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**YMCA IN ACTION:** News comes on heels of moving day at FM center

## FM YMCA buys daycares



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

YMCA Program Director Noah Dean, center, looks over the Nautilus equipment that was moved into the former free weight room Sunday at the Fort Madison facility. YMCA Executive Director Ryan Wilson said the move will free up space for free weight workouts and allow for some additional equipment

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

**DONNELSON** – The Fort Madison YMCA will be taking over operations of two day care centers in Donnellson.

The Raisin' Em Up Early Learning Center in Donnellson, and Raisin' Em On Up, also in Donnellson will begin operations under the Fort Madison YMCA on March 30.

Fort Madison YMCA director Ryan Wilson said the YMCA only began looking at purchasing the day care providers on Jan. 16 of

this year.

“We had a board meeting on the 16th and I had actually received a call that they were for sale earlier that day,” Wilson said Monday.

“We didn't want to rush into anything. So we put a committee together to hash it out to make sure it makes sense financially and fits the mission. Then I reached out to the owner and began discussions.”

Wilson said he took several YMCA board members out to tour the facilities and has spoken with staff on site.

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## LEE COUNTY

### West Point may hike tax rate 7.4% for 2020-21

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

**WEST POINT** – Taxpayers in West Point could see a substantial bump in their property tax rates this year.

At Monday's regular meeting of the West Point City Council, the council

voted 5-0 to set a public hearing at a special Feb. 24 meeting to set the levy.

Because the levy increase is more than 2%, state law requires a special hearing for the levy to allow taxpayers to hear what the council is planning to do with the money.

The Iowa legislature put a new law on

the books this year that places a 2% soft cap on property tax revenue growth on governmental bodies.

West Point officials are projecting a 7.44% increase for fiscal year 2020-21. In 2019-20 the district taxed resi-

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## POWERBALL

### Vilsack wins \$150K on Powerball

**CLIVE** – Of the many titles Tom Vilsack has had in his life, including mayor, state senator, Iowa governor and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, he now has another he admits he never expected: big Powerball winner.

Vilsack, of Waukee, claimed a \$150,000 Powerball prize Monday at Iowa Lottery headquarters in Clive.



“Occasionally when the Powerball gets above \$250 million, I think, ‘What the heck?’ You know, you can dream, like everybody else,” he said. “And I also know that the chances of me winning anything are next to none and so the money is going to go to education or veterans or the state fund for natural resources or infrastructure, or all the good things that the lottery does. So, I figure it's a good contribution.”

Vilsack won his prize in the Powerball drawing on Jan. 22, when the game's jackpot had grown to an estimated \$347 million. But he said he didn't check his ticket for several days.

“I forgot about the ticket,” he said. “Then I woke up 10 days later on a Saturday morning and I said, ‘Oh, geez, I wonder how I did?’”

So he retrieved his ticket from his briefcase and checked his numbers on the Iowa Lottery's website. He said he was excited to see that he matched the Powerball on one of his easy-pick plays. But he quickly realized he'd matched even more numbers – he ultimately was just one number away from winning that night's jackpot, matching four of the five white balls and the Powerball.

“And I said, ‘My gosh, I got every number but one!’” he said. “So then it was, ‘Well, geez, when you get every number but one, surely they've got to give you like \$10 or something.’”

Vilsack double-checked the details on the lottery's website and saw that

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## WEATHER

**TUE 11 Feb.....** Broken Clouds, 34.6° F/ 29.3° F  
**WED 12 Feb.....** Snow, 37.5° F/ 21.5° F  
**THU 13 Feb.....** Bitter Cold with Light Snow, 2.5° F/ -3.4° F

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## IOWA LOTTERY

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## Obituaries/Education News

### OBITUARIES

## MILTON C. GARRISON

Milton C. Garrison, 68 of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, January 26, 2020 at his home.

He is survived by his son, Shawn Garrison, two siblings, Sharon Randolph and Eugene Edwards, both of Kalona, IA and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family and sent to the Vigen Memorial Home, 1328 Concert St., Keokuk, IA.

A memorial reception for family and friends will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 2723 340th Street, Keokuk.

The Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

## GBP brings in national STEM show

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

BURLINGTON – The Greater Burlington Partnership and Burlington Community Public Schools have come together to host Grand Hank for his very first appearance in the state of Iowa. Over 1,100 Burlington Community School District students in grades 7 through 10 will be impacted by the Magic and Wonders of STEM event. Grand Hank & The Magic and Wonders of STEM is a high-energy, interactive, hands-on science centered event designed to excite students about all things STEM. Grand Hank and his performance can be described as a Hip Hop Version of Bill Nye The Science Guy.

Two performances will be held at the Burlington Memorial Auditorium in Burlington, Iowa. The first performance will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 1 PM with a second performance held Wednesday, February 12

at 9 AM. This is a pilot program of the Greater Burlington Partnership. If interest is high, a state wide tour will be pursued.

A former research chemist for Johnson & Johnson, Tyraine Ragsdale, (aka Grand Hank) has visited more than 25 cities across the United States, exposing students to STEM and energy career opportunities. His latest project is the renovation and construction of the new Grand Hank STEM Center for Inner City Youth adjacent to LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

More information on Grand Hank can be found at [www.grandhank.com](http://www.grandhank.com)

The Magic and Wonders of STEM has been made possible by Partnering for the Future III investors, Burlington Riverfront Entertainment and grants from the John H. Witte Jr. Foundation, Burlington Education Foundation & the Brent Slocum Foundation

## WP Insurance rates bump pushes levy

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dents at 7.31/\$1,000 of assessed valuation generating \$242,000. If the city held at that amount for the next fiscal year it would have created a levy of \$7.13/\$1,000 due to the city's taxable valuation increasing \$844,000.

However, City Administrator Dennis McGregor said the city is looking at some relatively steep insurance increases across the board. The city is also going to lease space for the West Point Police Department, which currently operates out of the West Point Fire Station.

The additional revenues needs are projected to be \$260,000, which would require a levy rate of \$7.66/\$1,000, which is a 7.44% increase. After the hearing, the city would then hold another hearing for the budget approval which would require a supermajority of 4 of the 5 councilman.

Along with the 2% soft cap, the new law requires the supermajority approval of the levy increase.

The new levy would still be .54 under the state's general fund property tax cap of \$8.10.

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# For the Record

## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

02/06/20 – 8:09 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue G.  
 02/06/20 – 8:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Keith Alan Latham, 34, of West Point, in the 1200 block of 31st Street on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.  
 02/06/20 – 9:58 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited and released Jillian Elaine Smith, 34, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 02/06/20 – 12:22 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Seth Thomas Wright, 27, listed as homeless, in the 2000 block of Avenue H, on charges of interference with official acts, possession of drug paraphernalia, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.  
 02/06/20 – 2:07 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Kenneth Laverne Soper, 40, of Keokuk in the 2000 block of Avenue L, on a charge of driving while barred. He was released on a promise to appear.  
 02/07/20 – 8:58 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2300 block of Avenue L.  
 02/07/20 – 10:31 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 2600 block of Avenue L.  
 02/07/20 – 1:17 p.m. – Fort

Madison Police arrested Mary Catherine Grove, 59, of Fort Madison in the 1300 block of Avenue J, on a charge of serious domestic assault with intent to commit injury. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/07/20 – 3:32 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2000 block of 330th Avenue.  
 02/07/20 – 3:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 600 block of 10th Street.  
 02/07/20 – 6:52 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 800 block of Avenue G.  
 02/08/20 – 8:26 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Avenue D.  
 02/08/20 – 2:10 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2400 block of Avenue J.  
 02/08/20 – 5:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited and released Kai Luv Kempker, 26, of Fort Madison, in the 2300 block of 37th Street on a charge of driving under suspension.  
 02/09/20 – 9:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1500 block of 36th Street.  
 02/09/20 – 1:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Lance Joseph Guzman, 62, of Fort Madison in the 1000 block of Avenue D, on a charge of driving under suspension, and a federal warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the

Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/09/20 – 8:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Zachary Lewis Doran, 26, in the 2900 block of Avenue H, on a warrant for probation violation and driving under suspension. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/09/20 – 9:36 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Cory Brandon Stevens, 32, of Rosehill, in the 1900 block of Avenue L, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/09/20 – 10:57 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of Avenue F.  
 02/09/20 -11:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Joshua Allen Rahn, 34, of Burlington, at the police department on two charges of domestic abuse assault, two charges of violation of a no-contact order and a charge of 5th degree criminal mischief. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/10/20 – 12:06 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Chelsea Ann Jordan, 29, of Fort Madison, at the police department on a charge of violation of a no-contact order. She was released on a promise to appear.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

02/05/20 – 9:33 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brittany Lane Picton, 32, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office

on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/06/20 – 12:45 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Ramone Weems, 30, of Burlington, at the sheriff's office on a warrants for domestic assault and probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/06/20 – 4:37 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lauren Elaine Beach, 27, of Burlington, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a court-ordered hold. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/06/20 – 7:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident in the 3200 block of 270th Avenue. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Stephen Bolton Benner, 78, of Montrose struck and killed a horse. Benner denied medical treatment at the scene and no citations were issued but deputies are investigating the incident and charges could be pending against the owner of the horses, listed at Michael Bollin, on the report.  
 02/06/20 – 8:17 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 near the Wever Junction. A vehicle driven by Walter Dale Darr of Berryton, Kan., was struck by an object falling from an overpass. No injuries were reported and no citations were listed on the report.

02/07/20 – 9:48 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicole Dawn Blint, 39, of West Point, at the North Lee County Courthouse on charge of contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance.  
 02/07/19 – 12:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Antoine Anthony Pierce, 34, of Fort Madison in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
 02/07/20 – 12:08 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Montel Bryant, 47, of Keokuk, in the 3500 block of Hwy. 218, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/07/20 – 4:35 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident near mile marker 12 on Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Kiindra Nichole Hoenig, 25, of Fort Madison lost control negotiating a curve, left the roadway and slid into the ditch striking a mile marker pole. No citations or injuries were reported.  
 02/07/20 – 4:55 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Danielle Lynn Smith, 32, of Farmington, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. She was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.  
 02/07/20 – 6:32 p.m. – Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident at the southbound Hwy 61 exit onto Hwy 2. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Scott James McAfee, 30, of Kahoka, Mo, struck the rear-end vehicle driven by Kim Suzanne Fullenkamp, 45, of Donnellson as they were both waiting to turn onto Hwy. 2 west. McAfee was cited for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported.  
 02/09/20 – no time listed – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Raymond Anthony Antoine Cullins, 29, of Iowa City, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
 02/09/20 – 7:10 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Roy James Vowels, 30, of Donnellson, in the 500 block of Maple Street on a charge of interference with official acts. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/07/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one car accident.  
 02/08/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls.  
 02/09/20 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to two medical calls and one burn complaint.



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## Sports

**HOUND SPORTS** Fort Madison's shooting bottoms out with 0-14 fourth quarter stretch

# Lady Hounds let another one slip away

BY CHUCK  
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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Freshman Camille Kruse (21) drives past Davenport West's Madison Fuller (11) in the third quarter of Monday's 43-36 loss.

FORT MADISON – The Lady Hounds have been competitive in all but a handful of games this season and in some respects, you can hang your hat on that.

But Head Coach Tony Sargent can't help but see how many games have slipped away from the Fort Madison girls this year. Monday was another example as the Hounds let a 6-point third quarter lead slip away and fell to Davenport West 43-36 at the Hound Dome.

The ladies shot a dismal 3-19 in the fourth quarter and just 6-32 in the second half. At one point, the Lady Hounds went 0-14 in the stretch wiping out a 23-19 third quarter lead letting the Falcons (2-15) back in the game.

Fairfield jumped out to a 6-0 lead behind four points from sophomore 6'3" Kyle Devore, but Fort Madison shook off the rough start and outscored the Falcons by 5-0 capped by Sarah Bernhart's free throw.

Freshman Camille Kruse hit a three ball with 5:37 left in second period to knot the score up at 8. The teams would exchange

buckets the rest of the way with the Hounds' Brandy Walker hitting a layup in transition just prior the buzzer for an 18-17 half-time lead.

Kruse hit another 3-pointer to put Fort Madison up by six 23-17 before sophomore Kaitlyn Powell hit a couple free throws and converted a 3-point play to cut the lead back to one.

That's when the hoop was closed to any Fort Madison business as the Hounds went 1 for 7 for the rest of the period, with Walker scoring the only bucket with 3:31 left in the period to give Fort Madi-

son at 25-22 lead.

By the time Fort Madison would convert another field goal, it would be a jumper from Kruse on the left wing with the Lady Hounds down 29-36.

Down by seven, the Hounds went into a full court press to try and force turnovers and slow the clock.

"We went to a full court denial and it didn't work to our ability. It was OK, but we kept letting their best free throw shooter get the ball and that isn't the plan, but that's OK."

That shooter was Powell, who went 7-of-11 from the line down the stretch to

help put the game away.

A Kruse bucket with 1:15 left in the game cut the lead to four, but the Hounds kept fouling Powell who put the game away.

Sargent said he was frustrated with the Hounds' offensive play, but said the girls didn't play bad.

"I'm a little disappointed. Our offense didn't seem to be in sync tonight and we didn't do what we needed to do to win. Our defense wasn't bad, it's just one of the games you don't know why."

The Hounds shot 21% from the field and Sargent was quick to correlate that



Bloodhound Anna Kester (2) slides by the Lady Falcons' Kaitlyn Powell (4) in the first quarter Monday night.

to other losses.

"We shot 17% to Washington, 18% and 22% against Mt. Pleasant. We shot 28% in our first loss against Fairfield. When we shoot in the 20s we're not going to win very many games," he said.

Sargent said he was hoping to finish the season with three regular season wins and has Davis County and Burlington let.

"Now I'm hoping for two," he said.

Kruse led the Hounds with 16 points followed by Walker's 14. Bernhard and Nadia Boeding each finished with three points.

The Hounds (6-13) travel to Albia on Thursday and round out the regular season on Friday with a trip to Burlington. District brackets for the post season should be out by Friday.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Gehling scores 23 to lead HTC 8th graders

FORT MADISON The Holy Trinity Catholic boys 8th grade basketball team knocked off Van Buren at home 42-14 Thursday night.

Conner Gehling led the Crusaders with 23 points. Maddox Rung chipped with eight, while James Stinson and Adam Sobczak has four, and Luke Hellige added 3. The Crusaders travel to WACO Monday night.

### FMMS boys split with Mt. Pleasant

Hunter Cresswell scored 10 points and had seven rebounds to lead Fort Madison in the 'A' team's 37-31 loss. Leif Boeding scored nine for the Hounds, while Carson Rashid had six, Nathan Bowen had four and Marin Rose added a bucket. Ben Ramatowski had six rebounds for Fort Madison.

In the 'B' game, the Hounds edged Mt. Pleasant 25-24 with William Bennett leading the way with five points. Jamarkus Kline, Ayden Moyers and Jahbari Starks each had four points. Henry Morris chipped in with three, Jayden Gonsalves and Richard Stocker each had two and Raymond Jaciunde-Sutton had one. Moyers led the Hounds with nine rebounds.

### Hellige puts in 29 in 7th grade win

FORT MADISON – Luke Hellige scored 29 points Thursday as the HTC Crusaders 7th grade boys knocked off Van Buren 48-25. Adam Sobczak scored 15, while Brayton Schneider and Alex Hellman each added two.



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## CURRENT-LEE

### LCHD children's immunization clinic

Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, February 13th, 2020 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa. Call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at [www.leecountyhd.org](http://www.leecountyhd.org).

### Legislative Luncheon Feb. 21

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs committee is scheduled to hold its second monthly Legislative Luncheon Feb. 21 from noon to 1 p.m. at River Rocks Bar and Grill in downtown Fort Madison. The luncheon's are a chance to hear and question state lawmakers elected from this region.

### Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Partners will be holding their annual dinner on Feb. 21. This year's theme is "A Roaring Good Time" and 20's attire is requested and formal business is appreciated. Cocktail hour starts at 5:15

p.m. with a welcome, dinner, and awards to follow at McAleer Hall 415 11th Street. RSVP to the Partner's office at 372-5471 by Feb. 12.

### Baxter Sports Complex Fundraiser

The 3rd annual Baxter Sports Complex Social Tour and Auction Fundraiser on Feb. 29, 2020. Tickets will be on sale soon at the sports complex.

### Date Escape at the Library

You have 30 minutes to escape an awkward date at the Fort Madison Public Library from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 15. Pre-registration is strongly recommended by contacting the library.

### OFP's "Drinking Habits"

The Old Fort Players next production will take place Feb. 14-16th and Feb. 21-23rd with performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and military personnel and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) or by calling 319-372-9559.

### "Galentine's" Party

Bring the gal pals for shopping, treats and fun at The

Kensington! Vendors will be on site and door prizes will be awarded on Feb. 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at The Kensington.

### Industrial Tech Day at SCC

Southeastern Community College will be holding an Industrial Technology Day on Feb. 20 on campuses in Keokuk and West Burlington from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will include live demos, meeting with current students and networking with area professionals. Register by visiting [www.scciaowa.edu](http://www.scciaowa.edu) or calling 319-313-1929.

### JDRF 5K Fundraiser

The Southeast Iowa JDRF 5K fundraiser is scheduled for Fort Madison on April 25. Rev Fitness is hosting the event for the first time. This event was run in Burlington for the past 15 years. The course is being planned for downtown Fort Madison on a two-lap course from 10th Street to 3rd Street on Avenues F and G.

### Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

# PEN CITY CURRENT CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. D-059

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1 - ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 7, MAYOR, SECTION 6, DUTIES

Be It Enacted By The City Council of The City of Fort Madison, Iowa:

Section 1. The City council of Fort Madison does hereby amend Title 1, Administration, Chapter 7, Mayor, Section 6, Duties, by deleting the following:

#### 1-7-6: DUTIES:

The mayor shall sign all commissions, licenses, and permits granted by the authority of the council and shall sign or certify to such other documents or papers as may be required by law or this code. And shall also perform such other duties compatible with the nature of his office as may be required by the provisions of this code, or direction of the council.

And replacing it with the following:

The mayor shall sign all commissions, licenses, and permits granted by the authority of the council and shall sign or certify to such other documents or papers as may be required by law or this code, except to the extent the

City Council has passed a resolution directing some other City official to sign said documents or papers. And shall also perform such other duties compatible with the nature of his office as may be required by the provisions of this code, or direction of the council.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or constitutional.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council this 4th day of February, 2020.

/s/Matt J. Mohrfeld,  
Mayor  
City of Fort Madison,  
Iowa

ATTEST:  
/s/Melinda L. Blind, City  
Clerk

### PUBLIC NOTICE Budget Hearing Agenda Great Prairie Area Education Agency February 11, 2020

#### 5:30 PM - Budget Hearing - Executive Conference Room Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, 200 N. Main, Fairfield, Iowa

#### AGENDA

I. HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY BOARD PRESIDENT

II. BOARD APPROVAL OF THE HEARING AGENDA

III. BOARD REVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020-2021  
ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:  
Dennis Gourley, Chief Financial Officer, will review our proposed budget for Great Prairie AEA for 2020-2021.

IV. DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE 2020-2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

At this time the President should ask any visitors if they have any questions regarding the proposed Budget.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

### PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County Conservation Board Agenda February 11, 2020

### 4:00 p.m. Lee County Conservation Center 2652 Highway 61

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from January 14, 2020
3. Public Input  
This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.

4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Financial Report

6. Great River Quail Forever Banquet Sponsorship
7. LCCB Mission Statement and Three-Year Priorities

8. Review and Approve Mowing Bid for Primary Use Areas

9. Review and Approve Mowing Bid for Satellite Areas

10. Staff Reports
11. Board Member Comments

12. Adjournment  
Workshop to Follow Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting will be March 10, 2020  
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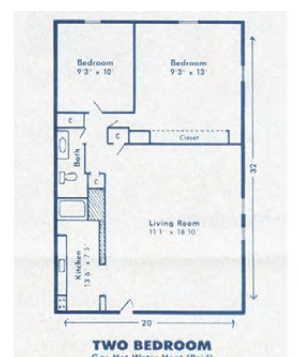
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
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## Local News/Lee County News

# U.S. Senate candidate to hit Lee County next

LEE COUNTY - The Lee County Democratic Party is hosting two Meet and Greets for Cal Woods, candidate for United States Senate, on Tuesday, February 11. The first event will be 3:30pm-4:30pm at The Lost Canvas, 719 Main Street, Keokuk. Mr. Woods will make a second stop 5:00pm-6:00pm at Sub Arena Sandwich Shop, 2805 Avenue L, Fort Madison.

Cal Woods grew up on a Linn County hog farm just north of Mount Vernon. He joined the navy at 17 and served on board the USS Chicago, a guided missile cruiser in the navigation department. He was deployed for two tours of duty while onboard to patrol the western pacific.

He graduated from the University of

Iowa and worked as a reporter in Colorado and Iowa for 16 years. He is now a fencing contractor.

Woods plans to focus on health care and climate change as a Senate candidate. He favors strengthening the Affordable Care Act by allowing people to buy into public health insurance. He doesn't believe we have to ban private health insurance companies from competing with a public option, but we out-compete them. He believes our future is in cleaner, greener economics. The solar industry now employs more people than coal mining.

The events are open to the public. Please call Mary Jo Riesberg at 319-526-3160 with any questions.

# Second legislative luncheon set for Feb. 21 at River Rocks

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee will host the second 2020 Legislative Luncheon Friday, February 21st 12:00 noon at the River Rocks Restaurant.

The luncheons are to provide the general public the opportunity to hear what our legislators are doing while representing us in Des Moines. This is a second of 5 luncheons planned during the 2020 legislative session. The remaining dates are: March 20, April 17 and the final one being May 15th.

All these luncheon events are subject to the availability of our legislators- due to commitments they have in Des Moines- and may be cancelled if they are unable to attend.

The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce is an affiliate organization of Fort Madison Partners. Fort Madison Partners is the umbrella organization which oversees the Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce, Fort Madison Economic Development and Fort Madison SIRRC.

It serves to facilitate and coordinate efforts, services and resources of each individual organization as well as share strategic goals, working towards the common goal of making Fort Madison a great place to visit, live and work.



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Fort Madison Executive Director Ryan Wilson, center, puts in a little sweat equity with some volunteers Sunday afternoon, moving the weight rooms and cardio workout areas around at the Fort Madison YMCA.

# State DHS will give daycares a clean slate

YMCA - Continued from Page 1

The facilities came under fire from the Iowa Department of Human Services through most of 2019, and on June 13 had 15 complaints filed against the facilities and owner Sarah Tweedy after unannounced visits were conducted in April and June. Tweedy appealed the complaints and the situation was working its way through the DHS administrative process at the time of the sale.

At one point DHS officials started a 10-day revocation timeline against Tweedy, but the appeal delayed the license revocation.

In August, Laura McDowell, a site supervisor for the daycares, was charged with child endangerment after an incident at the facility resulted in the death of a child in December of 2018. McDowell has pleaded not guilty in that case and pretrial conference has been set for Feb. 14, with a pre-trial motions deadline set for March 10.

Wilson said he's spoken with the Department of Human Services and the facilities will have a clean slate under the YMCA's ownership, and the state is not requiring any changes to take place after the sale.

Wilson said additional one-on-ones are scheduled with current staff, but he said plans are to keep the current staffing, hours, and rates at least for the first 90 days.

"If we need to make any changes to we may look at that at the beginning of the next school year," he said.

Once ownership changes hands the facilities will be tentatively be called the Fort Madison YMCA Early Learning Center, and the Fort Madison YMCA Learning Center for the older children.

Wilson said initial reactions to the YMCA taking over has been good.

"We've heard nothing but great things from the community about us taking over," he said.

He said there is room for additional children at the facilities. With the unknown future of the centers as DHS officials considered the appeal, families have taken their children to other places.

"They were operating at higher volumes before DHS filed the complaints and people didn't know what the future would be so some families went to other places for child care," Wilson said.

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From the Front

# Vilsack talks up value of lottery to state

**LOTTERY** - Continued from Page 1

he'd won a lot more than \$10. He said that when he bought his ticket, the store clerk had asked him if he wanted to add the Power Play® option to his ticket for an extra \$1 per play, so he decided that he would.

That option multiplies most prizes in the game by the Power Play number selected in the drawing. The Power Play number was three the night that Vilsack won his prize.

After realizing he'd won, he said he shared the news with his wife, Christie, who didn't believe him.

"I said, 'Geez, honey, actually I won \$150,000,'" Vilsack recalled. "She said, 'No you didn't!' I said, 'No, look at this.' And I gave her the ticket. She looked at the numbers and she said, 'Go next door to Jess (the couple's eldest son) and have him read the numbers and make sure you're looking at this right.' I said, 'I put it in the system here! It's telling me I won \$150,000!'"

Jess ultimately confirmed that his dad had won big – and so did the lottery.

"So today I decided to claim the prize," Vilsack said with a smile. "Obviously, I'm very happy."

He has specific plans for his winnings.

"The church is going to get a little bit of it, St. Boniface, I'm going to send that check out today," he said. "And the kids are going to get a little bit because you always try to help your kids out. And then the rest is going to go to my banker. And he's going to be very pleased to get it. Because we still have an outstanding mortgage from many years ago and this will help pay it down to the point where retirement can be a little bit more comfortable than it might have otherwise been."

Vilsack bought his winning ticket at Hy-Vee, 1005 E. Hickman Road in Waukee. He had some advice for other lottery players, knowing that he almost forgot to check his ticket.

**“***It's something that I certainly understand from my experience as a state senator and as a governor and I think it's great. And as you say, you don't win if you don't play.***”**

-Tom Vilsack,  
Former Iowa Governor and Powerball winner



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack redeems his Powerball ticket for a check for \$150,000 Monday in Clive, Iowa. Vilsack bought his ticket at the Waukee Hy-vee on E. Hickman Road.

"Sort of a word to the wise: Check your numbers. It matters," he said. "There are different ways to win. I didn't realize that. I honestly didn't realize you could win by not having all of the numbers. And so people sometimes walk away from some resources and some money when they don't check their ticket."

As he claimed his prize, Vilsack also took a moment to reflect on the lottery and why he plays.

"I know that this lottery is really important to the state and it's certainly important to the state budget," he said "It's something that I certainly understand from my experience as a state senator and as a governor and I think it's great. And as you say, you don't win if you don't play."

"Obviously, the whole issue of gaming has been somewhat controversial in every state," he said. "But as long as we are providing assistance to those who over-extend themselves, which is unfortunate and tragic, and as long as we use these resources in a way to build our state and make it stronger and better, then I think it's a good thing."



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