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## Marina panel shifts effort to public ask

**CAMPAIGN:** Mohrfeld puts out ask for organic funding for last \$1.8M

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After close to two years of working behind the scenes on a complete overhaul of the city's riverfront marina, Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld turned the final leg of fundraising out to the community Thursday evening.



MOHRFELD

In a well-attended event at the Kingsley Inn, Mohrfeld updated about 100 people, including investors and a board that's referred to as a cabinet, as a nod to the relevance and importance of the project.

Mohrfeld said he has been humbled by the reaction and support of the community to the project. And although he's been the face and voice of the efforts, he was quick to say it is a community-wide project.

"I'm really humbled by the people. I've had people stop me in the street and say, 'This is a great project you have.' Well it isn't my project and I gotta tell ya, I'm just one runner in a team of runners. The baton was handed to me and we're going to keep running," Mohrfeld said.

Mohrfeld referred to efforts of previous Mayor Brad Randolph and current City Council members.

"What started out as a vision a few years ago by a lot of people in this room is going to come to pass," he said

He said sustainability was the key component in the planning phases and said taking on \$10 million in debt was not an option for the city, so other contributions are making the project a reality.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Elijah Smith of Fort Madison, takes a shot at a simulated crane display at the Case New Holland exhibit Saturday morning. Smith was at the STEM Fest on the campus of Southeastern Community College's West Burlington facility. The STEM Fest spanned two days featuring a high school camp on Friday.



## Drone soccer

Matt Shivers, vice president of the Burlington STEM Foundation Board of Directors, works with students Saturday at SCC on a drone soccer game. The drone was surrounded by rubber tubing and students tried to get it through a goal.



## Spring kicks off with hoops mayhem

Bohannon didn't call glass on that 23-footer, but that didn't keep me from backwards somersaulting on the floor when it went down giving the Hawks a win over Indiana in the Big Ten Championship semifinals.

I couldn't help but think of Larry Smith, the town's most infamous retired optician. A rabid Fort Madison fan and an equally rabid Indiana fan.

Larry's one of my favorite people because he always has time for a chat and he always, always has a smile. Odds are -200 that he was smiling even after Jordan Bohannon's bank shot went in for the Hawkeyes, because he knew his phone was about to blow up.

Smith posted "Hoos-ier Daddy?" on social media Friday after his cream and crimson horde dismantled Illinois in a win that gave the Hawkeye faithful a slight sigh of relief. I replied, "We'll show you Saturday."

It's the mayhem that is March college basketball. I can't say the other thing for fear of someone taking my camera and computer with a cease-and-desist order.

The feed from CBS through KHQA where I was watching the game was less than perfect. But hey, I had laundry to do so at least they provided some chances to rotate the clothes when the screen went blank.

Talk about your madness.

I left the room several times to work on chores telling my wife it was over – the Hawkeyes were out of sync and wouldn't rebound. Actually, I feel like I can remove the hex when I leave the room. It actually works more than you might think. Chuck luck.

But not much unlike the miracle in Minneapolis, they came back. I left the

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# Obituaries/Illinois News

## OBITUARIES

### THOMAS B. JONES

Thomas Burton Jones, Jr., 66, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, March 7, 2022 at Mississippi Valley Healthcare in Keokuk.

He was born November 14, 1955 in Keokuk, IA the son of Thomas and Marilyn Sweet Jones. On February 14, 1974 he was united in marriage to Beverly Milligan in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Annessa Abston (Bill) of Florida and Angalia Jones, one son, Tom Jones (Jovy) of Missouri and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, Amy Coulter (Joe) of Chatham, IL and Tracie Severns (Don) of Hamilton, IL and one brother, Kevin Jones (Dee) of Oskaloosa, IA and



JONES

many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas D. Jones. Thomas had been employed at Roquette in Keokuk.

Thomas was an outdoorsman at heart and spent as much time as possible in his garage. He was a skilled mechanic and loved working on cars. He owned and operated an auto body shop in the 1970's. Thomas enjoyed cookouts with his family and friends.

A visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends at that time.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

### GERMAINE A. SAMMONS

Germaine Ann Sammons, 92, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on March 9, 2022 at 9:45 AM at the SEIRMC in Ft. Madison.



SAMMONS

She was born on December 23, 1929 in West Point to Theodore and Frances Fraise Naschert. Germaine worked as a secretary for ADDS in Ft. Madison and retired after over thirty years of service. She was of the Catholic faith. Germaine loved to read, especially Agatha Christie mystery novels, going to yard sales and craft shows. Her greatest love of all was her family; especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include one son, Mike (Judy) Sammons of Neosho, MO; four daughters, Judy (Randy) Watznauer of Ft. Madison, Sandy (James) Dingman of Coal Valley, IL, Sheila Gallerick of Ft. Madison and Barb (Donnie) Anderson of Bonaparte; ten grandchildren; several great grandchildren and one sister, Doloris McCreedy of Duluth, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Orville and one sister, Mary.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The family will host a celebration of life this summer. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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## OBITUARIES

### GABRIEL L. CHANEY

Gabriel Lee Chaney, infant son of Angel Chaney passed away Monday, March 7, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.



CHANEY

He was born November 15, 2021 in Iowa City, IA.

Though he was not destined to see the world, his spirit will live on in the hearts of his family. Gabriel brought happiness and joy to everyone he touched and will forever be cherished by his family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his grandparents, Misty and Jeremy Fugate of Keokuk, step-father, Xavier Whitlock of Canton, MO, great-grandfather, Rodger McKnight of Keokuk, great-grandmother, Teri Heaberlin of Des Moines, IA and great-great-grandparents, Margaret and Don Webber of West Point, IA.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Amanda Kellum.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA. Burial will be in the Oakland Cemetery in Keokuk.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 1-2 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home with family meeting with friends at that time. Memorials may be made to the family.

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

### Ill. man charged with attempted murder

HAMILTON – At approximately 12:37 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022, the Hamilton Police Department was dispatched to the 300 block of N. 7th Street for a report of a man at a residence with a gun.

An initial report indicated that the gun had been fired in the house and that the suspect, James F. Carel (72) of Hamilton, had threatened to shoot people at the residence. Evidence on scene confirmed the gun had been fired, according to a release from the Hamilton Police Department.

Carel was able to be disarmed by an occupant and subdued until law enforcement officers arrived. He was taken into custody and was transported to the Hancock County Jail where he awaits court proceedings.

The case is currently being investigated by the Hamilton Police Department.

Carel has been charged with the following offenses: Attempted First Degree Murder, Class X Felony; Home Invasion, Class X Felony; Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Class 1 Felony; Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Class 4 Felony. Carel's bond has been set at \$3 million.

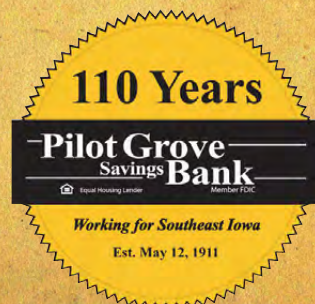
All persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Hamilton Police Department was assisted by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Carthage Police Department, and Hancock County Sheriff's Reserve.

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# Obituaries

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### MARY K. PARMETER

Mary Kathleen Cummings Parmeter, 100, was welcomed into Heaven on Monday, March 7, 2022, after a long and happy life. Kathleen was born on March 25, 1921, in Burlington, Iowa, to Leon Raymond and Florence Rose (Bulger) Cummings. She was the fifth of eleven siblings. She attended Burlington Catholic Schools, graduating from St. Paul's High School. Kathleen worked at Schramm's Department Store in Burlington and the Ordinance Plant in West Burlington during the second World War.



CHANEY

On January 6, 1945, Kathleen married her sweetheart, John Richard Parmeter. They moved to San Angelo, Texas, where John completed his military service. In late 1945, Kathleen and John returned to Burlington where she began her lifelong mission of making a home and caring for her family. In 1951, the family moved to Keokuk where Kathleen lived for the next 70 years.

Kathleen was a member of All Saints Church in Keokuk. In keeping with her servant nature, she devoted much of her time to her church community. Over the years, Kathleen served on the Altar Society, sang in the choir, counted collections, and was a lector and lay minister. She was a prayer warrior; her faith was unshakable and sustained her over her lifetime.

Kathleen was an avid bridge player well into her 90's. She loved watching college sports, especially the University of Iowa and Iowa State. She also loved baseball and was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinal fan. Kathleen enjoyed playing games of all sorts, reading, and gardening. Being surrounded by and spending time with her family gave her more joy than anything else in life.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband John, son Bob Parmeter, and granddaughter Madeline Shodeen Parmeter. She is survived by eleven children: Tom Parmeter of Ennepetal, Germany, Maryann Walker of Charlotte, North Carolina, Dick Parmeter of Keokuk, John (Anita) Parmeter of Des Moines, Peg Parmeter of Houston, Texas, Peter Parmeter of Keokuk, Bill Parmeter of Ft. Myers, Florida, Jim (Rose) Parmeter of Charlotte, Kathy (Warren) Gichard of Solon, Rene (Mike) Hamilton of Houston, Texas, and Patty Stolley of Iowa City; 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and sister Connie Cummings of Davenport, Iowa.

Visitation will be Monday, March 14th from 5-7pm at DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home in Keokuk. A Christian Vigil Service will be held at 7 pm on Monday directly following the visitation. The funeral Mass will be Tuesday, March 15th at 10:30am at All Saints Church in Keokuk. Burial will follow at the Keokuk National Cemetery. The funeral Mass may be livestreamed at [www.allsaintskeokuk.org/live](http://www.allsaintskeokuk.org/live).

Memorials are suggested to All Saints Church or Keokuk Catholic Schools.

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

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

### LELAND E. SCHLICHER

Leland Edward Schlicher, 85, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away on Wednesday, March 09, 2022 at 3:11 AM at the SEIRMC in West Burlington.

He was born on August 12, 1936 in Donnellson to Christian and Dora Klinger Schlicher. On October 13, 1961 he married Mildred Rockhold. Leland was a factory worker for many years. He served in the US Army during the Cuban Crisis. Leland also loved to fish and was a commercial fisherman throughout the years and was an avid NASCAR fan.



Survivors include his wife, Mildred Schlicher of Ft. Madison; two daughters, Diana Warner of Keosauqua and Gina (John) Fedler of Bedford Heights, Ohio; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and two brothers.

Per his wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. There will be no formal services held at this time and online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

## OBITUARIES

### PATRICIA L. SMUTZER

Patricia L. Smutzer, 92, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 12:02 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center in West Burlington. She was born on April 9, 1929 to Leonard & Leah Lamb Brown. She married John "Jack" Smutzer on September 2, 1949. He preceded her in death on August 17, 2020. She worked at the Sheaffer Pen Company and was a bookkeeper at the B & O Railroad, the Chicago Merchandise Mart and at Albers Insurance Company. She was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church and enjoyed traveling, camping & cooking.



SMUTZER

Pat is survived by: 1-son: Danny (Patty Clark) Smutzer of Fort Madison, IA; 2-grandsons: Tommy (Leslie Dodge) Smutzer of Fort Madison, IA & Eric (Susie) Clark of Lone Tree, IA; 1-granddaughter: Brittany Smutzer of Fort Madison, IA; 2-great grandchildren: Jonathan & Ethan Smutzer of Fort Madison, IA; 1-step son: Rex Rose of Cleveland, TN & 2-sisters: Julie (Larry) Hemmie of Fort Madison, IA & Marie (Rev. Grady) Evans, Sr. of Worthington, OH. She was preceded in death by: her parents, husband, 1-son: Tommy Smutzer, 2-sisters & 4-brothers.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 with the funeral service to immediately follow at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with Rev. Pete Hagglund officiating. Burial will be held at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established. Online condolences to Pat's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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## Education News/From the Front

# A shorter baseball season would've been OK

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room in that football game several times as well.

Now it's time for the brackets. It's one of my favorite times of the year. It always coincides with spring cleaning, although with all the grants due, stories to write, and track and soccer just around the corner, spring cleaning may have to wait. And I can't get into it with snow on the ground, anyway.

But it's wonderful to open the windows, breathe in the spring air and have three or four games going on at the same time. Watching the brackets and all the last-second buzzer-beaters that are the hallmark of late March college hoops. This year's going to have be Hulu replays and ESPN because I have an office job now. What was I thinking?

I'm a big baseball fan too, but I was really kinda hoping for a shortened season this year. I love going into Cincinnati and taking in a couple games over a weekend and hitting downtown for Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint.

Jack Brown's is one of those places and if you get a chance, get in there. Burgers are homestyle and the sweet potato fries are like candy. It's a microbrew but they have a limited listing because they make it in small batches and move it regionally to maintain freshness. You gotta go.

But I was fine thinking the season might be 130 games or so. Everything in moderation right?

The college basketball post-season just can't be taken in moderation, though. There are brackets to monitor and contests to play and maybe a parlay here or there. Which is stupid gambling because it's hard enough to win one game with the odds in the bookmakers' favor. But trying to stack games is not practicing moderation.

Even taking all those things out, it's the upsets. It's the buzzer-beaters and the emotion. Heck, it's even the music that CBS and TBS and TNT pump in that gets your blood going. I like listening to Bill Rafferty and Gus Johnson and the rest.

I think about our local coaches and what they are think-

ing when Iowa's playing sluggish or Duke's getting beat. I lovingly look at my wife when she screams that no one rebounds anymore. Today she said, why would you give the ball to anyone else but Keegan (Murray). Just give it to him every damn time.

I love that. She's a tennis junkie. She wanted to start a magazine and have me travel around to the tournaments covering princy, spoiled brat, social elitist tennis players. No thanks. But she did have a great name for it...Ten-Is-sue.

She also has more Vikings gear now, which is bitter and sweet. I love that she wears purple and gold but I feel bad that I've burdened her with that heavy curse. She's a Cubs fan so she knows the pain of a curse.

So I sit ready for the selection night tonight and beg for a nice position for the Hawkeyes that I've been rooting for since the days of Steve Krafcsin and Kenny Arnold back in the late 70s. The days of Michael Payne, Greg Stokes, Todd Berkenpas, Jeff Moe, Roy Marble, Ed Horton, Bobby Hanson, Kenny Boyle, and on and on and on.

So again, I will pick my brackets not with much education, but heart. I like the Hawks and will again be emotional about them getting to the final four. If they don't win today, the draw will make it tough.

And then it's all about the underdogs, picking just the right ones and then bragging about it for a few days. That's why it's madness.

And speaking of madness, I put my new hopped up Canon in the hands of a 6-year-old named Lincoln Freeman Saturday at Burlington Notre Dame, and he had a blast trying to capture some of the dunks from area seniors during the Senior Game.

I can't help it, this kid is way too cute and so - some of his pictures are in tomorrow's e-Edition - But that's Beside the Point.

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# Grant helps offset costs of CL iPads

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON — More than \$193,000 in tech grants will be used to offset a half million in iPad upgrades in the Central Lee Community School district.



CROZIER

Those funds will be used to help put a tablet in the hands of every student in the district, according to Superintendent Andy Crozier.

The funds come from the Emergency Connectivity Fund, a \$7.17 billion program through the American Rescue Plan Act that aims to help schools and libraries

support student technology needs. The program provides funding to schools and libraries to cover the costs of eligible equipment and services that can be provided to students and teachers who need tablets, laptops, computers or broadband access.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff made incredible efforts to ensure our students had access to the technology they need," said Dr. Andy Crozier, Superintendent. "Thanks to this grant funding, we will be able to better provide access to technology for our students in the future. We are thrilled to be able to move forward with this program."

In July 2021, Central Lee Technology Director Christopher Brewer began leading an effort to research and collect data from the Iowa Department of Education and Central Lee families to evaluate and determine student preparedness for distance learning. This data was instrumental in the district's application for ECF funding through the Universal Service Communications Commission in August 2021.

"Kris brewer worked tirelessly on getting this. We knew our iPads needed to be refreshed. We were hoping and Kris committed a ton of time to it," Crozier said.

He said the district committed \$500,000 to refreshing all the iPads and was planning breaking the cost up into lease payments on the equipment, before being informed they were awarded the grants. Now, in the event of another pandemic or similar situation, every student in the district has a device and the district saved about 40%.

"Part of that ECF program deal was to ensure kids had access to those," he said.

Connectivity is still an issue for a lot of the families in the district due to its rural area. Crozier said the district purchased a lot of hot spots and distributed those but said the district has backed off that a bit this year due to demand not being as high.

Central Lee received its first round of funding, in the amount of \$29,723, last fall. In February, the district's second application was approved, providing it with another \$164,052.

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For a job description and to apply, download an application from our county website, [www.leecounty.org](http://www.leecounty.org) or you can pick an application up at the Engineer's office and return your completed application along with a resume to Lee County Engineer, P.O. Box 158, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627, or email it to [bhull@leecounty.org](mailto:bhull@leecounty.org) and copy it to [shartson@leecounty.org](mailto:shartson@leecounty.org) Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on March 11, 2022.

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

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# Lincoln's photos/Classifieds



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Danville's Sawyer Nelson gets a reverse slam down in the Senior Dunk Contest Saturday at Burlington Notre Dame High School. Nelson was part of the night's activities honoring area boys and girls senior basketball players. Players from Fort Madison, Holy Trinity Catholic, and Central Lee joined other area seniors for the activities.



Photo by Lincoln Freeman/Special to PCC

Holy Trinity Catholic's Mikey DiPrima goes up for a dunk off a pass from a teammate Saturday night at Father Minett Gymnasium in Burlington. DiPrima was one of about 30 seniors participating in the night's activities that included a 3-point contest, the dunk contest, and a game featuring the seniors.

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: Monday,**  
**March 14, 2022**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**(CDT)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**933 Avenue H**  
**Fort Madison, IA**

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 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Public Input  
 Award Contract for North Courthouse Tuck-Point Project  
 Set Public Hearing for Approval of County FY23 Budget  
 Consider Approval of Correction to Secondary Roads Supplemental Policy  
 Consider Approval of Agreement with Klinger and Associates for Phase I Assessment Of Property for Health Department/ EMS Building  
 Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park  
 Consider Approval of Class B Beer Permit for Wever Junction  
 Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Fat Jimmy's Smoke House  
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution  
 Consider Approval of February 28, 2022 Board Minutes  
 Consider Approval of Claims for Payment

Personnel Actions:  
 A. New Hire-Township Trustee  
 Reports:  
 A. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected  
 B. Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected  
 C. Auditor's Report of Fees Collected  
 D. Sheriff's Reports of Fees Collected  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County Auditor**  
**Denise Fraise**  
**announces filing period**  
**for Primary Election**  
 The filing period for the

June 7 Primary Election began on Monday, March 7, 2022. The deadline for filing the Affidavit of Candidacy and Nomination Petition is Friday, March 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. You must file with the Lee County Auditor for the office you are running for. You must be an eligible elector in Lee County or supervisor district at the time of filing. If you wish to run for County Supervisor, you must live in District #2 or #3. Copies of nomination papers are available at the county auditor's office, or on the Secretary of State's website:  
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## From the Front

## Marina project will create more than \$6M in payroll

## CAMPAIGN - Continued from Page 1

The city did kick in \$1.5 million to start the process. On top of that came a \$1.5 million commitment from Fort Madison Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission; The FMCH-Great River Health Systems Community Foundation kicked in \$1.5 million due to wellness plans; and FEMA contributions to flood mitigation efforts that are part of the plans have amounted to \$1.5 million.

Mohrfeld also worked to secure a \$400,000 Community Attraction and Tourism grant, and the Iowa DNR has kicked in \$50,000.

The cabinet is looking to shore up \$9.7 million to get the marina functional and has raised \$7.98 million to-date.

Mohrfeld said Friday, the Thursday event was a cel-

ebration of the first phases of the targeted fundraising and served as a kickoff to the second phase, which is a more organic community-based effort in trying to obtain the remaining \$1.8 million.

“What we’re doing now is making an opportunity for people in the community who could say, ‘I love this project, can I write you a check?’”

Donations can be sent to Fort Madison Partners at 614 7th Street c/o Southeast Iowa Aquatic Restoration Group, Inc. Mohrfeld said the 501c3 application for the group was just approved and all contributions are tax deductible.

Dennis Hinkle, the campaign manager for the project, said there have been more than 50 solicitation meetings to help raise private funds to complete the project.

“We have investments from all over the region and

we have investments from the people right here in this room.”

Matt Morris, president of Connection Bank and a member of the project cabinet, said the bank chose to invest in the project, but it exemplifies what community banks are about.

“We need to reinvest in our community. The families that own this bank believe in this community and the question isn’t why are we building this marina, the question is why haven’t we built it already,” he said.

Mike Culbertson, president of Lee County Bank and a member of the cabinet, said he grew up on the river and thrived on the recreational opportunities it provided. He said it was one of the reasons he kept his family in Fort Madison.

He pointed to Mohrfeld’s goal of increasing the city’s population by 1,000 people over the next four years and one of the components of that being bringing people back to the area.

“The mayor wants to increase population by 1,000 in four years – you’re talking about me,” Culbertson said.

“This is about quality of life and quality of place. I think we’re going to have a first-class marina. And I think you’re going to attract people from near and far. This marina project in Fort Madison is what I will call our Field of Dreams.”

Lee County Economic Development Director President Dennis Fraise talked about the return on the investments in the marina project.

“Direct construction costs could push \$14 million when complete and the project also has a ripple effect of 192 jobs and \$6 million in payroll over the next three years,” he said.

“But the actual return on investment cannot be measured in those hard numbers. The impact of the project and the reason to support it is the economic development of the future and the opportunities for our community.”

He said quality of place is a top 4 factor in company relocation decision.

“This project can serve as a catalyst for a whole new core of Fort Madison and unlock our greatest asset – the Mississippi River. It’s almost like we woke up one day and realized we had a river. This is the time for us to unlock that river.”

Mohrfeld thanked legacy patrons of Fort Madison, including Jim and Linda Baier, and Dennis and Kate Menke, who are serving as honorary chairs on the cabinet.

He said the couples have helped clear a path for generations of development and growth in Fort Madison, and are people that love the community and love the river.

Mohrfeld said the project will be finished in the spring two years from now in 2024. However, it will be functional by next spring, with some usable capacity yet this year.

The hospitality center which will be built on the large plateau of dirt currently settling where the former marina restaurant sat, is a private enterprise and will not include public dollars. Construction on that facility, which will include a convenience store, restaurant, small meeting room, bathrooms and showers, and fuel sales, is expected to begin this summer.

Mohrfeld said the project will help define the community going forward.

“This is another cog in that wheel of Fort Madison becoming who Fort Madison is. This is even bigger than if you’re a boater. This is about economic development.”




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# United Way of the Great River Region



**Friday, May 6, 2022 • Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park • Fort Madison, Iowa**

**Team Registration—\$400** Deadline for Team Registration is **Monday, April 25, 2022**  
Includes carts, lunch, free soda & water, snacks, 2 mulligans per golfer &  
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**Packet pick-up will begin at 10:00 am.**

**Waiver & release must be signed before play begins.**

**Lunch at 11:00 am.**

**Shotgun start at 12:00 Noon.**

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# United Way of the Great River Region



**Friday, May 6, 2022 • Sheaffer Memorial Golf Park • Fort Madison, Iowa**

## Golf Outing Sponsorship Opportunities

There are many sponsorship opportunities available. Feel free to mix and match. Have questions?  
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- Corporate Sponsor—\$1000**      Maximize your sponsorship with the first deadline of **Monday, March 21, 2022**. Some advertising will already be done before the second deadline of **Monday, April 11, 2022**  
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- Hole Sponsor—\$100**      Deadline **Monday, April 25, 2022**  
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- Team Sponsor—\$400**      **See team registration page.**      Deadline **Monday, April 25, 2022**  
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**If you wish to be invoiced, please contact Karen Siefken at the United Way office at 319-524-4504.**

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If you are sponsoring a team, please use the team registration page.

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