

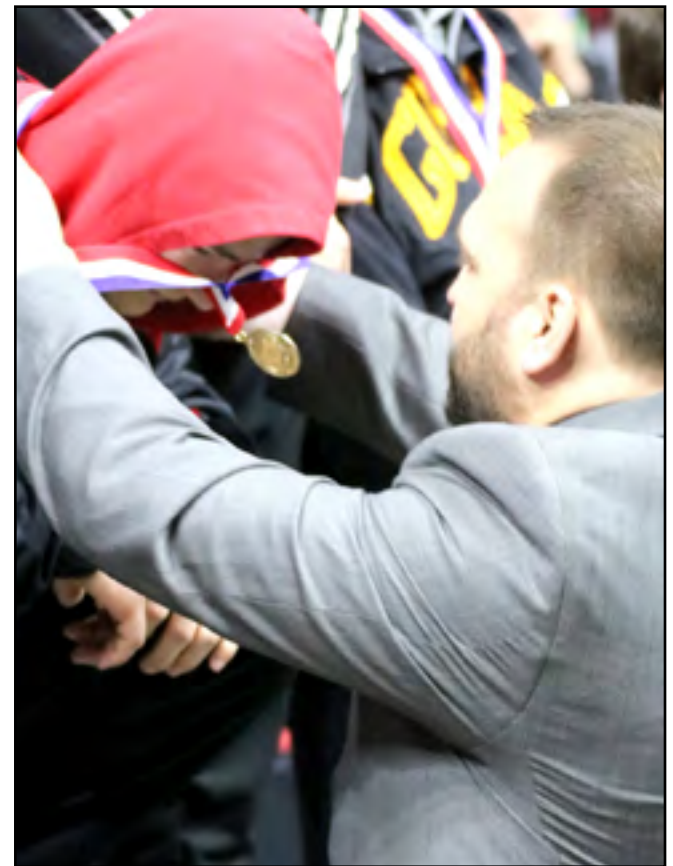


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Harlan Steffensmeier is state champ

Central Lee senior brings home Class 3A gold from the Well



Above, Steffensmeier stands atop the podium for the Class 3A 152 lb wrestlers and gives a look up to his family in the stand. At top, Head Coach Ryan Smith gets to present all 152 lb wrestlers with their medals and then gets to drape the first-place medal over the head of Harlan Steffensmeier; left, Harlan celebrates in a bear hug with Smith and assistant Coach Derek Doherty after downing Cayd Lara, in a 5-4 decision.

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2018 IHSAA STATE WRESTLING – FINALS

Title is dream come true for champ

“I always dreamed I could do it and I did.”

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

DES MOINES - Harlan Steffensmeier likes to count by twos. Whether it's a takedown, or a reversal, or a near fall...or moving up the podium in increments of two at the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament, Steffensmeier is now the best 152 lb wrestler in the state of Iowa.

Steffensmeier beat Fort Dodge's Cayd Lara 5-4 to win the title. Lara is the wrestler who had been rated No. 1 and 2 throughout the year. Steffensmeier hovered at No. 4 and 3, according to Iowa Wrestle and The Predicament.

Ironically, it was counting by ones that almost made it a bad day with two single-point penalties in the third period on stalling that brought Fort Dodge's Cayd Lara back into the match at 3-3, but Steffensmeier was able to grab Lara's leg and force a takedown to take a 5-3 lead. With just six seconds left in the match, Steffensmeier was called

for stalling again, but was able to ride Lara to the buzzer for the win.

“I always dreamed I could do it and I did,” Steffensmeier said.

He said he didn't really know that he had won until the match was over, but knew the third period was getting crazy.

“After I went down at the beginning, I knew I had to get out and I did it. Then I had to keep the pace going,” he said. “(The official) gave a point against me. It wasn't stalling, it was something else I'm not sure, but then I took him down. I don't even have words to describe it.”

Head Coach Ryan Smith stood up at the edge of the mat during the match and told Harlan to not let the refs beat him.

“I said don't let the ref beat you. If Lara beats you that's fine, but don't let the refs win it,” Smith said.

He said Steffensmeier didn't receive much attention in the rankings or accolades during the year, but never lost focus of what he needed to do.

“It's beautiful, man. The kid's just worked his tail off and beaten great people and doesn't get much respect,” Smith said. “I usually don't get too excited about those things, but I know he's the best 152 in the state when he's dialed in. This is validation for him to know that, too. A small town kid, good student,



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Harlan Steffensmeier gets on top of Cady Lara with :02 seconds showing on the clock post at right, just prior to winning the 152 lb state wrestling title title.

works hard, and is now a state champion.”

Steffensmeier's father said he was dialed in...the whole weekend. But he said the last few penalty points were unjustified.

“You know, all weekend he was focused. He knew what he had to get done. He didn't shrink from the challenge. He took on the best in the state and beat 'em. He

earned it,” Steffensmeier's father said. “The finals match, I thought the ref made some really bad calls. I got texts right away and when the University of Iowa coach comes up to me and says, ‘you beat him anyway-great job,’ you know it was bad. But Harlan just out-wrestled him. He out-wrestled all of them.”

“This is a sport that

takes an enormous amount of dedication and years of training. And there's no guarantee you're going to get the title,” Gary Steffensmeier said. “Other people want that title. You have to believe in yourself and your training and believe in what's taking place and then execute.”

Harlan has committed to the U.S. Air Force

Academy to wrestle and then work to become a fighter pilot. His father said this process will help him succeed there.

“That's what you have to understand about the importance of sports. It's not about the winning piece. That's the byproduct. It's about the process and now he can duplicate

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“

He didn't shrink from the challenge. He took on the best in the state and beat 'em.”

-Gary Steffensmeier
Harlan's father



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2018 IHSA STATE WRESTLING – FINALS

Steffensmeier carries on winning family tradition

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that in anything else he wants to do in life," Gary Steffensmeier said.

Steffensmeier was down 0-2 in the first period when Lara was able to throw the taller Steffensmeier to the mat as both wrestlers slipped out of the circle. No points were originally given on the takedown, but after a conference between two of the officials, two points were given. Harlan returned the favor in the second period when he caught Lara's leg on the way off the left side and registered a takedown just before the two slipped off the mat.

Lara is the younger brother of Triston Lara, who knocked Steffensmeier out in the 138 lb semifinals last year. He finished seventh as a freshman at 106, and fifth as a sophomore at 120.

Steffensmeier and Cayd Lara squared off this year on Jan. 13 at the J-Hawk Invitational in Cedar Rapids with Lara coming out with a 6-3 decision. Lara got a 2-point nearfall call and forced Steffensmeier into what Smith called some "high risk" moves that Lara was able to fend off.

Steffensmeier advanced to the title match with a 9-4 win over Jacob Herrmann of Waverly-Shell Rock on Friday night. Steffensmeier controlled the match most of the way with a few hiccups in the third period that allowed Herrmann to get him to the mat, where the senior from Central Lee quickly escaped.

In the afternoon session Friday, he faced West Des Moines Valley's Grant Stotts, the top-rated wrestler in the quarterfinals. The first period went scoreless. Steffensmeier started the second period down and was able to escape and quickly went after one of Stotts' legs and worked him into a takedown on the left side of the mat for a 3-0 lead. Stotts was able to score a reversal with just :08 left in the period. Steffensmeier, on top to start the third, was able to roll Stotts around just missing a pin, but did get a 3-point near fall to set the score.

Harlan now becomes the 14th state champion for the Fort Madison High School wrestling team. The senior attends Central Lee High School,



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Harlan Steffensmeier locks up Cayd Lara in the middle of the third period for a takedown in Steffensmeier's 5-4 decision to win the state championship at 152 lbs.

but wrestles in the FMHS shared program.

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- 1980 - Pat Pickford - 112 lbs
- 1986 - Gary Steffensmeier - 112 lbs
- 1987 - Gary Steffensmeier - 119 lbs
- 1993 - Jason Crooks - 171 lbs
- 1994 - Jason Crooks - 189 lbs
- 1994 - Victor Martinez - 125 lbs
- 1995 - Nick Flach - 125 lbs
- 1996 - Nick Flach - 135 lbs
- 2004 - Russell Weakley - 103 lbs
- 2005 - Russell Weakley - 112 lbs
- 2006 - Gordon Johnson - 195 lbs

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YMCA waiting on city approval to manage pool

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After a deal fell through last year to turn over operations of the municipal swimming pool to the Fort Madison YMCA, a new agreement will be in front of the city officials this week that could make the transition a reality

City Manager David Varley added the agreement to the city council agenda at this week's Tuesday meeting and wrote in a memorandum that the agreement is for one year initially. The contract calls for a review of the agreement after the first year, and if all parties are satisfied with the arrangement, it could be extended in five-year increments.



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"This idea was discussed last year, but we were not able to have a contract ready in time for the season," Varley wrote. "This is basically the same contract and it is like a landlord-tenant lease. It is a



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one-year contract so both parties can evaluate the situation and decide if we want to continue with such an arrangement in the future."

YMCA Executive Director Ryan Wilson said the YMCA is waiting on approval from the city and the YMCA has already taken action to approve the proposed contract.

Under the agreement, the YMCA would be responsible for all operational costs during the season from May 1 to Sept. 3, 2018 as well as providing up to \$1 million in liability insurance. Those costs would include routine maintenance, labor, and goods for sale.

The city would be responsible for all capital improvement expenses. The city would carry the property insurance and has agreed to make some upgrades to

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WED 21 Feb		Light Rain High– 32.9° F Low – 29.6° F
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2018 IHSA STATE WRESTLING – FRIDAY

Steffensmeier to wrestle for state title

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS senior Harlan Steffensmeier tries to get a leg locked to be able to roll over Waverly-Shell Rock's Jacob Herrmann in semi final action Friday night at the state wrestling tournament. Steffensmeier won the match 9-4 to advance to the 152lb title match Saturday night.

was able to twist him to the ground for a quick take down just :25 seconds into the match.

Steffensmeier kept trying to hook Herrmann's leg while staying on top of him after the take-down and roll him into a cradle and :40 later got a

2-point near fall and kept Herrmann under wraps for the rest of the period.

The two started neutral in the 2nd period with both standing. Steffensmeier was able to score another takedown for the only points of the period, as Herrmann was

not able to get untangled from Steffensmeier the whole period.

Head Coach Ryan Smith had Steffensmeier start down in the 3rd period and he was able to register an escape just :21 into the period. But then Herrmann took to the

offensive and was able to get the Bloodhound on two separate takedowns for four points.

"I got a little sloppy in my shots there at the end," Steffensmeier said. "I got in, I just didn't capitalize and finish."

Steffensmeier escaped

"That's just good to go out and set the pace and let the other kid know I'm in charge here and then set a good tone."

-Harlan Steffensmeier
FMHS Wrestler

from each takedown to score two of his own, with the last one coming at :29 left in the match, to set the final score at 9-4.

Smith said Steffensmeier's first win in the morning session, a 6-2 decision, against West Des Moines Valley's top-ranked Grant Stotts was almost perfect.

"That first match, it was just excellent. Harlan had perfect execution on his feet, on top, on

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Steffensmeier has control here in the first period of his semifinal match against Jacob Herrmann of Waverly-Shell Rock.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

In the second period, Steffensmeier tries to get under Herrmann to set up a roll over.



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Steffensmeier gets his weight and leg around Herrmann in the second period just before bringing him to the ground for a takedown.



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Steffensmeier zoned in

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the bottom. He gave up a little bit of a sloppy reversal, but other than that it was pretty much picture perfect.”

Steffensmeier, who scored three points in the second and third period while giving up just a reversal, said he likes to get out and set the pace of a match.

“That’s just good to go out and set the pace and let the other kid know I’m in charge here and then set a good tone,” he said. “I knew I could beat him if I just went out there and wrestled my match.”

It was the second time Steffensmeier had beaten Stotts during the year.

He said, with this being his fourth year at the state tournament, the nerves are present, but once the whistle blows the match open, it’s just the two of them.

“Before the match you’re a little nervous and I try to get that out, but I know once I step on the mat it all goes away.”

Lara is the younger brother of Tristin Lara, who knocked Harlan out in the semis last year at 138 lbs. Lara has won every match at the tournament by pin, but the two met early in the season and Lara scored a decision over Steffensmeier, one of only two of the senior’s losses on the year.

“I wrestled him once this year during the sea-

son and once during the offseason,” Steffensemier said. “They were both pretty close and I have to go out and wrestle and get to my stuff.”

Smith said the environment of wrestling for the state title can be tough just considering the competition, but with Steffensmeier’s experience at trips to Wells-Fargo, he’s zoned in.

“He’s got that all nailed down, it’s just full steam ahead,” Smith said. “I liken it to the fact that he wants to be a fighter pilot. It’s kind of like that. You have to be zeroed in on your task. It will be a tough one, but he’s capable. They’re all tough there, but it’s a good place to be.”

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Head Coach

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Hounds lose Tuesday at Illini West

BY PCC STAFF

CARTHAGE - A slow start for the Hounds was enough for Illini West to hold off Fort Madison in a 42-38 loss in Tuesday night’s regular season finale for the Hounds.

Seniors Treavor James-Kokjohn and Kaleb Cresswell paced Fort Madison with 11 points each in the low-scoring affair. Cresswell scored the only points for Fort Madison in the first quarter with a 3-ball, but Illini West put up nine.

Fort Madison outscored the hosts in the second period 12-11 with James-Kokjohn leading the way

with seven.

Kennedy Gooding, Carter Boyer, and Jackson Boyer combined for 14 for the Chargers for the third period to push the lead to 34-27. The Hounds held Illini West in check in the fourth quarter but couldn’t overcome the early deficit.

Logan Rashid had seven points and Parker Denning put in six in the loss, Brandon Keester had two points, and Sheymouhr Redd-Donald scored a point for the Hounds.

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YMCA soccer registration opens Monday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The YMCA youth soccer registration period will open Monday will continue through March 16th for early deadline registration.

Programs this year include:

- 5 Week Little Tykes Program - 3-6 year olds
- 6 Week Lee County Program - 1st - 6th graders
- Practices begin the week of March 26th
- Little Tykes Fee - \$20 Members; \$35 Nonmembers
- Lee County Fee - \$25 Members; \$45 Nonmembers

The deadline to re-registration is Friday, March 16th

Public Notices/Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
PROCEEDINGS
FORT MADISON
CITY COUNCIL
2/6/2018**

The Fort Madison City Council met in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Seidel, Lair and Cangas. Council Member Greenwald was absent.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 1/16/2018; Resolution No. 2018-08, granting property tax exemption for Sean L/Tracy L Rogers, 1011 Avenue G; Resolution No. 2018-09, granting property tax exemption to Paul M/Glenda

S Schneider, 1620 Avenue L; Resolution No. 2018-10, granting property tax exemption to Greenwald's Realty Corp., 1936 Avenue H; Payment of Claims; New Liquor License: Buffalo 61 Bar & Grill, 6111 Reve Court, effective 2/25/2018; and Liquor License Renewals: Hy-Vee Food Store, 2606 Avenue L, effective 3/19/2018, Eagles Club (Pen City Aerie), 4821 Avenue O, effective 1/31/2018, and Under the Sun, LTD, 733 Avenue G, effective 3/1/2018.

On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-11, ordering construction and setting public hearing for Public Improvement Project 2018-01, Replacement of Avenue I Bridge Over Dry Creek. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2018-12, ordering construction, setting public

hearing and bid letting for Public Improvement Project 2018-02, Replacement of City Hall Roof.

On motion, Council approved and accepted the bid of Kluesner Construction, Inc., for crack sealing concrete streets for \$.71 per

running foot.

At 5:52 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until February 20, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph, Mayor

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

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Sp. Rev. Funds	275,967.26
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Debt	231.15
Capital	20,378.04
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Solid Waste	11,589.25
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General	\$174,278.76
Spec. Revenues	3,899.65
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Water	25,416.71
Sewer	41,362.93
Solid Waste	10,572.28
Storm Water	3,425.32
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REVENUES

General	\$ 168,209.16
Special Rev.	291,522.42
Road Use	95,303.51
Debt	748.84
Capital	7,997.14
Water	302,659.39
Sewer	256,959.72
Solid Waste	69,881.11
Storm Water Util.	19,009.79
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General	\$181,117.95
Spec. Revenues	10,375.84
Road Use	25,807.09
Water	26,535.18
Sewer	43,056.47
Solid Waste	11,332.49
Storm Water	3,573.45
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	\$301,798.47

CLAIMS - 2/6/2018

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF IOWA, LODGING	124
ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT CO, NOZZLE REBUILD KIT	330.8
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECTRIC	18,024.70
APWA - IOWA CHAPTER, REGISTRATION	185
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES, UNIFORMS	747.85
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC, CAR EQUIPMENT	5,299.45
BRADLEY BRYANT, WINTER WEAR REIMB 2018	130.33
BRAUN INTERTEC CORP, INSPECTIONS WWTP	6,841.25
BROWN SUPPLY CO. INC., NUTS & GASKETS	501.9
BURLINGTON GLASS COMPANY, REPLACE	

BROKEN GLASS AT MUSEUM	198.75
BURLINGTON MUNI WATER, BACTERIA SAMPLES	85
CENTURY LINK, PHONE LINE	57
CINTAS CORP, 1ST AID SUPPLIES	134.17
CULLEN PEST CONTROL, MONTHLY FEES ... 189	
DAILY DEMOCRAT, LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	935.77
DES MOINES STAMP MFG. COM, STAMP	36.4
DODD PRINTING & STATIONERY, BINDER & OFFICE SUPPLIES	180.63
DOG WASTE DEPOT, DOG WASTE BAGS	199.98
EASTERN IOWA TOURISM, EASTERN IA TRAVEL GUIDE	495
EBERT SUPPLY, HAND CLEANER	44.95
EMD MILLIPORE CORP, FILTERS	758.74
FASTENAL COMPANY, JOBBERS	98.39
FORT MADISON ROTARY CLUB, DUES	181
FORT MADISON WATER DEPT, WATER	25.49
GARNER FOODS, FUEL	370.2
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL WASTE, INTERGRATED WASTE - JAN 2018	4,921.58
GREENWOOD CLEANING SYSTEM, JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	695.42
GRIFFIN MUFFLER AND BRAKE, TIRE REPAIR	331.97
HACH CHEMICAL CO., LAB SUPPLIES	929.59
HAWKEYE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, CUTTING	

EDGE	518.81
HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC, CHAIN/ BAR & ROD	3,013.50
HERREN, JOEY, DRINKING FOUNTAIN	401.74
HOLT SUPPLY COMPANY, DEHUMIDIFIER	3,046.42
HOLTKAMP, RITA, BASE BOARD INSTALLATION	249.19
HORN, DANIEL, HEADLAMPS	52.82
HOWARD R GREEN COMPANY, WATER STORAGE TANKS - PROF	5,848.72
HUFFMAN WELDING & MACHINE, CUTOFF DISC	1,200.38
IA ASSOC OF HOUSING OFFICE, DUES	30
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TERMINAL BILLING	300
IDEAL READY MIX, FILL SAND	1,034.32
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY, BATTERIES	150.82
IOWA MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER, DUES	40
IOWA ONE CALL, ANSWERING SERVICE	126.6
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, SIGNS	1,211.65
JETCO INC., REMOTE SUPPORT	564.6
JL TIME & ATTENDANCE CO, MONTHLY FEE	146.25
JONES CONTRACTING CORP, 27TH STR & AVE L	20,001.23
KELTEK INCORP, ITEMS FOR NEW VEHICLES	2,991.00
KINGS RIVER CASTING, INC., OAK SLATS FOR BENCHES	271.44
KIRKWOOD COMM. COLLEGE, TRAINING	165
KNAPHEIDE EQUIP CO., BEARINGS & CHAINS	189.25
LARRY DRISCOLL, PRESSURE WASHER	3,799.99
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS, WARNING TICKETS	72
LEE COUNTY RECORDER, RECORDING FEES	37
LIBERTY UTILITIES, HEATING	1,246.33
MCFARLAND, TOWELS	119.98
MENKE PROFESSIONAL AUTO PARTS, PREM STARTER FLUID	12.8
MES-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOAM	582.68
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY, SIGNS	440.68
MID AMERICAN ENERGY CO., HEATING	6,018.49
MIDLAND SCIENTIFIC INC., FILTERS	81.57
MIDWEST SAFETY COUNSELORS, FILTERS	125
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY COMPANY, INNER LID & CLAMPS	727.82

MYERS LOCK & KEY, REPIN LOCK	403
ORKIN EXTERNIMATING CO, ANNUAL SERVICE	354.1
PARKVIEW VETERINARY CLINIC, RENTAL FEE & MISC	1,365.00
PDC LABORATORIES, INC, TESTING	75
PINNACLE FOODS GROUP LLC, 4TH QTR 2017 TARG JOBS PROGRAM	152,626.16
PITNEY BOWES, RENTAL FEES	171
QUAD CITY SAFETY INC., MAN LIFT CABLE	1,099.10
QUILL CORPORATION, OFFICE SUPPLIES	142.6
RAINBO OIL COMPANY, OIL	280.02
ROBERT N. JOHNSON III, TITLE OPINION	2,992.19
ROBERT REDD, CANCELLED SHELTER RESERVATION	90
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY, L.L.C., REFLEXITE TETRAS	21.8
SARA MUELLER, TRAINING	70
SE IA REGIONAL PLANNING COMM, GRANT ADMINISTRATON	16,958.00
SELECTIVE INS. CO, FLOOD INSURANCE	4,009.00
SHOPKO, LAB SUPPLIES	411.26
SHOTTENKIRK SUPERSTORE, CAP & RIVET	213.68
SINCLAIR TRACTOR, LOW VISCOSIT	13.74
SIRCHIE, INK PAD	55.28
STAPLES, OFFICE SUPPLIES	358.09
TESTAMERICA INC., TESTING	92.4
TIM'S REPAIR SHOP, REPAIR MOTOR	231
TREAT AMERICA, MEALS	45.18
TRUCK REPAIR INC., REPAIR & PARTS	559.53
TRUELINE FIRE & SAFETY, WINTER CLOTHING ALLOW	70.49
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINT	25,123.99
UNITY POINT CLINIC, DUES	60
UPS, SHIPPING	57.51
USA BLUE BOOK, LAB SUPPLIES	1,271.79
VERMEER IOWA, SUCTION	638
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED, CHEMICALS	3,975.40
WILKENS-ANDERSON, LAB SUPPLIES	410.53
WILLCO INC, SEAL REPAIR KIT	89
WINDSTREAM, PHONE LINE	49.93
WOODROFFE SAWMILL INC, LUMBER	570
TOTAL	312,826.16
GENERAL	26698.4
SPECIAL REVENUES	175596.02

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 WATER43169.52
 WASTEWATER
22449.53
 SOLID WASTE
8914.68
 TOTAL.....312826.16

MANUALS - JAN 2018
 ALLIANT ENERGY,
 ELECTRIC\$ 59,257.66
 ANSWER PLUS, AN-
 SWERING SERVICE
\$ 183.56
 B&B PROPANE, PRO-
 PANE\$ 429.76
 EASYPERMIT POSTAGE,
 GARB SCHEDULES/WA-
 TER BILLS & P
\$ 4,189.49
 GREGORY MANUFAC-
 TURING, 4TH QTR 2017
 TARG JOBS.....\$ 9,749.09
 HY-VEE ACCOUNTS
 RECEIVABLE, COFFEE/
 CUPS/WATER\$ 33.83
 MOHRFELD ELECTRIC,
 WEST PARKING LOT
 LIGHTS\$ 263.62
 PETTY CASH - MELIN-
 DA BLIND, POSTAGE;
 TRAINING REIMB;
\$ 198.99
 RATHBUN REG'L WATER
 ASSOC, WATER
\$ 191,418.05

LIBRARY CLAIMS
JAN 2018
AMAZON.COM, LI-
 BRARY MATERIALS
187.63
 BAKER & TAYLOR, LI-
 BRARY MATERIALS
1,272.28
 CENGAGE LEARNING,
 LIBRARY MATERIALS
74.72
 CLENDINENG, SARAH,
 MICROSOFT STUDIOS
65
 DAILY DEMOCRAT,
 MONTHLY AD.....141.1
 DEMCO, MANUAL.....30.5
 FARONICS, MAINTEN-
 ANCE RENEWAL
197.2
 J&S ELECTRONIC BUSI-
 NESS, CLOUD BACKUP
10.78
 KEMPKERS TRUE VAL-
 UE, ICE MELT82.67
 MEDIACOM, PHONE &
 LONG DIST.....213.49
 MID AMERICAN ENER-
 GY CO., HEATING
499.35
 PENGUIN RANDOM
 HOUSE, LIBRARY MATE-
 RIALS60
 PETTY CASH - SARAH
 CLENDINENG, CHIPS7
 RECORDED BOOKS LLC,
 LIBRARY MATERIALS.....

67.5
 TOTAL.....2,909.22
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 SPECIAL REVENUES
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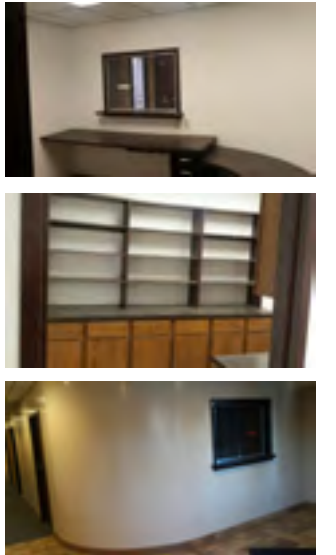


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City manager says contract is win-win-win situation

POOL - Continued from Page 4

the pool in the first year of the deal. They will not charge the YMCA for water, sewer, or trash removal, and will mow the lawns.

The city also will pay a management fee of \$20,000 to the YMCA with half being paid by July 1, 25% by Aug. 1 and the remainder by Sept. 3.

The city will also compensate the YMCA for any operating deficit up to \$35,000. However an incentive is in place to provide additional compensation amounting to 25% of the difference between the \$35,000 and that actual operating deficit. Varley said that clause would encourage the YMCA to operate efficiently. If the first year operating deficit was \$31,000, the city would pay the \$31,000 plus an additional \$1,000 which represents 25% of the \$4,000 savings.

The contract defines operating loss as all gross receipts of any kind (not including taxes) minus operating costs

as defined in the contract.

The contract also stipulates that the YMCA cannot change the current prices for admission, but may extend hours and offer other activities including pool rental for after hour or weekend activities.

The YMCA would be responsible for the concession stand, but the proposed contract would provide for the YMCA, at their choosing, to allow an outside group operate it.

"This is a win-win-win situation," Varley said. "The community wins by having the recreation experts run the facility instead of the City, which is really not in the recreation business as such. The YMCA wins by having two pools to operate for economies of scale and to be more creative with their recreation offerings. The City wins by not having to dedicate so much of its resources, including personnel, to operation of the pool."

OBITUARIES

ZULA NADINE FEATHER

Zula Nadine Feather, 81, of Warsaw, IL died Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.



FEATHER

She was born on December 8, 1936 in Warsaw, IL the daughter of George R. and Loretta M. Phillips Bloyd. She graduated from Warsaw High School with the Class of 1954.

On April 2, 1982 Zula was united in marriage to Ronald Feather in Quincy, IL. He preceded her in death on August 13, 2012.

After high school Zula worked for Sheaffer Pen in Ft. Madison. She later worked at Keokuk die casting for fifteen years and was a school bus driver for the Warsaw and Hamilton School districts for 10 years. Zula became co-owner, with her husband, of a semi-truck and for 20 years they leased the truck and both drove for Allied Van Lines and United Van Lines.

Zula loved driving their truck and traveling around the country. They had been to forty-eight states and also to Canada.

She is survived by two sons, Kevin Graham and Keith Graham both of Warsaw, IL one step-son, William Feather of Paloma, IL, one granddaughter, Autumn Boitschev, two great-grandsons, Ethan and Evan Boitschev, one brother, Dale Bloyd and wife Nancy of Bettendorf, IA, one sister-in-law, Sylvia Bloyd of Quincy, IL one brother-in-law, Delbert Mock of Gettysburg, PA and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by one sister in infancy, Sharon Bloyd, one brother, Eldon Bloyd and one sister-in-law, Barbara Mock.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Keokuk National Cemetery. The procession to the cemetery will leave Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk at 9:45 a.m.

There will be no visitation.

The Vigen Memorial Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

On-line condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

JULIA RENAE KAY

Julia Renae Kay, 64 of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Lexington Square in Keokuk.



KAY

She was born March 20, 1953 in Keokuk the daughter of Chester and Wilma Snyder Kay.

She graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1971.

In her younger years, she had been employed as a beautician. She later had worked at Shaffer Pen and Freuhauf both in Ft. Madison, IA and had worked on several different river boats while she lived down south.

Julia enjoyed antiquing and attending auctions. She also enjoyed playing Bingo and the company of her very close friends at the River Terrace. She loved to read books and especially enjoyed western love stories. Julia enjoyed spending time outdoors fishing and walking.

She is survived by one son, Brian Ross (Kristen) of Phoenix, AZ, one sister Jean Roberts of Keokuk, two brothers, Ronnie Kay of Montrose, IA and Bud Kay of Idaho and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Terry Jones and her special love, her dog, Oliver.

There will be no services.

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Business News/Local News

Artist Trax offers pottery classes



Courtesy photo

Artist Trax will be offering pottery classes March 3, 10 and 24th at the studio located at 827 Avenue H. The classes will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Submitted article

FORT MADISON - Artist Trax Studios is pleased to present Pottery Classes with Noah!

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Loebsack offers bill to spur career, tech education

WASHINGTON D.C. - Congressman Dave Loebsack today introduced legislation to encourage high school juniors and seniors to experience a course in career and technical education at a local community college. To help students better understand their options for post-high school, Loebsack's legislation, the Collaboration for Today's Education (CTE) Act, establishes a grant program within the Department of Education to provide students with the experience of taking a class in the career and technical education fields at a local community college. The legislation has been endorsed by the National Education Association (NEA).



LOEBACK

"Whether it is at a university, community college or receiving a certificate, getting an education beyond high school is more important than ever in our 21st Century economy," said Loebsack. "Getting an education in career and technical fields often leads to vital, high demand, high paying jobs that many students do not know exist and may align with their passions. Having students explore career and technical education programs will help encourage them to seek careers in these high demand professions that they may not otherwise consider."

"We thank Congressman Loebsack for introducing a bill that will strengthen high school students' achievement in career and technical education (CTE) programs by exposing them to CTE programs at community colleges," said Marc Egan, Director of Government Relations at the National Education Association. "We know that CTE students graduate from high school at a higher rate and have higher earnings over time; this bill will only enhance these outcomes for students."

Specifically, The CTE Act establishes within the Department of Education a grant program awarded to secondary schools who establish a unique collaborative with a local community college to encourage students in their junior and senior years of high school to experience career and technical education courses.

To be eligible, a secondary school must form a partnership with a community college. The secondary school receiving the grant may use it to reimburse third parties, including the community college with which the secondary school has partnered. One year after the grant is awarded the school must submit a report analyzing the effect the grant had on encouraging their students to experience CTE. Two years after the enactment of the bill, the Secretary of Education must submit to Congress a report detailing the results of this grant program.

Job fair held for separated Siemens employees

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Whether hoping to find a fresh start, a similar job or a new career direction, over 100 job seekers visited the Comfort Inn & Suites in Fort Madison from 10:00 - noon Friday for a Targeted Job Fair

for the recently separated employees of Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy of Fort Madison.

Forty-five local employers participated in the fair hoping to fill current openings at their facilities. "One of our industry's biggest constraints in growth is their ability to find quality employees,"

commented Dana Millard, Marketing Manager at Lee County EDG.

"Though it's unfortunate, there are many great local companies with openings that these employees might be a good fit for."

IowaWorks of Southeast Iowa hosted the fair and is assisting the affected employees; offering resume

and interview workshops, career counseling, training in a new career and assistance in filing unemployment insurance benefits as part of the local and state Rapid Response team. Contact Deb Fox at 319-753-1671 x31452 or Fox, Debra debra.fox@iwd.iowa.gov for more information.

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