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Cookbooks showcase other side of Elliott Test Kitchen



Beside The Point

Chuck Vandenberg,
Pen City Current - Editor

I stopped by to visit with Kumar Wickramasingha at the Elliott Test Kitchen on Monday after Sunday night's heavy snow storm. He was in back shoveling about six inches of snow off the small sidewalk that leads to the north alley behind the storefront.

"How much you think we got, brother," he said.

"About 4 inches," I guessed.

I didn't really care, I had the Beast in 4-wheel drive and had just done a drive around the county to assess the damage from the storm Monday night. Not much. Kudos to the State Department of Transportation and county officials for keeping roadways passable and getting people's vehicles out of ditches in a timely fashion. A great job was done by all.

Wickramasingha came back in after I had taken a seat at the counter near the front kitchen. I wanted to talk about the new cookbooks he was peddling for the test kitchen. He's had some nice press on these books that are scripted out by students in the program. The book also features the smiling faces of each student who scripted out the recipe, in most cases showcasing the food, as well.

During our conversation, Kumar's cell phone kept ringing with people from around the state calling and ordering the cookbook.

It's no surprise. I've been in the Test Kitchen on many occasions watching the kids put together meals for this event or that study session.

They shy away from the camera for the most part, but you can't resist taking pictures of these kids in the kitchen. They aren't on cell phones... they're not posting to social media or texting.

They're cooking... and sampling...and working recipes and opening their young minds to something other than a sandwich and chips.

It's a different tact for the Test Kitchen as preparing meals has always been part of the instruction, kind of in the background, because the focus here is on grades, academic retention, and standardized test preparation. But food has always been a part of each program. Kids study and then get to eat a meal prepared by other students under the watchful eye of Wickramasingha. Students from all three school districts have worked



Sharon Scholl-Nabulsi gets her cookbook signed by Zephan Abel at last week's book signing. Another signing for the Elliott Test Kitchen Young Chefs cookbooks will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Test Kitchen.

the kitchen (front and back) including Holy Trinity Catholic, Fort Madison, and Central Lee, and Ss. Peter and Paul schools.

"That is something that I was able to accomplish, getting these kids to try the recipes. I tell them they have to try a spoonful or they'll hurt my feelings. They may not like it, but they can say they tried it. That's a sense of pride for me."

He said in today's culture the kids' eating habits are limited. He said it's surprising and almost shocking how many kids are not trying meals they're not familiar with, but when the students at the test kitchen prepare the meal, the students are more apt to try the food. The students also have a sense of pride in cooking and that's where the cookbook idea came from.

He gives credit for the idea of the book to Libby

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LCHD still has ornaments for Trees of Love

Holiday coping seminars set to start next month in conjunction with tree program

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

FORT MADISON - The first Hospice Tree of Love Unveiling ceremony took place at the Lee County Health Department lobby. The UnityPoint Health-Keokuk tree will be unveiled on Tuesday, December 4 at 11 am.

The trees will be on display until January 2, 2019. Ornaments are still available for purchase by calling LCHD at (319)372-5225 or (800)458-6672. All proceeds from the sale of the Tree of Love ornaments goes to Lee County Health Department-Hospice.

In conjunction with the trees, LCHD-Hospice will be holding a Tree of Love Gathering series on Wednesdays, December 5, 12, and 19 from 2:00-3:00 pm that are free to the public. The Gatherings will focus on relaxing, connecting, and listening during the holiday season.



Pictured from left, Emily Biddenstadt, LCHD Community Health Program Manager; Anita Hunold, LCHD-Hospice Volunteer; Michele Ross, LCHD Administrator; Becky Worster, LCHD Community Health & Nursing Program Director; Larry Wallingford, LCHD-Hospice Chaplain.

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Obituaries/Weather

OBITUARIES

LLOYD D. APPLE

Lloyd D. Apple 97, of Billings Montana, formerly of Keokuk, IA, died Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at the Tender Nest Assisted Living in Billings, MT.

He was born on December 2, 1920 in Danville, IN, the son of Harry and Bessie Cogle Apple. He spent much of his youth near Warsaw, IL.

In 1941, Lloyd married Anna L. Turtle, daughter of Ernest F. and Anna Turtle of Keokuk.



He served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant with the 11th Armored Division, which helped to liberate much of Europe during WW II. Like many veterans, his experiences during the war were defining moments in his life.



He was employed at the Hubinger Company in Keokuk for forty-two years with a break from 1942 - 1945 for military service.

Lloyd was a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows for more than fifty years. He was a long-time member of the American Legion, and was a pall-bearer and flag-bearer for over one hundred military funerals at Keokuk National Cemetery.

Lloyd was an avid fisherman; he loved to bowl and was a life-long Chicago Cubs fan and was overjoyed at their 2016 World Series Championship. He loved trailer camping and for many years spent wonderful times with family and friends camping in many places throughout the tristate area. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who spent many hours with his sons involved in Boy Scout projects and used his vacation time to be an adult counselor at Boy Scout Camp. He was a very giving and loving person who was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by sons Larry (Mary) Apple of Billings, MT and Gary (Kim) Apple of Aberdeen, MD, grandchildren, Brian Apple of Kissimmee, FL, Jessica Apple, Shannon Apple and Christopher Apple all of Aberdeen, MD and one great grandson; step-grandchildren, Mandy Baxter, Ann Akasmit, and Erin Osborne all of Sheridan Wyoming and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am Friday at the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Keokuk with Pastor David Turner officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 - 11 am Friday at the Church with family meeting with friends at that time. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Keokuk. Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk is in charge of arrangements. On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

OBITUARIES

JOYCE SEABOLD

Joyce Seabold, 82, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, November 26, 2018 at Unity Point-Keokuk in Keokuk, IA.

She was born on May 11, 1936 in Keokuk, IA, the daughter of Henry and Juanita Thoney Biddenstadt. She graduated from Keokuk Senior High with the Class of 1954.



SEABOLD

On June 12, 1955 she was united in marriage to Robert Seabold at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk. He survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Doug Seabold and his wife Sue and Bruce Seabold all of Keokuk, Steven Seabold and his wife Lisa of Quincy, IL, grandchildren, Bill (Jill) Seabold, Nick (Ashley) Seabold, Lacey Harnish (Josh), Adam (Kacey) Seabold, Brooklyn Seabold, Brendan Seabold, Tyler Seabold and Amanda Schmitt (Brandon), great-grandchildren, Ryan Seabold, Andrew Seabold, Jordan Seabold, Gavin Harnish, Landon Harnish and Kyle Schmitt, great-great-grandchildren, Karter, Lynlee and Hadley Seabold, one sister, Lucille McPherson of Keokuk, one daughter-in-law, Yvonne Sue Seabold of Keokuk and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Tim Seabold and one sister, Dorothy High.

She had been employed by First Community Bank in Keokuk until her retirement. After her retirement, Joyce helped Pam Kelly with vacation trips that the bank offered to the community. She had also sold Avon for many years.

She was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk. She was also a member of King's Daughters and several different bridge clubs over the years.

Joyce enjoyed all kinds of crafts, particularly ceramics and sewing. She was a wonderful cook and would bake a large batch of sugar cookies every holiday for her family and friends to share. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and Iowa Hawkeye fan. Joyce was a loving wife and devoted mother, her greatest joy was to care for her family and tell Robert what to do.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with Joel Schlatter officiating. Burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Park in Keokuk.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Paul United Church of Christ.

Online memorials may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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High- 34.7° F | Low - 29.8° F

SAT 01 Dec



Heavy Intensity Rain

High- 43.9° F | Low - 36.1° F

SUN 02 Dec



Light Rain

High- 38.9° F | Low - 36.9° F

MON 03 Dec



Light Rain

High- 39.5° F | Low - 36.1° F

FRI 04 Dec



Light Snow

High- 34.9° F | Low - 25.7° F

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Obituaries

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BENJAMIN ABBOTT CORNELIUS

Benjamin Abbott Cornelius, 41, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, November 26, 2018 at his home. He was born on May 11, 1977 in Hannibal, MO the son of Dave and Kathy Shearman Cornelius.

Ben graduated from Hamilton High School with the Class of 1995 and from South-eastern Community College in Keokuk in 2011.

For most of Ben's life he was raised by his parents, Dave and Kathy, and sister, Angi in Hamilton, IL. He knew every inch of that town by spending most days adventuring on his bike. At a very young age Ben grew a love for any kind of sport. He knew all of the players and the perfect plays to make; however the Cubs, Bears, Hawkeyes, and Black Hawks was always # 1 in his eyes. Every August he would get excited to pick out his fantasy football team and hopefully carry on the tradition of taking home the trophy, which he did several times! He loved sports so much that every summer he played on Chewy's league in Hamilton with all his buds and he even coached his kids throughout many sport activities throughout the years. He was also a certified coach for Special Olympics.



CORNELIUS

He was united in marriage with April on October 17, 2015. Ben knew from the time he met April that it was fate. He wrote to her "What started as "like" has turned into true love. I adore you more than the stars above." Ben had passion for many things in his life. His family was always the first. His daughter, Payten, was the twinkle in his eye. Ben's family was complete with Payten Jean, 14, Payton Charles, 13, and Bryer Nolan, 9. He was a positive role model for them every day. As a family they loved going on new adventures to see the world and make new memories. Triva night! Triva night! Eric and Ryan would call Ben immediately. Ben was the one everyone needed to have. His mom and dad taught him well--they knew good music! No one knew electronics the way he did. He was always keeping up with the latest technology. His mother-in-law, Carol, and neighbor, Mary Ann Weirather were two of his favorites that he would go to and set up the latest new thing. Ben was a man of many talents and was not afraid to try new things like square dancing. No words can even express the kind of person Ben was. He was a son, father, dedicated husband, sports player, friend, co-worker, and so much more to many people of our community.

Ben was currently employed at Roquette America in Keokuk.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church of Keokuk and also a member of DEC Hands of Donnellson. Ben was an active member and union steward of the BCTGM Local 48G.

He is survived by his wife, April of Keokuk, his daughter, Payten Jean (mother, Dusty Wheeler) of Fort Leonard Wood, MO, two sons, Payton Charles and Bryer Nolan both of Keokuk, parents, Dave and Kathy Cornelius of Keokuk, sister, Angie Witte (Randy) of Peoria, IL, mother-in-law, Carol (Frank) Winkler of Keokuk, father-in-law, Billie (Jane) Noble of Canton, MO, brother-in-law, Carson and Corrie Noble of Canton, MO, four step-sisters, Amy (Curtis) Biggerstaff of Canton, MO, Ashley (Adam) Fletcher, Dena (Chad) Pracht and Chris Miller, several nieces and nephews and his two golden doodles, Milo and Sophie.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Heather Fuger officiating. Burial will in the Oakwood Cemetery in Hamilton, IL.

Visitation will be on Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Vigen Memorial Home with the family meeting with friends at that time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given for his children's education.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

THELMA L. KIRKENSLAGER

Thelma L. Kirkenlager, 86, of Dallas City, IL, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018 at the Fort Madison Community Hospital, Fort Madison, IA.

She was born August 30, 1932 in La Harpe, IL, the daughter of Arthur and Grace Pence Wibbell. On September 30, 1950 Thelma married Kenneth E. Kirkenlager in Dallas City. He preceded her in death on June 20, 2013.

Thelma was a 1950 graduate of the Dallas City High School. She assisted her husband in operating Kirk's Department Store for over 20 years. Also, she operated Kirk's Ceramics out of her home for over 20 years. Ms. Kirkenlager enjoyed watching mysteries on TV, reading, cooking and her cats.

Survivors include three children, Lesa (Larry) Reginnitter of West Liberty, IA, Steven Kirkenlager of Niota, IL and Lori (Robert Akers) Gilpin of Dallas City, two grandchildren, Sloan and Spencer Kirkenlager and one brother, John Wibbell of Dallas City.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Crane Cemetery, near Lomax, IL. A memorial fund has been established for local animal shelters.

Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Dallas City is assisting the family. To leave a condolence or sign the guest book please visit Thelma's obituary at banksandbeals.com.



KIRKENSLAGER

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

OBITUARIES

PAUL J. "BART" BARTHOLOMEW

Paul J. "Bart" Bartholomew, 86, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at River Hills Village in Keokuk, IA surrounded by his family. He was born on July 31, 1932 in Keokuk, IA to Edmund LeRoy & Helen White Bartholomew. He married Joan Marilyn Beger on January 22, 1955 in Nauvoo, IL. She preceded him in death on November 21, 2004. Bart served in the U.S. Army during



BARTHOLOMEW

the Korean War and received his Masters Degree in Criminology from St. Ambrose University. He retired as a Captain from the Fort Madison Police Department in 1995, with 42 years of service to the community. He was a member of Ss. Mary & Joseph Church, Fort Madison Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club and the Iowa Crime Victim Prevention Association. He was involved for bringing the D.A.R.E. Program and McGruff the Crime Dog to Iowa. He gave numerous drug education talks across the state of Iowa to school children. He was the first narcotics officer in Lee County and one of the first crime scene investigators in Lee County. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing, gardening and was an avid outdoorsman. He was also a scout leader for Pack 42 in Fort Madison.

Bart is survived by: 3-sons: Rodney Bartholomew of Denmark, IA, Robert Bartholomew of Fort Madison, IA & Edmund (Kay) Bartholomew of Montrose, IA; 2-daughters: Cathy Grim of Tucson, AZ & Susan (Ray) Menke of Fort Madison, IA; 8-grandchildren; 3-great grandchildren; 1-brother: Joe (Kathy) Bartholomew of Warsaw, IL & 1-sister: Susan (Ray) Dahlman of Pleasant Hill, IA. He was preceded in death by: his parents, wife & 1-son in law: Ron Grim.

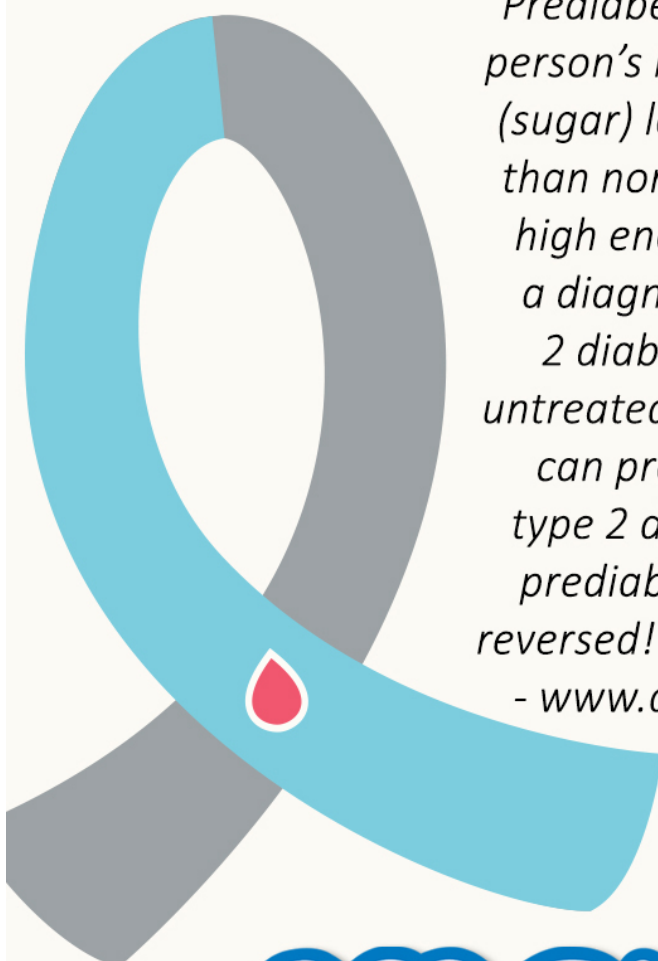
Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2018 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A memorial mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at Ss. Mary & Joseph Church with Rev. Mark P. Spring officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in Bart's memory. Online condolences to Bart's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.



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Sports/Area News

FMMS girls sweep Keokuk at home

Boeding hits for 14 in 34-22 "A" team win

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 8th grade girls basketball teams took two games from Keokuk Tuesday night.

The A-Team won 34-22 and the B-Team won 8-7.

Scoring leaders for Fort Madison A-Team were Isabella Boeding with 14, followed by Camille Kruse with 12. Leading rebounders were Molly Knipe with 13 followed by McKenna Cashman with eight. Leading in assists were Kruse with five followed with Knipe with two.

Scoring leaders for the Fort Madison B-Team featured four girls all scoring a bucket for the Bloodhounds: Emily Steffensmeier, Eveonna Smutney, Ran Deltetsen, and Edlicia Smutney. Leading rebounders were Deltetsen with four followed by three girls with a two rebounds each: Cashman, Smutney, and Rylee Dubois. Assists leaders were Smutney and Deltetsen with one assist each.

Rashid pours in 24 for FMMS 7th graders

PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - Carson Rashid threw in a game-high 24 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead the Fort Madison boys 7th graders to a 52-48 "A" game win over Keokuk on the road Tuesday night

Leif Boeding had 11 points for the Fort Madison. Hunter Cresswell had eight, Cade Denning had six and Henry Wiseman and Aiden Benda each added a bucket. Boeding and Wiseman had four rebounds each.

In the "B" game, Ben Ramatowski led Fort Madison with six points, while Nathan Bowen and Marin Rose had four each. Benda had a bucket in the 16-17 loss.

Fort Madison won the "C" game with Willam Bennett leading the way with eight points in the 25-16 win. Javeon Davis and Oliver Santiago each had four points in the win.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

11/28/18 - 8:30 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1100 block of Avenue F.

11/28/18 - 11:44 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3900 block of Bluff Road.

11/28/18 - 1:53 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 4500 block of Avenue O.

11/28/18 - 11:13 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of Avenue E.

11/29/18 - 9:46 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

Lee County Sheriff's report

11/28/18 - 9:43 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Kay Allen, 38, of Fort Madison at the

sheriff's office on a charge of possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

11/28/18 - 2:21 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Justin David Hay, 28, of Washington, at the sheriff's office on a charge of assaulting an officer with no injury. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

11/28/18 - 3:50 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tiffany Amber Stice, 24, of Warsaw, Ill., at the sheriff's office on two warrants for contempt of court. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

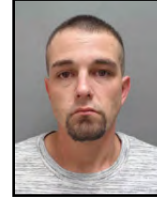
Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

11/28/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to three medical calls.

Task force gets Keokuk man on meth charge

PCC STAFF

KEOKUK - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Keokuk, Iowa man on a felony drug charge.



CLEVELAND

Joe Cleveland, 34, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on November 27, 2018 on a felony drug charge. Cleveland is charged with delivery of less than five grams of methamphetamine, a class C felony. If convicted, Cleveland faces up to 10 years in a state correctional facility.

The arrest of Cleveland stems from an investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force into allegations that he was involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in the Lee County area.

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Keokuk Police Department, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in this investigation.

The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

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Downtown Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison downtown Enchanted Forest will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G on Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22, with visits with Santa from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Coats for Hope 5K

The annual Coats for Hope 5K Fun Run will take place at the St. Paul Shelter House 2020 Locust St. on Dec. 1 beginning at 9 a.m. rain or shine. \$20 entry fee or donating a children's coat in good shape. Click here for registration and additional details <https://www.pencitycurrent.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Coats-4-Hope-2018.pdf>.

Lee County Conservation art program

Lee County Conservation is hosting a drawing program on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Conservation Center at Heron Bend with art instructor Heidi Merrick from the Burlington Art Center. Pre-registration required by Nov. 28 by calling 319-463-7673. \$5 per participant.

Old Fort Genealogical meeting

Father Mark Spring will be the featured speaker at the Old Fort Genealogical Society meeting on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library. Father Spring will share his own life story. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in learning more about family history research is welcome to attend and should speak to any member about joining the group.

Community Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be holding a blood drive on Dec. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic's Shottenkirk

Gymnasium; Dec. 7 at FMHS from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 8 at Cultural Hall-2193 Old Denmark Road from 8-10:30 a.m.

Tree of Love Gatherings

The Lee County Health Department is hosting a series of gatherings to help with holiday healing after a loss. The events are on Wednesday Dec. 5, 12, and 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. at 3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison.

You-Time Yuletide

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce's Business Women Connect will hold a You-Time, Yuletide at Harvestville Farm at 1977 Hwy 2 near Donnellson. The event will be held on Dec. 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. will feature hors d'oeuvres, drinks and fund. RSVP to the chamber at chamber@fortmadison.com.

Journaling Workshop

The Fort Madison Public Library will be hosting a journaling workshop on Dec. 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

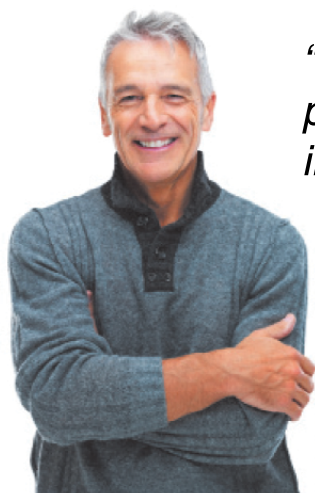
Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

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Celebrations

Birth Announcements

EMBER JADE LEMATTY

KEOKUK - Erika Tarpein and Timothy LeMatty III of Keokuk, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Ember Jade LeMatty on Nov. 20, 2018 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

She is joined at home by Abigail LeMatty

Grandparents are Timmy LeMatty of Montrose; James and Cara Tarpein of Canton, Mo.; Stephanie Puls and Dave Danielson of Plymouth, Ill.; and Kelly Hoyt of Fort Madison.

Great-grandparents are Deb and Tim LeMatty of Montrose; Jan and Pete Tarpein of Canton, Mo.; Judy and Albert Peterson of Gorin, Mo.; and Steven Bloyd of Alexandria, Mo.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

CALEB LEE FRUEH

ST. PAUL - Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and MaKayla Frueh, of St. Paul, are proud to announce the birth of their son Caleb Lee Frueh on November 21, 2018, at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

He is joined at home by Brandon Frueh.

Grandparents are Mike and Cindy Thomas of Farmington; and Larry and Jean Frueh of West Point. Great-grandparents are David and Glenda Townsend of Farmington; and Wally and Norne Wallingford of Farmington.

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**Fort Madison
Community School District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2018**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors Young, Ross, DiPrima, Hope, Steffensmeier and Hotop were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Secretary Elmore.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. The Board received an update of ongoing activities at the High School.

B. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" document was accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.

E. District Presentations. Rich Hand, Director of Transportation, shared information with the Board regarding the Transportation report submitted to the Department of Education. Tiffany Fullhart, Director of Food Service, shared information with the Board regarding the Food Service program of the Fort Madison Community School District.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Ross and seconded by DiPrima to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the October 15, 2018 regular meeting; Minutes of the November 5, 2018 work Session, financial reports including the October Balance Sheet, October Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the

October General Account Board Bills for Approval, November General Account Board Bills for Approval, Student Activity Board Bills for Approval and Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval; resignations from Libby Shields as Middle School associate and August Charbonneau as Lincoln associate; employment of Ashley Nicol as Richardson associate, Rachel Goldstick as Online Marketing and PR, Elizabeth Martin as Middle School associate, Michelle Shaw as Lincoln associate, Ron Walker as Middle School 7th and 8th grade boys basketball coach, Ron Walker as varsity baseball coach, Todd McGhgy as assistant track thrower coach and Quincy Smith as high school boys assistant basketball coach; contract modification for Wanda Wilson as associate at Richardson, change in classification and hours. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

1. Title I Application and Budget. The Board reviewed the Title I application and budget. Discussion followed. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by Hotop to approve the Title I application as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

B. Superintendent.

1. Approval of SBRC Modified Allowable Growth Application. The Board reviewed the SBRC Modified Allowable Growth application. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve the SBRC Modified Allowable Growth application for Open Enrolled Out and LEP Instruction Beyond 5 years as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Approval for Anthony Shiffman to attend the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) convention in San Antonio, TX January 6-9, 2019. The Board reviewed the travel request. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hotop to approve Anthony Shiffman to attend the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) convention in San Antonio, TX January 6-9, 2019 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

1. Consider approval of bus purchase. Director of Transportation, Rich Hand,

reviewed the bus bids with the Board. Discussion followed. It was moved by Young and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the bus purchase as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

1. Fall Data Report and Certified/Special Ed Enrollment. Director of Curriculum and Student Services, Kim Harmon, shared Fall data and Certified and Special Enrollment information with the Board. Discussion followed.

B. Superintendent.

1. Making School Safety a Priority. Assistant Principal, Patrick Lamb, reviewed Safety Operation plan for the District with the Board. Discussion followed.

Break: 7:56 p.m.

End break: 8:01 p.m.

2. Review policy #507.2-E-3 and 704.2-R-1-705.3.

The board reviewed the policies listed. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

3. Certified Enrollment Report. The Certified Enrollment report was reviewed. Discussion followed.

4. Certified Employee Attendance. The certified staff attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

5. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance Report.

6. Scheduled December building instructional tour. The Board will tour the High School on December 4th at 10:00 a.m.

7. Work session dates planned for Guiding Coalition meetings. The Board

discussed future Guiding Coalition meetings.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

XI. Announcements.

December 3, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – Work Session, Central Office

December 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting, Central Office

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President

November 19, 2018
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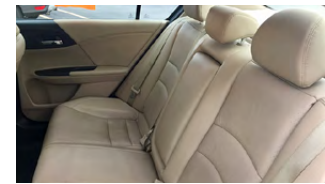
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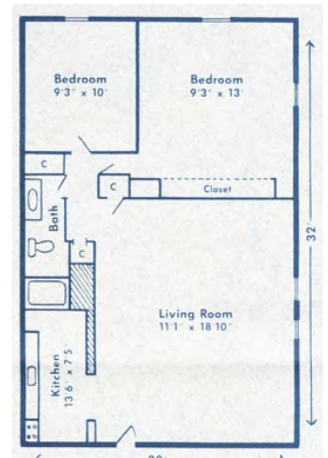
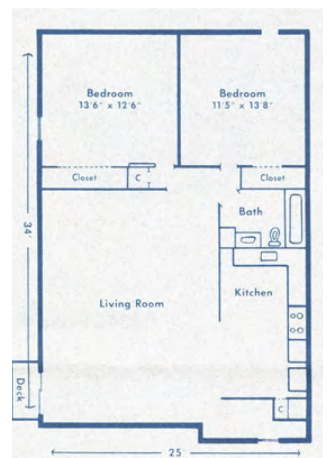


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Laughlin, a retired area educator, who said the cookbook would be a good way to showcase the students' other talents.

Kumar said one of his greatest senses of prides is when parents send him messages and pictures of food the students prepare at home where families are enjoying the fruits of what their children have learned at the Test Kitchen.

He said the food is an attraction that brings the students in, but the education is the emphasis.

The Test Kitchen is a wonderment of sorts when you walk in and see the different activities going on. Students working on academic programming on the right and preparing meals on the left in the kitchen.

I've said before that without true leadership, the education loan "bubble" has no direction to go but out with the cost of a year at a four-year state university approaching \$25,000 all in. Most universities are pushing programs to five years and staring at tuition increases as, at least Iowa, pulls back on contributions.

These students are working toward scholarships triggered by strong performances on ACTs and SATs. Many of the scholarships that come with strong performances surpass the amounts given to athletes who get the lion's share of the press. There's something to be said for the extra time athletes put in and finding a way to strike a balance between education and sports. But that's not always the case. College itself is not for everyone and Wickramasingha and the volunteers that put this program on are exposing students to other things including cooking, robotics, and STEM activities.

What's somewhat lost in the whole operation is the connection to the couple that took in the 20-year-old Sri Lankan who came to America looking for a dream back in 1986.

Jean and George Alton took Kumar into when he came to the country and at the time, Jean was a home economics teacher and George was a local educator. The couple is now deceased, but Wickramasingha dedicated the cookbooks to the two, and writes a forward of how their influence inspired him to put cooking and education together for the betterment of area students.

"Jean Alton was a home economics teacher who took great pride in teaching cooking to her students. Her passion inspired me to bring that love of nutritious, great cooking to students. George's compassion to provide education to less fortunate students inspired me and allowed me to pursue my higher education... They truly became my mother and father figures."

The recipes are all recipes that Kumar has created and those that remember the Alpha's days will be reminded of the award-winning fried strawberries.

Other recipes include a roasted pork loin, salads, desserts, vegetables, and pastas. The 70 pages are filled with photos taken by Wickramasingha during the past year and was assembled by Molly Dillon.

You can pick one up for 20 bucks at the Test Kitchen at 807 Avenue G. He's had book signings where kids sign the books and he's having another one on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The book showcases 31 students and recipes in 70 pages put together by Matt Hayes at Dodd Printing and Stationery just down the road a block or so to the east. Or just stop by the signing on Saturday. There's sure to be some on hand.

Fishing slowed by thin ice throughout southeast Iowa

DES MOINES - The following is the weekly fishing report for southeast Iowa lakes and rivers. Ice is thin in most areas and unsafe for fishing.

Lake Belva Deer

The lake is now mostly iced over, but not thick enough to walk on.

Lake Darling

The park is closed this weekend (Dec. 1-2) for the park deer hunt. The lake opened up last weekend due to the rain and wind, but has frozen back over. Unsafe ice.

Lost Grove Lake

Boat docks were pulled last week. The gate is closed for the winter for the parking lot by the dam.

Skunk River (Rose Hill to Coppock)

The Skunk River remains open and a little over half bank full. Most of the ramps are buried under about a foot of snow.

For more information on the above lakes and rivers, call the Lake Darling Fisheries Office at 319-694-2430.

Coralville Reservoir

The lake level is finally down to winter pool of 683.4 feet. Much of the lake has skimmed over with ice, but is unsafe for travel.

Kent Park Lake

The lake is currently drained for a lake restoration project.

Lake Macbride

Water temperatures this week have been in the mid 30's. As of Nov. 29, the north arm and east of the causeway are still open. The main ramp and Angler's Ramp are still usable. The fish cleaning station at the primitive campground has been shut down. The



boat docks have been removed. Black Crappie - Fair: Fish over structure in 15-20 feet of water.

There are a lot of 12 inch fish right now. Walleye - Fair: Jig in 10-15 feet of water. Fish can be caught shallower towards evening along windblown rock. Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass) - Fair: Minnows or jigs work best. Most fish have been in 15-20 feet of water.

Pleasant Creek Lake

Most of the perimeter of the lake is skimmed over with ice. The boat dock has been removed.

Many of the smaller lakes are starting to skim over with ice. There is no safe ice in the Macbride District. For more information, contact the Lake Macbride Fisheries Station at 319-624-3615.

Lake Miami

Fishing pressure has been low with recent colder temperatures. Skim ice has been forming around the shore, making shore fishing difficult.

Lake Sugema

The north ramp is closed due to a parking lot construction project. Fishing pressure has been low with recent colder temperatures. Skim ice is forming around the shore, making fishing from shore difficult.

Lake Wapello

Fishing pressure has been low. Skim ice is forming around the shore, making fishing from shore difficult.

Ottumwa Park Pond

South
2000 trout were stocked on Oct. 26th.

Skim ice is forming around the shore, making fishing from shore difficult.

Rathbun Reservoir

The current lake level is 906.11 msl. Normal operating elevation is 904.0 msl. Skim ice is forming along the shore in some areas. Lake Rathbun has zebra mussels, so make sure to properly drain, clean, and dry equipment before transporting to another water body.

Red Haw Lake

Fishing pressure has been low. Skim ice is forming along the shore, making shore fishing difficult.

Skim ice is starting to form around the shore, making shore fishing difficult. The district includes Mahaska, Lucas, Wayne, Monroe, Appanoose, Wapello, Davis and Van Buren counties. Contact the Rathbun Fish Hatchery at 641-647-2406 with questions about fishing in south central Iowa.

Mississippi River Pool 19

Tailwater stage is 6.30 feet at Lock and Dam 18 above Burlington and is falling. Flood stage is 10 feet at Lock and Dam 18. We have not received any fishing information for this pool this week. Unsafe ice conditions.

River levels have been falling this past week. Main channel water temperature is around 33-34 degrees. Tailwater fishing for walleye and saugers has been slow. Unsafe ice conditions. If you have questions on fishing Pools 16-19, contact the Fairport Fish Hatchery at 563-263-5062.

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