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## State to pump \$26M into broadband

**GEER GRANT:** Funds are state's share of federal emergency relief under CARES Act

DES MOINES — Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education last week announced the state has received \$26.2 million in federal relief to ensure education continues for students of all ages impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Iowa's grant is part of the nearly \$3 billion Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The GEER fund allows governors to determine how to best meet the needs of students in public and non-public schools, postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations.

Better enabling remote learning for K-12 and postsecond-



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ary students is the goal of Iowa's GEER application. It focuses on providing and expanding broadband access and improving access to technology in other ways. That could include providing Wi-Fi hotspots and devices. Funding also may be used to offer professional development related to remote learning to educators in school districts and non-public schools as well as in public and private colleges and universities.

"Rapidly expanding and improving broadband access is

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## We can't always be fighting fire with fire

It was sprinkling Friday morning and I went out to pull in some patio furniture and stopped to look at the flower garden. I can't get in it to pull out the weeds and damn maple tree seedlings because I can't yet see where the rows are.

It hit me as I lumbered my way back upstairs – that's a bit apropos of the political climate we find ourselves in.

My early morning doesn't include exercise of body very often, as it should, but it does involve an exercise of mind...and that's trolling Pen City Current social media comments, while looking at other random nonsense.

It's very much like weeding as you have to look for the things that are damaging among the "flowery" stuff.

I came across a post from Mary Jo Reisberg, the chairman of the Lee County Democrats. She was venting in a Facebook thread of former State Rep. Jerry Kearns, where she said that Randy Feenstra's win over Steve King in Iowa's 4th Congressional district Tuesday won't change anything – that it hurts Democrats' chances of winning that district.

"Feenstra will vote exactly like King, but people will think he's not as bad since he won't be spouting off the racist crap (he'll be thinking it, though). Scholten has a tougher race now...," Reisberg wrote.

I'm at a point in my life where I'm shrugging at some of my better angels that keep me from saying things that need to be said. I've been holding things in because it could be detrimental to revenue, but my life's changed a lot in 2020. That's changed a bit, too.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Beth Mohrfeld, standing, and Becky Rump work with Fort Madison City Councilwoman Rebecca Bowker, not pictured, in the city's pocket part on the south side of the 800 block of Avenue G Saturday morning. Bowker and Rump serve on the Fort Madison Beautification Foundation board. The foundation, which formed in January, is still looking for donations to the foundation through the Chamber of Commerce.

## DR. COURTEY RETURNS

### Dentist with a "sweet tooth" back helping FM families

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – "It's good to be home."

Those were the words from Dr. David Courtney Thursday afternoon from behind a desk at Family Dentistry West in Fort Madison.



COURTNEY

June 1 to help with clients at Dr.

Courtney's clearly comfortable being back where he wants to be – helping Fort Madison families.

The renowned Fort Madison dentist came out of retirement on

Mark C. Pothitakis' Family Dentistry West at 4723 Avenue J.

It takes about five seconds to realize that Courtney, who operated his own dental office for 37 years at 525 Avenue G, is completely at ease coming out of retirement.

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## Education News/From the Front

# Pandemic brought rural broadband front and center

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essential for our state's future," said Gov. Reynolds. "As we have seen with a pandemic and an ever-changing economy, learning must continue beyond the classroom. These resources will equip Iowa schools and educators to pave a pathway for student success in the growing digital classroom and future workplace."

"Superintendents told us better connectivity is what they need most to provide high-quality learning for all students during the pandemic," said Iowa Department of Education Director Ann Lebo. "We have students without access to the technology they need and Iowa's GEER grant is an important step toward solving that problem. I am so proud of the work school leaders and teachers are doing, and that we can help support it in this way."

The Iowa Department of Education in collaboration with the State Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) is conducting a statewide survey regarding barriers Iowans face to remote learning, including broadband access. The household survey targets families with K-12 students but also asks about college students. The intent is to prioritize areas of the state with the greatest need based on the survey results.

These GEER funds are in addition to the \$71.6 million Iowa received in federal relief for PK-12 schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund within the CARES Act.

The Iowa Department of Education will provide more information soon about how the GEER funding will be allocated.

# Richardson PTO funds new STEAMhounds space

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Richardson Elementary PTO is excited to announce their sponsorship of STEAMhound Learning, a cutting edge classroom that will assist in developing our students into deeper thinking, complex problem solvers. The targeted opening of this revolutionary learning space will be the first day of the 2020-21 school year.

Richardson Elementary PTO believes this new STEAMhound room will provide an immediate and transformative learning experience for all of Richardson Elementary's student body. Funding such a large and impactful project, perfectly embodies our mission of supporting all students and staff in their learning and teaching endeavors.

"When Mr. McKay approached us with the idea to sponsor a room for our STEAMhounds, we jumped at the opportunity. To create a space that would have the ability to enhance learning for all students and work cohesively with the recent award of our building's Computer Science is Elementary award, was a dream," said Michelle Bentler, Richardson's PTO Treasurer.

"Our ability to fund a project of this magnitude, in spite of our COVID-19 related setbacks, speaks volumes to the supportive nature of our community, and the hard work we put in to be responsible stewards of that support."

During the planning and preparation phase of this new room within Richardson Elementary, the Richardson PTO is asking for your help in selecting the official name. They invite you to head over to their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FortMadisonRichardsonPTO/>) and make your selection between "STEAMhound Station" and "STEAMhound Studio". Voting for the official name of the STEAMhound space will begin on June 5th and continue through the weekend. The unveiling of the name will be shared on Monday, June 8th, via their Facebook page.

While you are on the Fort Madison Elementary Richardson PTO Facebook page, be sure to take a look at their newly published photos of the transformation in progress.

"On our behalf, Mr. McKay has partnered with the Fort Madison Community School District's operation leader, Nic Chiri, and his maintenance and operation's staff to begin the transformation of our outdated computer lab, into our fresh and new STEAMhound space," said Morgan Alchier, Richardson PTO Secretary.

"The work has been happening quickly, allowing us to really get a good idea of the potential that exists for this area. We are thrilled to have the opportunity and resources to provide such an impactful tool for our students and staff. However, we realize this is not a project our small group could do alone, and we thank them for their partnership."

Richardson Elementary PTO will establish a date for a ribbon cutting ceremony, and unveiling, as completion of the project approaches.



Members of the Richardson Elementary School PTO have sponsored a new STEAMhounds learning space at the elementary school. A ribbon-cutting is to be held closer to the start of school.



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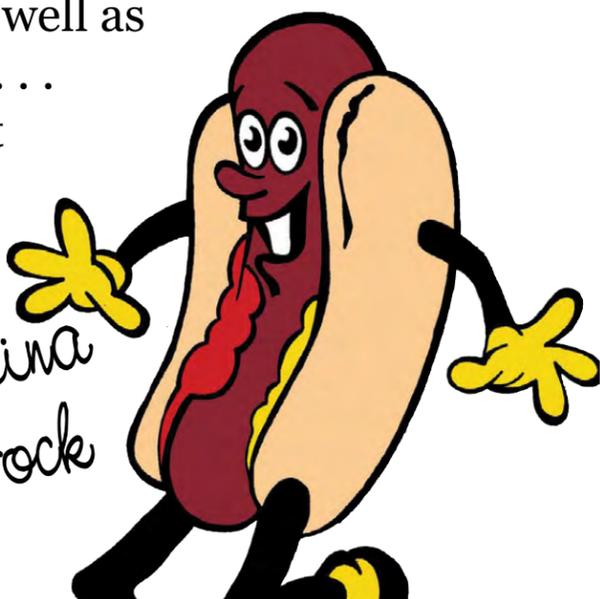
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## Opinion

# Mt. Pleasant car vane points in the right direction

It was the spring of 1995 when my family and I decided to return to our home state of Iowa from Colorado. We were part of what was known then as the “Reverse Migration”—a phenomenon whereby people, having reached the western borders of the country, and becoming disillusioned with life there, return to their roots. Colorado wasn’t the Pacific Ocean, but the Front Range where we lived was growing so fast, in a crazy sort of way, we wanted to return to the peace and quiet of Midwestern life and down-to-earth values.

Strangely enough, we lived very near Highway 34 in Colorado. So, being in no particular hurry, we drove Highway 34, instead of Interstate 80, all the way back to Iowa, sightseeing the whole way and admiring the lush green countryside. In Western Iowa we drove by a three-story, all brick barn. We had never seen a barn built out of brick before. It was an amazing sight that filled us with the feeling that we were headed in the right direction.

As we approached the western edge

## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



of Mt. Pleasant, another sight greeted us that I still remember to this day. There was an automobile on the roof of the Iris City Antique Mall. It was a windy day and as we watched, in wide-eyed disbelief, like a weather vane, the car turned in the wind, its nose pointing in the direction the wind was going. On this day, the wind was out of the west. The car was pointing us into Mt. Pleasant. We knew without a doubt that Mt. Pleasant was the place for us.

We found a home, I found employment, and we put our kids in the Christian school. Mt. Pleasant Christian School was just being organized at that time and we got in on the ground floor of helping build it. A vacant Pamida building was converted into a K-12 school. (We jokingly called it “Pamida

High,” which isn’t all that odd since the name “Pamida” is taken from the first two letters of the founder’s kids’ names: Pat, Mike and Dave. A little trivia there.)

Our two kids thought we were wacky. They had attended a public school in Colorado, and could not imagine life in a parochial school. They now thank us for it—because of the quality of education they received. Both of our kids went on to graduate from Christian colleges, and now their kids (my four grandkids) also attend Mt. Pleasant Christian School. What goes around comes around, like the weather vane car.

Years, and a couple of homes and several jobs later, I find myself living in paradise with the love of my life. Guess that car on the roof knew where it was pointing.

What’s all this have to do with the automobile on top of the Iris City Antique Mall? Well, nothing and everything. In talking to the present owners of the Iris City Antique Mall, the car is English, a

Lloyd Alexander, roughly 1957 vintage. The original owners of the Antique Mall put the shell of the car on the roof using a crane. It was orange then, but the color soon faded away. Lennis Moore, one of the previous owners of the Antique Mall, and CEO of the Old Threshers Reunion, repainted the car yellow. If you notice some letters on the door of the Lloyd Alexander, it’s because pranksters got up there and did a little handiwork. The car on the roof is a favorite subject for photographers, especially at Old Threshers time. People often ask, “Is it for sale?”

On any given day, if you’re looking for the right direction to head, go to the Antique Mall and see what direction the car, an icon of Mt. Pleasant, is pointing. It pointed us in the right direction years ago and it will for you, also.

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## From the Front

# Courtney joins Heyland, Pothitakis at west-end office

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You won't see his trademark lightning bolt head dress or the super soakers... yet, but the Fort Madison native is still happy to be around the people he calls family.

Courtney joins Dr. Pothitakis and Dr. Stephanie Heyland and staff at Pothitakis' newest office just east of the Baxter Sports Complex, across from Lost Bear Coffee on 48th Street. The office can be reached at 319-372-4882.

"It's just been great," Courtney said of his first two days back in the office. "I was surprised how good it felt. It's good to see people I hadn't seen in years."

Courtney retired in October of 2016 and moved to St. Louis, but he said the small town kid in him brought him back to Fort Madison.

"I don't like the city. I'm a small town kid. I went to high school here and everything. This is just coming back home."

Convincing Courtney to come back to work was a small hurdle.

"People were talking to me about it and Dr. Pothitakis talked to me about it and I said, "Sure... it sounds like fun."

Courtney is an avid cyclist having done RAGBRAI about seven times, and Rocky Mountain runs in Colo-

rado. Daily he still rides either 18.5 miles or 26 miles. He said the coronavirus has pulled him back a day here and there, but he says cycling is part of his life.

"I'm just addicted. This is my 32nd or 33rd year of riding that much every day," Courtney said.

But his other addiction is family dentistry. He said he's kept tabs on the new gadgets and tools being used in the industry. He said the only real adjustment was the coronavirus.

"The protocols for the COVID-19 thing were different, and the software is just a smidge different, but all the techniques and procedures are

just about the same," he said.

"But now everybody's asking me about my Nerf™ guns and super soakers and it's just my first week. But we used to have kids come in and we'd have shootouts. It was a crack up."

Courtney is at the west end on Mondays and Thursdays.

"I'm so glad to be home That's my biggest message. It's good to see everybody again. They were like family. It's really true. Monday I got flowers, cupcakes, and a chocolate cake," he said."

"So I guess I'm the dentist with a sweet tooth."

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## From the Front

# King's loss was win for all of us, despite Dems take on it

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Reisberg's comment that Feenstra will be "thinking it" is, in my mind, the maple seedlings that invade the garden. They can grow into something powerful, yet they are damaging to the system as a whole.

Professing to know what Feenstra is thinking is just the other side of what King was doing. The real value in the win is that even the most ultra conservative, right wing minds of north-west Iowa, and on the national scene, saw that things have to change.

Sure, Feenstra's win helps the Republicans more than King's would have because King was so far off the rail that a Democrat actually stood a chance of winning up there. Even the Republicans realized this... and that's a win if you ask me. Players in the Republican party saw the need to create space between the hyper-inflammatory and party.

But I think the future may reveal the GOP should have invoked the same strategy in the presidential race. President Trump is close to being as inflammatory as King, and if Republicans saw they stood to do better in the long run pushing Feenstra past King, I think the same would hold true in the national campaign.

Make America Great Again...boy, I don't know. Blame it on a virus, or a police officer, or whatever, but great leadership triages and then ushers in the healing. I have faith in Americans as a whole, and the inherent goodness that exists in all of us, but what we're missing is the leadership.

And leadership isn't about inciting anger and hatred and fear, but passion and persistence and confidence of a better tomorrow.

Saying Feenstra is thinking racist "crap" is just more of the same. Reisberg needs to rise above that, as we all do. As journalists, we keep the first amendment rolled up in our back pocket, but inflammatory is inflammatory. This is fighting fire with fire. I think we should go back to fighting fire with water. Put the damn thing out, otherwise we'll continue to watch the world burn.

We saw firsthand in southeast Iowa this week how peaceful protests can help move people in the right direction. We also saw how fear can make us who we normally are not. Hy-Vee, Walgreens, and McDonald's all closed early in Fort Madison on Monday night out of rumors of vandalism. Since when does thuggery determine our hours of business? We have some of the best leadership in law enforcement in the state right now. I trust them and call many of them friends.

We're a frightened country as a whole. We need true leadership and it has to be parked deep.

Elections have changed. We're not voting anymore on who has the best ideas of moving the country forward, which is a damn shame. It would certainly seem plausible that we're casting ballots for who can stick it best to the other side.

Go back to the McCain/Obama debates. Conservatives saw McCain as



soft when he defended Obama on several occasions when questions focused on Obama's citizenship and religion. McCain defended him as an American and had the audacity to say said elections should be based on ideas.

God forbid.

Politics is dirty and expensive and those two things keep us from electing great leaders of people.

When President Trump walked to St. John's Church and stood uncomfortably holding a bible, sometimes upside down, the violence in the walk wasn't the first thing that struck a chord with me. It was the immaturity of the thing. It was the least "presidential" thing I've ever seen from a U.S. President in 52 years. He wasn't even physically comfortable with it, and that's saying something with this man.

I've been giving Trump a pass as a president who was elected by a system we've created... let's see where he takes us. But this clearly showed this man is not a leader of all people. He wreaks of adolescence and "me first". Telling reporters to "shut up" repeatedly isn't a sign of power, it's a sign of fear. We can't have four more years.

The point is this, we have to put genuine people in elected positions. We're all going to vote based on our

individual philosophies, and that's how it's supposed to work. But we surely can agree that people engaging in behavior that fails to model the idea of America, aren't truly representing what we envision as a 'United' States.

Leading, whether it's a nation, or a county political party, has to come from a different place of stout posture, patience, and respect... and we better get to finding it.

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The number of cases of coronavirus is on the uptick in Lee County, yet we're seeing more and more steps to get back to normal. I'm in, but I'm in with a mask. Let's be smart and remember the measures that will keep us all safe. Wash hands frequently, try not to touch your face, stay home if you're feeling ill, and social distance. If you can't social distance, carry the mask with you.

I stay in touch with Lee County Health Department officials regularly and they still have concerns about county behavior and trends. You should as well.

Personally, I think we've opened too quickly. It'll be great watching HTC playing softball again, and the Hounds and the Hawks on the ball fields, but we also have to remember that Gov. Kim Reynolds wants us to find a way to live with this virus.

Only the future knows if she's going too far too fast... but that's Beside the Point.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE 2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR WEST POINT MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM PWSID# 5691012

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The water source for West Point is Rathbun Regional Water Association's Ft. Madison System. RRWA (Ft. Madison System) obtained its water in 2019 from the City of Ft. Madison and the City of Keokuk. The City of Ft. Madison obtains its water from a Pleistocene aquifer, an underground source and the Mississippi River, a surface water source. The City of Keokuk obtains its water from the Mississippi River, a surface water source.

Our water quality testing shows the following results:

CONTAMINANT	MCL (MCLG)	Type	Compliance Value & (Range)	Date	Violation	Source
<b>West Point</b>						
TTHM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	13.00 (13-13)	09/30/2019	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	ND	2018	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.03 (ND - 0.06)	2018	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
<b>950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM</b>						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL= 4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.5 (1.3 - 1.6)	12/31/2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
<b>5625062 - FT MADISON MUNI WATER WORKS</b>						
<b>03 - SEP WELLS 6,7 8 9,10 (LAB TAP)</b>						
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	17	07/10/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	0.82	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)		1.24 (0.74 - 1.24)	2019	No	Additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories; erosion of natural deposits
<b>5640019 - KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS</b>						
<b>01 - SEP FROM MISSISSIPPI R</b>						
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	21	04/10/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	4.9 (1.9 - 4.9)	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Atrazine (ppb)	3 (3)	SGL	0.20	06/10/2019	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
Turbidity (NTU)	0.30	TT	0.17 (100%)	2019	No	Soil runoff
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)		0.83 (0.59 - 0.83)	2019	No	Water additive to promote strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Chlorate	N/A (N/A)	SGL	239	5/26/2015	No	UCMR 3
Hexavalent Chromium	N/A (N/A)	SGL	2.27	8/4/2015	No	UCMR 3
Vanadium	N/A (N/A)	SGL	0.5	11/17/2014	No	UCMR 3
Molybdenum	N/A (N/A)	SGL	1.5	11/17/2014	No	UCMR 3
Strontium	N/A (N/A)	SGL	1.06	8/4/2015	No	UCMR 3
Chromium	N/A (N/A)	SGL	2.4	5/26/2015	No	UCMR 3
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	35%	RAA	34.52% - 78.26%	2019	No	Naturally Present in the Environment

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

#### DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb - parts per billion.
- ppm - parts per million.
- pCi/L - picocuries per liter
- N/A - Not applicable
- N/D - Not detected at detection limit
- Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- RAA - Running Annual Average
- LRAA - Locational Running Annual Average
- IDSE - Initial Distribution System Evaluation
- SGL - Single Sample Result

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. WEST POINT MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

#### ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

For Lead levels above the action level (15ppm). Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

The City of West Point obtains its water from the Rathbun Regional Water Association, Inc.

The Rathbun Regional Water Association, Inc., Ft. Madison System obtains its water from the City of Ft. Madison Water Department. The City of Ft. Madison obtains its water from the Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer, a ground water source. For a summary of the watershed assessment results and additional information contact: The Ft. Madison Water Treatment Plant at 319-463-5200.

The Rathbun Regional Water Association, Inc., Ft. Madison System also obtains its water from the City of Keokuk Water Department. The City of Keokuk obtains its water from the Mississippi River, a surface water source. For a summary of the watershed assessment results and additional information contact: The Keokuk Water Treatment Plant at 319-524-2585.

Original Supply ID	Original Water Name
IA5625062	Ft Madison Municipal Water Works
IA5640019	Keokuk Municipal Water Works

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Turbidity is an indicator of treatment filter performance and is regulated as a treatment technique.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information, please contact West Point City Hall at 319-837-6313. Decisions regarding the water system are made at regular scheduled meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the West Point City Hall, 313 5<sup>th</sup> Street, West Point, IA.

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### HOME HEALTH AIDE

Lee County Health Department is seeking a full-time Certified Home Health Aide to work in the agency's homecare and hospice programs. This position requires travel to client homes in the agency's service area. Submit either a Letter of Interest or Resume to Tammy Wilson, Finance Director, at LCHD, PO Box 1426, Fort Madison, IA 52627 or email to [twilson@leecountyhd.org](mailto:twilson@leecountyhd.org) by June 12, 2020. LCHD is an EOE.



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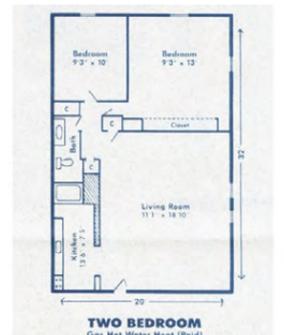
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## Sports

# Long captures fourth title in five races at Speedway

*Friday is the Shottenkirk Parts Express "Drive for 5"*

BY BRIAN NEAL  
Pepsi Lee County Speedway

DONNELSON – At the end of May the Iowa Governor announced that race tracks in the state of Iowa could welcome fans back into the grandstands starting on June 1st. Even though it was only at 50% capacity, it was nice to see the fans come out to enjoy a night of racing. The fans were welcomed back by the POWRi Lucas Oil WARS and Iowa Sprint League Non Wing Sprint Cars, along with the Budweiser IMCA Modifieds, and Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMods.

The 20-lap Budweiser IMCA Modified feature was the first to take to the track, with Michael Long and Jardin Fuller leading the field to the green flag.

Long would take advantage of his starting spot by jumping out into the lead on lap 1 over Fuller and Mark Burgtorf. Burgtorf and Denny Eckrich both got by Fuller for second and third on lap 2, and then went to work on chasing down Long. But Long would start to pull away, until the first caution appeared on lap 13. Jeff Waterman and Dennis LaVeine would spin in turn 2 to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Long jumped back out front, with Burgtorf and Eckrich taking chase. The action was slowed for the second and final time on lap 17, when Bill Roberts Jr. came to a stop in turn 3 to bring out the yellow.

Long once again grabbed the lead on the restart, and then held off Burgtorf to pick up his fourth win in five races at the track. Austin Howes was 3rd, LaVeine came from 11th to finish in 4th, with Fuller coming home in



5th.

Tanner Klingele and Logan Cumby led the field to green in the 18-lap Roberts Tire Center IMCA Sport-Mod feature, with Klingele grabbing the lead on lap 1 over Jim Gillenwater and Cumby.

Just after the lap was scored complete Jim Powell would spin in turn 4 to bring out the yellow. On the restart Klingele jumped back out front, with Gillenwater and Adam Birck close behind. Klingele then tried to hold back Gillenwater over the next three laps, when the second caution of the race appeared on lap 5. This time Tyler Burton spun in turn 3 to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Jadin Fuller spun in turn 1 to bring the yellow light back on. The following restart saw Austen Becerra, Gillenwater, and Klingele race three wide off turn 2 for the top spot, with Becerra emerging with the lead.

Becerra then started to pull away from the battle behind him, when another caution appeared on lap 8. Derek Goble would spin in turn 3 to bring out the yellow.

On the restart Becerra moved back out front, with Birck over taking Gillenwater for the runner up spot. Birck tried to keep pace with Becerra, when the final caution of the race came out on lap 13.

This time Kaleb Nevers spun in turn 2 to bring out the yellow. Becerra once again grabbed the lead on the restart, with Gillenwater and Birck battling for second. Becerra would go on to lead the final laps to claim the

win. Gillenwater was 2nd, Birck was 3rd, Joe Docekal drover Ron Kibbe's #89 to a 4th place finish, with Klingele holding on for 5th.

The final feature of the night was the 25-lap POWRi Lucas Oil WAR and Iowa Sprint League Non Wing Sprint Cars, with Anthon Nicholson and Chris Windom making up the front row.

Windom used his starting spot to his advantage by jumping out front to lead lap 1. The only thing to slow Windom down on the night were three cautions in the first five laps, and then late in the race lapped traffic.

The lapped traffic allowed second place runner Dave Darland to close within five car lengths. But once Windom cleared those lap cars he would pull away for the win.

Wyatt Burks cleared Darland on the final lap to claim the runner up spot, Matt Westfall was 4th, with Mario Clouser rounding out the top 5.

Coming up next Friday, June 12th will be the first of five "Drive For 5" qualifying nights for the Shottenkirk Parts Express IMCA Late Models. The IMCA Late Models will be racing for a top prize of \$1,000 as part of the Shottenkirk Parts Express "Drive For 5", which is also being presented by Ideal Ready Mix, Floyd's Waste Systems, J.J. Nichting Company Case HI, Triple Seven Trucking, and Triple R Performance Engines. Also in action will be the Budweiser IMCA Modifieds, Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, Roberts Tire Center SportMods, and Discount Tire & Service IMCA Sport Compacts. A regular points invert will be used for all classes, with the exception of the Late Models which will be draw / redraw.

Gates open at 5:30 PM, Hot Laps at 7 PM, and Racing to follow. Grandstand admission will be Adults \$10, Seniors (60+) \$9, Students (11-17) and Veterans \$5, and Kids 10 & under FREE! Pit passes will be \$30, ages (7-13) \$20, ages (4-6) \$10, and ages (3 & under) \$5.

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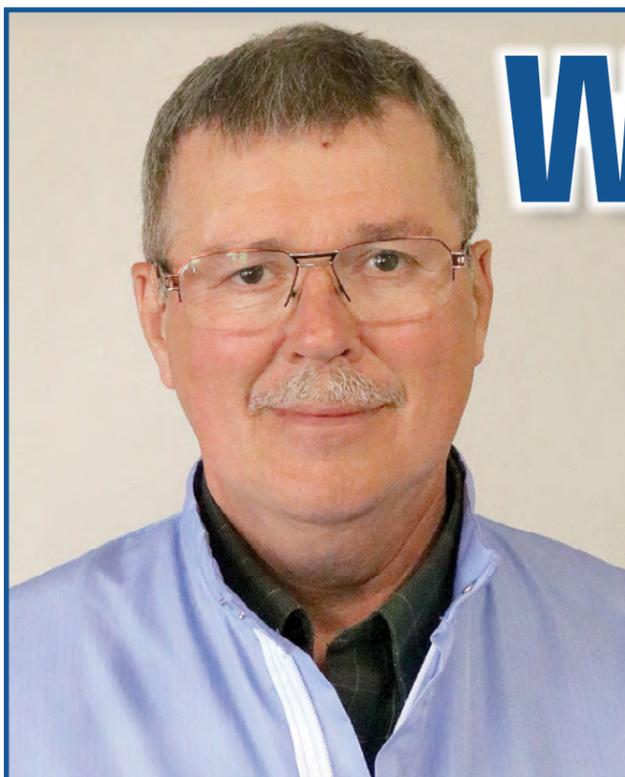
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