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**INSIDE TODAY:** LCEDG hold mock interview day for 12 Plus program.

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Specialists at Griffin's service center welcome women for Saturday lunch and car care seminar



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Griffin certified techician Andrew Irish shows how to check for tire tread depth and wear at Griffin Muffler & Brake center's Saturday "Heels and Wheels" seminar for women at the service center in Fort Madison.

#### **BY CHUCK VANDENBERG** PCC EDITOR

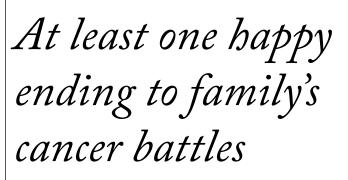
FORT MADISON - A couple hours under the hood on a breezy, fall Saturday may prove dividends for about a dozen women who showed up to learn some basics of car care.

Griffin Muffler & Brake Center at the corner of 6th Street and Avenue G, in Fort Madison's Main Street District, held a free workshop called "Heels and



vehicle's safety.

Griffin put two vehicles on lifts in the service center and another vehicle on a state-of-the-art alignment rack to show the woman the importance of routine maintenance.



By Curt Swarm

**H**ave you ever heard of both a mother and daughter having breast cancer at the same time in the same breast? It happened to Linda Pohren and Tammy Mumme of Mt. Pleasant. Linda's husband, Jim, who is Tammy's father, also died of lung cancer and complications of Alzheimer's Disease. Tammy's son, Dillyn, had leukemia as an adolescent. You might say cancer has this family's number. Tammy's daughter, Jayde, will be watched closely and checked early. In honor of October being National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, here is a cancer story that has a happy ending. Early detection and aggressive treatment pays off!

Mother and daughter, Linda Pohren and Tammy Mumme, are both cancer free. Note Cancer Awareness sweatshirts proclaiming, "No One Fights Alone." Tammy has a popular beauty salon on Main Street in Mt. Pleasant known as Mirror Image Salon and Spa. She had been busy with her husband, Corey, and her family and friends refurbishing a downtown building to accommodate the salon. When her father passed away, she put her health on the back burner. When a lump was detected in her breast and it proved to be malignant, she badgered her mother into a mammogram. It was discovered that her mother also had breast cancer-invasive, while Tammy's was ductile.

They first went to the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, and then to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Tammy, at age 47, wasn't going to mess around. She opted for a double mastectomy, even though cancer was in only one breast-the other had three spots that probably would have turned cancerous. Her mother, Linda, however, because of her age (69 at the time) and health condition, had a lumpectomy followed by radiation. Sign of the times: Tammy kept friends and interested parties posted on her and

Wheels" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Twelve women, none of whom showed up in heels unless you consider boots, heels, were educated on the basics of car care and repair and we're treated to lunch, some wine and gift bag in the gold brand color of the neighborhood service center.

Certified auto specialists Andrew Irish and Matt Jones, along with owner Nannette Griffin and her husband Clark, the lead service specialist, spent close to three hours answering questions and showing the basic components of their vehicle that require regular maintenance, but also have the biggest impact on the

However, questions weren't always routine.

"My tire was making a noise and I took in and they found a pair of pliers inside my tire. How did that happen," one of the women asked

Clark said unfortunately that didn't surprise him and he'd heard other similar stories. But he said that's why it was important to make sure you know and trust the company that's working on your vehicle.

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### **Area News/Lottery Numbers**

### LCEDG holds mock interview day for 12 Plus students

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELLSON - Lee County EDG hosted a Mock Interview Day Friday at Central Lee High School with juniors and seniors from Central Lee, Keokuk and Fort Madison. Each student was able to gain experience in the interview process with two local businesses. They came prepared with copies of their resume and examples of their work.

LCEDG had employers such as the Fort Madison Hospital, Keokuk Waterworks, Scotts Miracle Gro, Silgan Containers, Axalta Coating Systems, Keokuk Hospital, Siemens Gamesa, Task Force, Alliant Energy, Climax Molybdenum, Steffensmeier Welding, Pinnacle Foods and Lee County EDG participated in the event.

The students participated in the Mock Interview Day as part of Lee County EDG's Grow Lee 12 Plus Employability class.

12 Plus is a class for Lee County students to learn what it takes to be a quality employee as well as what career opportunities are in the area.



Photos courtesy of Lee County Economic Development Group



About 15 students in the Lee County Economic Development Group's 12 Plus program conducted mock interviews with area business and industry officials as part of the curriculum underway. The class helped students learn what it's like to be a quality employee and hear about current opportunities.



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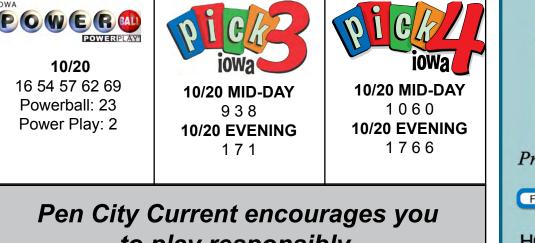
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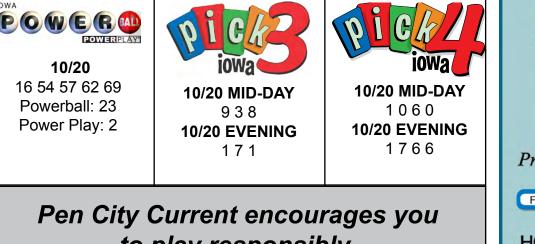
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Presented by:





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motion, Council approved

the Mayor's appointment of

Thomas Gregory as an alter-

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motion, Council approved

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amount of \$50,000 per year

Following a discussion

concerning a request by Lee

County Economic Develop-

ment Group for funding, on

motion, Council approved a

\$25,000 yearly contribution

to Lee County Economic

Development beginning in

Fiscal Year 2019-20 contin-

gent upon the City's normal

discussion was held regard-

At 7:27 P.M. on motion,

ing the Amtrak Passenger

Council adjourned until

November 5, 2018, at 5:30

/s/ Bradley A. Randolph,

ATTEST: /s/ Melinda L.

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Blind, City Clerk

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expiring 3/31/2021. On

### **Classifieds/Public Notices**

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEEDINGS FORT MADISON CITY COUNCIL 10/16/2018

The Fort Madison City Council met in adjourned session at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Morawitz, Rink, Andrews, Mohrfeld, Lair and Cangas present.

On motion, Council approved the agenda as written. On motion, Council approved the Consent Agenda: Minutes of 10/2/2018; Payment of Claims; New Five-Day Liquor License: Palms Supper Club for catering event at 415 – 11th Street, effective 10/20/2018; September Financial Report; and Liquor License Renewals: Aldi, Inc., #77, 927 Avenue G, effective 11/4/2018; Garner Foods, 2236 Avenue L, effective 12/15/2018; and Simple Table, LLC, 617 – 7th Street, effective 10/1/2018.

On motion, Council approved the second reading of an amendment to Title 1, Administration, of the Fort Madison City Code.

On motion, Council approved the Mayor's signature on a Professional

EXPENDITURES		REVENUES	9/15-9/30/2018	
General	\$ 19,493.43	General	\$ 867,498.86	
Special Rev.	10,797.23	Sp. Rev.	1,117,335.31	
Road Use	4,512.21	Road Use	495.00	
Capital	187.89	Debt	264,340.95	
Water	11,839.55	Water	396.97	
Sewer	34,625.41	Sewer	1,341.49	
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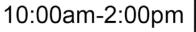
- **10/23** Rose Michael Gardens Ft. Madison 8:30am-10:00am
  - **10/23** Parkview Apts. West Point 10:30am-Noon
  - 10/25 LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive) Ft. Madison Noon-5:30pm
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### **Current-Lee/From the Front**

#### **CURRENT-LEE**

#### LCHD offering October flu clinics

Lee County Health Department will be holding Flu Clinics throughout the month of October at various locations throughout Lee County. Flu clinics are open to the public, and offered to anyone ages 6 months or older. Medicare Part B, except Humana Gold choice, will be accepted for billing Medicare. Bring your Medicare card to the clinic. Flu vaccines for people without Medicare Part B will be \$25.

Complete Flu Clinic Schedule: Oct. 23, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Rose Michael Gardens , 4516 Ave. L, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 10:30 am – noon – Parkview Apartments, 507 Iowa Joe St, West Point, IA; Oct. 25, noon – 5:30 pm – Lee County Health Department, #3 John Bennett Dr., Fort Madison, IA. Visit Lee County Health Department's website here to learn more: <u>http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/</u>.

#### YMCA's Trunk or Treat

This event had more than 600 children through the parking lot of the YMCA in 2017 and it's back for another year on Friday, October 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Vehicles can arrive at 5 p.m. for decorating. There is no charge for the event and businesses can decorate their car and handout candy as little goblins walk through the parking lot to receive goodies purchased by the businesses. Registration forms can be picked up at the YMCA and need to be returned by Friday, Oct. 19.

#### Witches Walk

Fort Madison's Main Street will be hosting a Witches Walk October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. For more information contact the Partner's offices at 319-372-5471. Wear your witches costume and shop downtown.

#### **Ghost Hunt**

The Fort Madison Partners are sponsoring a Ghost Hunt on Oct. 26-27 with Iowa Paranormal conducting investigations at some of the most haunted homes west of the Mississippi. For more information or tickets contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471.

#### **PORT Boo-Athlon**

The Fort Madison PORT Trail committee will be holding it's annual Boo-Athlon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Baxter Sports Complex. A 5K Walk/Run, a 10-mile bike ride and Duathlon will start at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at <u>www.fortmadison-ia.com</u> under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848 and are due by Oct. 13 to guarantee a t-shirt.

#### **Boo-ti-ful Pumpkin Walk**

The city of Nauvoo is again coming alive in the Halloween Spirit hosting its annual Pumpkin Walk on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.. This year's event will again feature hundreds of hand-carved jack-o'-lanterns that will be lit and displayed along Mulholland Street.

# fly-ins welcome

#### The annual Fort Madison High School Key Club and Fort Madison Kiwanis Halloween Carnival will be held on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at the high school with games, costume contests and prizes.

**CURRENT-LEE** 

### Fort Madison Beggar's Night

Key Club Halloween Carnival

The citywide beggar's night begins at 5 p.m. throughout the city of Fort Madison.

### Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook

Each month on the third Tuesday of the month, Sunnybrook Assisted Living hosts a Veteran's Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at 5025 River Valley Road in Fort Madison.

### Tech is bringing hope to cancer victims

### SWARM - Continued from Page 1

her mother's condition, treatment and progress on Facebook's, "Same Fight.. Same Dream..Same Cure" page. Friends and strangers were able to offer words of encouragement and prayers, which helped considerably during Tammy and her mother's lengthy surgeries and treatment.

Implants last only 10-15 years, therefore Tammy opted for reconstruction surgery using a procedure called DIEP flap (deep inferior epigastric perforators). Tissue was taken from her tummy to rebuild her breasts. In her words, "She wasn't perfect before the surgery and she wasn't perfect after." She left her room at 7:00 in the morning and did not return until 9:30 that night. A team of four doctors performed the procedure. She came home with four drains and a vacuum. Her husband and kids were taught how to test for proper blood flow. When they applied pressure, the tissue should turn white. When they released pressure, it should return to pink, indicating good blood flow. If at any time she lost circulation, emergency surgery would be required.

Linda had two tumors and two lymph nodes removed. A new "wiff" device was inserted to direct radiation to where it was needed, away from the heart and lungs—like a highway interchange directing traffic. Instead of 35 days of radiation treatment, Linda had only three.

Linda and Tammy were the Mayo Clinic's first mother/daughter cancer-treatment combo. Mayo has had sisters before, but never mother/ daughter. What's next father/daughter? That was very close to happening with Tammy and her father.

One of Tammy's latest postings on Same Fight.. Same Dream..Same Cure is, "I'm Free..I'm Free!"

Have you had your annual check-up? Men and women both!

Have a good story? Call or text Curt Swarm in Mt. Pleasant at 319-217-0526, email him at <u>curtswarm@</u> <u>yahoo.com</u> or find him on Facebook. Curt's stories are also read at 106.3 FM in Farmington.

# 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Clear Skies High– 59.9° F | Low – 37.9° F



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### to Downtown Trick-or-Treat, Tuesday, October 30, 5-7pm 726 Avenue G

Pick up a new toothbrush, toothpaste, & floss to care for your teeth after eating all your sugary treats!



TUE 23 Oct **Clear Skies** High- 48.4° F | Low - 30.7° F WED 24 Oct \_\_\_\_\_ Light Rain High- 49.3° F | Low - 39.1° F THU 25 Oct —— Light Rain High - 47.1° F | Low - 39.5° F FRI 26 Oct **Clear Skies** High- 48.4° F | Low - 39.4° F **OpenWeatherMap** 

### From the Front

## Griffin trying to bust "grease monkey" stereotype

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Irish also talked about electronic codes and what information can obtained from the codes and the "snapshots" of the vehicle's performance.

He said the women need to be careful about taking their car to auto parts stores with a code readers.

"Have any of you ever gone to the parts store to get your engine light fixed?" Irish asked.

"They told you a code and said it's this. We see this typically, people will bring in a vehicle and say the auto parts store scanned it said said it was the oxygen sensor. How much to fix the oxygen sensor."

Irish said a good mechanic won't recommend replacing a part without scanning the whole vehicle first.

"They only have a global reader that only scans things that are emission related that the federal government says all cars have to have. That's the only thing it's going to pick up."

He said other safety issues like a seat belt loop, won't be scanned.

"This gives us a chance to get a lot more in-depth with your vehicle and find underlying issues," Irish said.

Nannette said in addition to getting more indepth, the service center won't just throw parts at it, but get to the real problem that could save money in the long run.

Irish said the reader at Griffin's will pull the snapshot of the vehicle's performance when the engine light comes on. They can see speed, braking and other information that was happening with a vehicle at the time the light came on. But parts stores will typically clear that information to get the light off, and then the service center won't have access to the information. Nannette said she envisioned having a free education day about 14 years ago, but the industry kept changing and the time never seemed to be just right. But she rolled it out this year because she wanted to try and remove a lot of stereotypes in the industry. And not just the obvious stereotype that men handle most of the car repairs.

household decisions, We think this is a good way to help them keep an eye on the family vehicles and working maintenance into hectic schedules," Nannette said.

"We're trying to bring our industry to a different standard. Holding this event, our different warranties, our philosophy, how we operate, transparency, honesty. We can get our industry to rise to a higher standard, kill the stereotypes, and have people view us more as professionals. These people working here are educated and bright. Cars are still going to be sold and you need trained, certified people to work on them."

Kacey Weaver, of Donnellson came down because her mom made her. She although she'd rather be laying in the sun with her pony, she did have concerns about her car and she learned things while in the service center.

"I learned to call people if I need help and to make sure the people working on my car are good at it and they know what they are doing," Weaver said.

"We also told her to not turn the radio up when you hear a noise in your car. You can blow up your engine," Nannette chuckled after hearing the comment.

One of the women in attendance was Mari Holtkamp who own's a service center with her husband in Mt. Pleasant. Holtkamp held her own women's event at her dealership and was down seeing how other service centers are approaching the issue.

"Woman are sometimes, I think, intimidated about cars. But they're the ones, like these guys said, that are the driving force in the household. The ones that are scheduling kids dentist appointments, soccer practices, piano lessons and whatever else. If they're not comfortable getting their car worked on, that's not good for their family and the safety of the vehicle," Holtkamp said.

Nannette said the Midwest is more of a "ifit-ain't-broke-don't-fix-it, mentality. We need to educate people better on maintenance. And if you're not maintaining care of your car, you're gonna end up stuck on the side of the road, and nobody wants that."

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Holtkamp said peole forget that their vehicle is one of a person's biggest investments.

"If you would just maintain the one you have and invest a little money, this is an investment and the second most expensive thing you'll own next to your home," she said. "If you come to someone you trust - that doesn't consider you a number to them, they're gonna help you take care of your car and they're going to take care of you."



**Recycling Event** 

Wednesday, October 24, 7am-4pm Open to all residents of Lee, Van Buren, & rural Henry Counties

**Commercial & Business** 

"Statistics show that women make most of

### Household Hazardous Waste

Fertilizers, herbicides, household & Auto cleaning products, insecticides, oil based paints, paint thinners & solvents, pesticides, pool chemicals, motor oil, antifreeze. All batteries and lightbulbs; propane tanks & more!

Latex paint will not be accepted. Latex paint is not hazardous. Mix it with kitty litter, sawdust, or dirt and it can be placed in your regular trash.

#### Eye Glasses

Only those in reasonable condition Sponsored by the Fort Madison Lions Club



### General & Paper Recycling

Accepting : glass, plastics, tin cans, aluminum cans, office & shredded paper, newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, phone books, paperbacks and hard cover books. Rigid plastics (i.e. riding toys, buckets, plastic lawn furniture, etc.

#### Appliances & e–Waste (Electronics)

All household appliances will be accepted. Electronics is anything that plugs into a wall or takes batteries. There is a fee for Appliances and any screened electronics (computer monitor, TV, laptop, tablets, etc.) During this event, GRRWA will accept any combination of four (4) appliances/screened electronics, per vehicle, at no cost! There will be a fee for any additional screened electronics/appliances. Vehicles can only come through ONCE with electronics/appliances.

#### NEW THIS YEAR



Goodwill of the Heartland will be onsite from 7am-2pm to collect gently used clothing.

### Great River Regional Waste Authority 2092 303rd Avenue, Fort Madison





OPEN HOUSE

Come join us for our *Chain Saw Days Event* at all three locations **Saturday, October 20TH** COMPLIMENTARY FOOD will be served at all locations! Receive \$5.00 in Huff-A-Bucks for every \$100 spent!

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