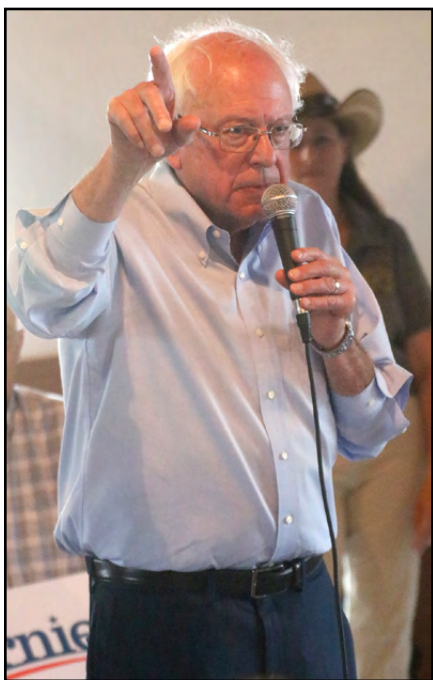




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Sanders stumps at Rodeo Park



Making his points

2020 Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders made a quick 30-minute campaign stop in Fort Madison Sunday afternoon. Sanders hit on his stump topics of Medicare-for-all, cancelling student debt, climate change, and ousting President Trump.

Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

77-year-old tells crowd of about 200 - country must have change

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – About 200 people crowded an enclosed muggy shelter house Sunday afternoon to hear 2020 Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders rail against the current state of America.

Sanders made the stop at Fort Madison's Rodeo Park as part of a swing through eastern Iowa. After a quick 30-minute speech to the crowd, many carrying "BERNIE" signs they used to wave off the humidity in the room, Sanders bolted into an SUV and headed to the airport for a flight to Vermont.

Sanders said he wanted to talk about issues that aren't prevalent in the media and among other candidates.

He said there is a massive attack against the working class in America.

"We are seeing efforts to break unions...efforts to throw millions out of health care that they have...efforts to refuse to raise the minimum wage to a living wage," he said.

"Our path now is to make it very clear that the working class of this country is sick and tired of working two or three jobs to make ends meet- sick and tired of seeing their kids, in many respects, have a lower standard of living then they do, and very sick and tired of seeing all the new income and wealth created in America going to the top 1%."

Sanders said it's immoral that three people in this country own more wealth than the bottom half of the American people and the top 1% owning more wealth than the bottom 92%.

He said there is a need to end what he called "the dysfunctional health care system that currently exists".

"We are going to do what every other major country does and that is to guarantee health care to all people as a human right, not a privilege," Sanders said.

He said big pharma and the Republicans cannot defend a system where Americans pay the highest drug prices in the world, and so many people are uninsured or under-insured. He said the industry recorded a \$96 billion profit last year.

"We say to the American pharmaceutical industry, you will stop ripping off the American people."

Sanders said not only is it practical to move to Medicare for all, but it's impractical not to make the move. He said in 1965 under Lyndon Johnson, the government realized seniors needed public health insurance, or Medicare, a

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Old Settlers bringing Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50s this Friday

BY PCC STAFF

RICHIE LEE AND THE FABULOUS 50's will be the headliner at the 2nd of three free family concerts in Old Settlers Park on Friday, July 26th. The Lee County Pork Producers will be serving pork loin sandwiches with side dishes, desserts, and cold drinks available from 5-8:30 pm.

Richie is from Des Moines, Iowa and

is known for his tributes to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and Jiles Richardson – "The Big Bopper", who all perished in a plane crash 60 years ago in February 1959 in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Lee began singing almost before he could talk. At the age of 7 he won a Buddy Holly look alike lip sync. His interest in Buddy Holly began at the age of 6, listening to CD's. He began taking guitar lessons at age 11 and drums at

age 12. Richie has performed on stage with Winter Dance Party Drummer Carl Bunch, Tommy Allsup, "That'll be the Day" Holly Backup singers, The Tolletts, Larry Welborn, and friend, the Legendary ("Peggy Sue" Gerron). The multi-talented members of the band keep the music true to the original hits, Other featured artists are also on his song list – The Everly Brothers, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson, Elvis, The Beach

Boys and the Beatles.

Sheryl Decker is Chair of the 2019 Concert Season. This is the 19th year of "Music in the Park" – first started as a variety show "thank you" at the dedication of the bandstand to the community who donated to the completion of the current bandstand. Since then, volunteers of 2000 n the Old Settlers Asso-

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Lee County News/Opinion

Summer brings a little bitter with the sweet-Empty Nest

I cut through the aronia bushes on the way to the barn. The aronia bushes were covered with creepy, icky, Japanese Beetles—eating and breeding—thousands of them! The leaves were mostly stripped off the bushes. Oh, my God! What do I do?

Gold Finches are easy to attract to window feeders. This was on a Sunday morning. After church, Ginnie and I headed to the farm supply store and purchased a pesticide and water-hose sprayer. That'll fix'em!

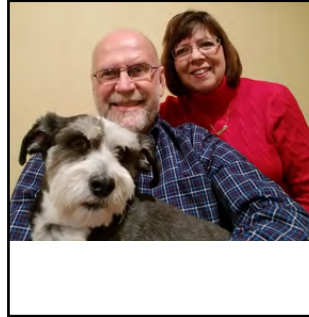
It was hard work in the hot sun lugging the water hose around and spraying the entire line of aronia bushes we have, about 50 yards, I guesstimate. But, by golly, those nasty Japanese Beetles did not like the pesticide one bit! I hope I got to the bushes before they were completely stripped. Ginnie was looking forward to preserving aronia berries in her retirement. We also open up the bushes to the public for free "U-Pick'm Aronia Berries."

Then I checked the garden. The rhubarb leaves were covered with those nasty beetles, and also the asparagus! Amazingly, they had not bothered the green beans. Why? I dunno. I don't pretend to understand the eating habits of Japanese Beetles.

Then I noticed our weeping cherry tree and rose bush were infested. It was like the Biblical plague of locusts, and the weeping cherry tree was crying! The wild grapes on the fence that marks our property line were also completely stripped, and the button weeds. Lord-

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



o-mercy, those bugs don't even discriminate between friend and foe!

I had heard this was a bad (or good) year for Japanese Beetles. Is anyone else having the problem we are? We've talked to a couple of people and they say they have a few beetles on their plants, and they just pick them off, but not the severe infestation we have. It must be the fields of soybeans, corn and hay that surround our property. "If it isn't one thing, it's six!" my mother used to say.

That's the ugly part the story. Now for the pretty part: Ginnie and I noticed a gold finch, Iowa's State Bird, clinging to the screens of our windows, like it wanted to come in. So, while at the farm supply store, we picked up three finch feeders and a couple of bags of nyjer seed. After spraying the Japanese Beetles, I filled and hung the finch feeders outside our living room, bedroom and kitchen windows.

It took about a day but, by golly, we had a female

(they aren't quite as colorful as the male) finch on the feeder, hanging upside down and eating, and then the male. They are such a pretty bird—gold and black, like Herky the Hawk, the University of Iowa mascot. From my recliner, where I sit and write and read early in the morning, I am blessed with the sight of the sun coming up and golden finches flitting around the feeders. We are so blessed with the life God has provided for us here on the Empty Nest Farm. When the wind blows, like it usually does in the country, the finches hang upside down on their little perch and sway back and forth. So cute!

If they're eating seed, they need water. I scurried around and rigged up a pan of water on a base, and then also drug up a rusty metal bird bath I had welded together from a farm disk blade and crankshaft. The finches are now eating and drinking. Heaven hath no boundary!

We found our first ripe cherry tomato on July 14th. Very late, I know, but because of the wet spring, we didn't get our garden in until the first of June. Better late than never. From the looks of things, I'm predicting our best garden ever.

July 20th: sweet corn is tasseling and green beans are blooming! Hallelujah!

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at curtswarm@yahoo.com or visit his website at www.empty-nest-words-photos-and-frames.com.

Heat knocks out Friday races in Donnellson

BY BRIAN NEAL
PEPSI LEE COUNTY SPEEDWAY

DONNELLSON – With temperatures in the upper 90's and heat index in the 100's on Friday, Brian and Marcie Gaylord chose to cancel the racing action that was scheduled at the Pepsi Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, Iowa.

"Safety for the driver's, their crews, and our staff was the first concern of ours" quoted Brian Gaylord. "Even if we pushed the start time back, the heat indexes were not low enough for us to feel comfortable in putting anybody in danger of getting a heat stroke or possible death" said Brian.

With the cancellations of Friday events, this will bring one of the biggest paying events for the Budweiser IMCA Modifieds, Donnellson Tire & Service IMCA Stock Cars, and Roberts Tire Center IMCA SportMods to the track on Saturday, July 27th. All three divisions will be racing for \$1,500 to win, with \$150 guaranteed to start the A-Feature. The nights action is being brought to you by J.J. Nichting Company and Chem GRO.

Complete payout for the IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Stock Cars, and IMCA SportMods will be – 1. \$1,500; 2. \$1,000; 3. \$800; 4. \$600; 5. \$500; 6. \$400; 7. \$300; 8. \$250; 9. \$225; 10. \$200; 11. \$175; 12. \$160; 13. – 24. \$150. Tow will be \$75. There is a \$25 entry fee for the Modifieds, Stock Cars, and SportMods.

Concerts help upkeep at Old Settler's Park

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ciation have raised in excess of \$400,000 for improvements – not including free labor donated to build the bandstand and install playground equipment.

All money raised from food sales allows for maintenance and improvements in the park. Sponsors of Music in the Park help pay for the entertainment.

This years' sponsors are: FM Community Hospital, Seither & Cherry Services, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Connection Bank, Pilot Grove Savings Bank, Brad Randolph, Climax Molybdenum, Danny Willits, and the Rose Briggs Memorial Fund. Donations have also been received by Amigos, MidWestOne Bank, DuPont, The Hecht Family, and the Dodie Jerome Memorial.

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Downtown Summer Market

Fort Madison businesses will be hosting a Downtown Summer Market from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 15 along Avenue G. For more information contact Darla at 319-371-8385 or by email at darlarae71@yahoo.com.

LCHD clinics

The Lee County Health Department is holding a children's immunization clinic in Fort Madison at the Lee County Health Dept. located at #3 John Bennett Drive from noon to 5:30 p.m. on the old prison grounds. Free lead testing is also available. The clinic is open to children with no private health insurance, or insurance that doesn't cover vaccines.

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up

The City of Fort Madison Cemetery Dept. will begin Fall Clean-up starting Monday, Aug. 12. All items must be removed from the gravesites before that date. Any items left will be disposed of during the cleanup. No items are to be placed on the graves until Aug. 19. Call City Hall with questions at 372-7700 ext. 206.

Old Settlers hosts Richie Lee

The Old Settlers Association will be hosting Richie Lee & The Fabulous 50s with dinner provided by Lee Co. Pork Producers serving 5 to 8:30 p.m. Free will donations are welcome. Rain location will be in the FM Methodist Church at 9th and Ave. E.

Mexican Fiesta candidate meeting

The Mexican Fiesta is looking for princess and queen candidates. A meeting will be held for interested candidates on July 28th at 3 p.m. at the shelterhouse. Contact Izzy at 319-470-1426 or Jessica at

319-470-4593 with questions.

Party on the Patio

The Fort Madison Partner's Friday, kick-off-your-weekend Party on the Patio at Baxter Sports Complex is on again Friday July 26, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. sponsored by Randolph Dentistry and Sunnybrook Senior Living with Caleb Booton providing the music.

YMCA Youth Soccer

Fall Little Tykes Soccer and Lee County Soccer leagues are currently forming with registration ending Aug. 17 for Lee County and Aug. 24 for Little Tykes. Registration is \$20 for Little Tykes and \$25 for Lee County for members, double for non-members. Practice and games are held at Baxter Sports Complex. Volunteer coaches are also needed for both leagues. Call Noah Dean at 372-2403 or email to noah.dean@fortmadison.org with questions.

Farmer's Market

Farmer's Markets at the Fort Madison Depot will start Monday June 3 and run every Monday through Sept. 30 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Old Santa Fe Depot. Every second Monday is Kid's Day at the Market.

Food Preservation 101

This introductory course for home food preservation will be held July 31, from 6-8 p.m. at the Lee County Extension Office 414 N. Main Street in Donnellson. Cost is \$10. Contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116 or email to weisinge@iastate.edu.

www.fortmadison.edu. Registration is required by July 29.

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.

RiverFest 2109

The annual festival on the riverfront in Fort Madison features a national rock and alternative rock lineup with family fun, games, a 5K run, a cornhole tournament and much much more from Aug. 1-4 in Riverview Park in downtown Fort Madison.

North Lee County Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life takes place this year on September 27th from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature Maddie Poppe in Concert. This year's theme is "idols of strength".

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School
District
1930 Avenue M
Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:06 p.m. Directors Hope, DiPrima, Hotop, Menke, Ross, and Steffensemeier were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Slater, Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon and Board 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. Curriculum Corner. Computer Science is Elementary. The Board was

given an update on the Computer Science is Elementary project.

B. Superintendent Goal Report. The Board received an update on the Superintendent Goal Report.

C. District Presentations. There were none.

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

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the June 19, 2019 regular meeting; financial reports including the June balance sheet, June revenue summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the June General Account Board bills for approval, July General Account Board bills for approval, Student Activity Board bills for approval and Nutrition Account Board bills for approval; resignations from Tracy Madsen as band teacher at the high

school, Tabatha Helmick as food service at Richardson, Paige VanFleet as associate at Lincoln, Dana Hemann as associate at Holy Trinity, Todd McGhghy as varsity girls basketball coach, Karen Kester as associate at Lincoln, Andrew Cartright as middle school football coach, Christian Boyer as middle school football coach, Luke Rickelman as assistant varsity football coach, Christy Gallagher as 6th grade teacher at the middle school, Heather Harter as Student Government advisor; employment of Eran Terrell as 3rd grade teacher at Lincoln, Ron Walker as ¼ assistant baseball coach, Albert Schinstock as ¼ assistant baseball coach, Sere Rothert as science teacher at the middle school, Frances Van Norman as teacher at the middle school, Andrew Cartwright as high school assistant football coach, Wayne MacLearn as 8th grade assistant football coach, Lynne Lange as Student Government advisor and Jeffrey Gerdes as automotive instructor at the high school with correct-

ed placement and salary; contract modification for Carol Hotop as associate at Richardson with change in hours and classification. The motion passed with a 7-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

B. Superintendent.

1. FMCS SRO 28E Agreement. The Board reviewed the FMCS SRO 28E Agreement. Discussion followed. It was moved by Menke and seconded by DiPrima to approve the FMCS SRO 28E Agreement as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

2. Support Staff Handbook. The Board reviewed the 2019-2020 Support Staff Handbook. Discussion followed. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the 2019-2020 Support Staff Handbook as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

3. AFSCME Class E – Building Secretaries Salary List. The Board reviewed the AFSCME Class E –

Building Secretaries Salary List. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Hotop to approve the AFSCME Class E – Building Secretaries Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

4. Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List. The Board reviewed the Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by Ross to approve the Supplemental Letters of Assignment Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

5. Teacher Leadership Salary List. The Board reviewed the Teacher Leadership Salary List. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the Teacher Leadership Salary List as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

6. Consider approval of the Sharing Agreement between FMCS and Burlington High School for Girls and Boys Swim for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board reviewed the sharing agreement. Discus-

sion followed. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the Sharing Agreement between FMCS and Burlington High School for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

7. Consider approval of policy changes.

a. 705.4 - Expenditures for a Public Purpose. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy #705.4 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

b. 803.1 - Disposition of Obsolete Equipment. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve policy #803.1 and delete policy #803.3 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

c. 804.2 – Warning System and Emergency Plans. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hotop to approve policy #804.2 and delete policies 804, 804.3, 804.5, 804.6 and 804.8 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

d. 905.1 - Community Use of School District Facilities, Sites & Equipment. It was moved by Menke and seconded by Hotop to approve policy #905.1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

e. 905.1-R-1 - Fee Schedule for Use of School District Facilities. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy #905.1-R-1 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

f. 905.1-R-2 - Community Use of School District Facilities and Equipment. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Hope to approve policy #905.1-R-2 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

g. 905.1-E-1 - Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment Indemnity and Liability Insurance Agreement. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve policy #905.1-E-1 as presented.

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The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

h. 507.2-E-4 - Athletic Training Concussion Protocol. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by DiPrima to approve policy #507.2-E-4 as presented. The motion passed on a 7-0 voice vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

I. IASB Legislative Priorities. The Board reviewed and discussed the IASB Legislative Priorities. Consensus was reached to submit Preschool, Mental Health, Teacher Leadership and Bond Issue as the four priorities on behalf of FMCS.

VIII. Discussion Items
A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

B. Superintendent
1. Visual Identity Guideline Regulation proposal. Sebastian Seifert and Rachel Goldstick presented findings on district branding and logos from the marketing committee.

2. Policies for 1st reading. The Board reviewed policies 903.9 through 906.0. These policies will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

3. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance report. The report was accepted as presented.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

1. Board meeting dates for 2019-2020. The Board discussed potential meeting dates for 2019-2020. Consensus was reached to continue to hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month as consistently as possible.

2. Board Candidate filing period: August 26-Sept. 19, 2019. The Board discussed the Board Candidate filing period.

3. Election November 5, 2019. The Board discussed the November 5, 2019 election date.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were none.

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

XI. Announcements.
August 19, 2019 6:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office
IASB Convention: November 20-21, 2019

PLC Conference: October 21-23, 2019

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President
July 15, 2019
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Special Meeting July 15, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 5:06 p.m. Directors Hope, Hotop, Menke, DiPrima, Ross and Steffensmeier were present. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater and Board Secretary Elmore.

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

III. Closed Session to conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa. A motion was made by Director Ross and seconded by Director DiPrima that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified at section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered because it is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual has requested a closed session. A roll call vote was administered and Directors Hotop, Hope, Ross, Steffensmeier, Wondra, Menke, and DiPrima all responded

aye. The Board entered into the closed session at 5:08 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 5:59 p.m.

VII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President
July 15, 2019
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE Fort Madison Community School District 1930 Avenue M Minutes of the Special Meeting July 8, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:03 p.m. Directors Hope, Hotop, Menke, DiPrima and Steffensmeier were present. Director Ross participated via telephone.

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

III. Closed Session to

conduct Superintendent evaluation as per Section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa. Director Hope moved and Director Steffensmeier moved that a closed session be held as authorized by the Open Meetings Law codified at section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered because it is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual has requested a closed session. A roll call vote was administered and Directors Hotop, Hope, Ross, Steffensmeier, Wondra, Menke, and DiPrima all responded aye. The Board entered into the closed session at 6:03 p.m.

The Board recessed the closed session at 7:18 p.m.

VII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on July 8, 2019

Tim Wondra, Board President

July 8, 2019
Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

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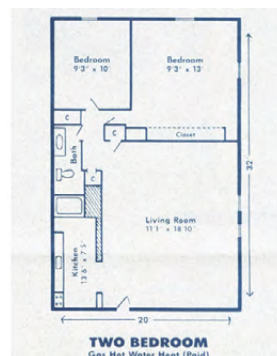
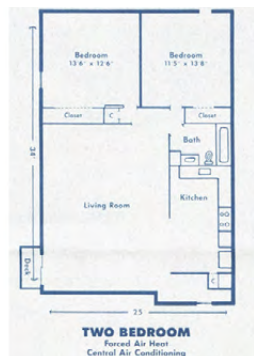
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From the Front/Weather

Kurtz, Sanders say science points to climate change realities

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program serving seniors very well.
 “They did that in 1965 without the technology we have today. Don’t tell me we can’t do that in four years what they did back then in one year.”
 Sanders said in year one, he would lower the Medicare age from 65 to 55. He said in the following years, the program’s eligibility would expand by 10 years each year with the fourth

year covering every person in the country, and would expand to cover dental care, hearing aids, and eyeglasses.
 He said the plan would also cap the amount any American would pay for prescription drugs to \$200.
 Lynn Fingerhut, of Peoria, drove two hours with her children for the rally. Her 9-year-old son, Henry Hawkins was the only one in the crowd to get an auto-

graph on his sign.
 Hawkins said he didn’t know what the best thing about the campaign stop was, but he said he was happy to see Sanders.
 Fingerhut said her family is a strong supporter of Sanders.
 “We’re pretty passionate about Bernie and his message of Medicare for all, student loan forgiveness, and because we are very concerned about where Trump is taking things.”
 Sanders also touted his

plan to move the federal minimum wage to a \$15 living wage. He said four years ago when he campaigned he said the wage needed to move to that rate and now he pointed to seven states that have raised the wage to \$15 and last week the House of Representatives passed a bill moving the federal minimum to \$15 per hour.
 He also said the country has the wealth to cancel all student debt. He said many colleges are moving toward

programmatic free tuition or free tuition based on income.
 “Of course we can do that and of course we must do that,” Sanders said.
 Back in 2008, Congress, against his vote, provided \$700 billion in bailouts to Wall Street and trillions of dollars in 0 interest loans from the federal reserve.
 “If we can bail out Wall Street...you know what, we can cancel student debt in this country.”
 Sanders called Trump the most dangerous president in the modern history of America, and said scientists have proclaimed the world has 12 years to transition out of fossil fuels before irreparable damage is done to the planet.

and so they chose her and that didn’t work out. I just think Bernie has the right ideas for the country.”
 State Rep. Jeff Kurtz served as part of the warm-up before officially endorsing Sanders.
 Kurtz said the state is struggling under Republican leadership with regard to education and health care.

“This year in the state of Iowa, we only gave education a 2% raise in funding, which kind of keeps us inline with inflation, but coupled with last year’s 1.5 percent and the year before’s 1%, we have actually underfunded education for the past 10 years,” Kurtz said.

Kurtz also talked about rebuilding the state’s public employees rights and giving those workers back their right to negotiate for benefits.

“Iowa is a right to work state which means you can join a union but you don’t necessarily have to pay union dues. So it starves the union out. On top of that, we have a system called Chapter 20 implemented back in the 20s under Robert Ray who was a Republican,” he said.

“He came up with this system to allow public union employees to negotiate and it would give them privileges so they wouldn’t strike. A couple years ago our legislature in all its wisdom decided they would gut that system.”

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