

Walker gave an update on the USACE 408 permit. There was nothing new to report.

Kuntz read the Treasurer's report. Discussion centered around the bill from Richards Electric. That bill will be left unpaid until we have clarification on the charges. Walker moved to approve the treasurer's report. Bonar seconded. The motion carried.

At 7:57 pm, Walker made a motion to adjourn. Bonar seconded and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Kuntz, Trustee.



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From the Front

Krogmeier to exchange properties for easements

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“We’re just trying to address the problem for other folks in the neighborhoods with vacant homes that are deteriorating. We have to look at it from their side, too.”

Krogmeier said the program will be run in conjunction with the city’s current Rental Inspection program so registrations for vacant buildings would be required at the same time as rental registrations. Inspections of vacant property would take place annually and would be done by Fort Madison firefighters who would need to know the footprint of the buildings.

If insurance is carried on the property, registration fees are waived, however inspections will continue. After two consecutive passed inspections, self inspections by the owners would be permitted for the next two years.

Fees would double at the third and fourth consecutive years on the city registry and would then be capped at the fourth year level. The city is proposing to start the fee at \$25 for a single-family home, but larger vacant facilities would incur larger fees. The fees are to cover costs of inspections and administration of the program.

Krogmeier said there are really good landlords in Fort Madison, but they are still in the rental program because you have to treat everyone the same.

“But our fires dropped drastically in rental properties when we started that program, because we were inspecting extension cords.”

The city has had to put out multiple fires in vacant buildings over the past five to six years and, in some cases, the city had to absorb the cost of cleaning up the property.

Mayor Matt Mohrfeld, who’s sat in on two public hearings the city held on the proposed ordinance, said it’s not perfect, but it will be another tool city staff has to help clean up the town.

“It’s not perfect, but if we don’t change, we won’t change. If we start looking at the solution, we all have to be part of it,” he said.

“You look at it as penalizing people. I look at it as people contributing to part of the solution. Yes, it’s going to take pride from all of us to do this. We don’t like to be told what to do.

“It’s not perfect people, but neither is having 500 vacant properties that are causing a public safety and public nuisance issue.”

Bowker said the city could use the nuisance ordinance to force cleaning up the properties.

“I just don’t understand why it can’t be addressed under a nuisance ordinance. If you look at the criteria about the doors and windows being boarded, why can’t we go after those properties under that. I don’t know why we have to create a new rule when there’s already existing things we can modify,” she said.

Councilman Tom Schulz said the vacant property ordinance eventually gives the city access to the properties.

“They can’t even legally walk behind somebody’s house to

look at it and enter their property without a warrant,” Schulz said.

Krogmeier said another piece is the speed with which the city will be able to do inspections and keep an eye on property. He said now the city has to go through 3 to 6 months of court hearings at a minimum to gain access.

The ordinance was taken from a draft of a Clinton, Iowa ordinance, which City Attorney Pat O’Connell helped draft.

He said Clinton’s code resulted in a few complaints from people who thought they didn’t deserve to be on the registry.

“I would say that it’s providing a good accounting of where the potential problem properties are as sort of a precursor to future problems, and allows a proactive approach by staff to become aware of issues long before they become serious,” O’Connell said.

He said Clinton owners don’t get on the list unless there are already some code violations on record, like security issues, or squatters, and meets the other criteria specifics.

“I would say Doug is doing the right thing with this. I think it’s important, especially considering the older properties we have in town,” O’Connell said.

“Fort Madison is a river community similar to Muscatine, Clinton, Burlington. It’s got a lot of the same problems and it’s a way for Doug to be aware of what’s going on and be more proactive about it.”

The ordinance passed by a 6-1 vote with Bowker voting against it on the first reading.

The final fee structure will be set by a resolution of the council. The ordinance will still require two more readings and the new program wouldn’t take effect until November.

In other action, the council:

- voted 7-0 to approve selling lots at 2709 and 2713 Avenue J to Craig and Margaret Abolt in exchange for a permanent lease for construction work the city is planning.

- voted 7-0 to approve voter district changes for precincts within the city as implemented by the Secretary of State’s office.

- voted 7-0 to approve a property tax abatement for an addition to property in the 500 block of 33rd Street.

- voted 7-0 to appoint Jenny Devine to the Fort Madison Housing Authority until June 8, 2022.

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