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Bikers line up QBall for students

New ball helps combat noise issues for 2nd graders

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - A second grader at Richardson elementary school told a blue ball yesterday that there are 12 months in a year and his voice was amplified throughout the room.

The new microphone ball was a \$200 gift to Kim Fullenkamp's 2nd grade class from the Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Club in Fort Madison. Fullenkamp had put out the word that her classroom on the second third floor south side of Richardson Elementary is still very hot and windows and fans are running to



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Students from Kim Fullenkamp's 2nd Grade class at Richardson pose with Renegade Pigs Adam Benda, back left, Randy Strunk, middle, and Andrew Cartwright, right whose group purchased a QBall that amplifies students voices in the classroom.

keep the students cool. She said the ball helps overcome the outside noise and fan motors, a situation that was causing her students learning difficulties. "It's called a QBall, it has a microphone in

that's hooked up to a TV sound bar. You can toss it, but we don't bounce it because it's expensive. The kids can catch it and they speak into it so I can hear them and they can hear each other, which is huge for second graders

because they speak very quietly except at recess," Fullenkamp said. Fullenkamp said she has to keep the windows open most of the time due to the heat which causes

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Ceramic artist on display at FMAAA

BY BRIAN RIGGS
FMAAA Director

FORT MADISON - Feature exhibition at Ft. Madison Area Arts Association for October is Susan Lawhorn of Macomb, IL. Her specialization medium is ceramics. A reception occurs for the artist on October 5th from 5-7pm. Sample the flavors from Baxter's Vineyards, as they are in the full swing of harvest mode at the winery. Bartlett Instruments in the sponsor for the exhibition. Susan will speak at the last Lunch-ala-Art on October 26th for noon muster.

The ceramics of Susan Lawhorn of Macomb will be on display in October at the Fort Madison Area Arts Association. A reception is set for Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

Susan (Ryan) Lawhorn was born in Vena del Mar, Chile, and grew up in Boston where her parents lived. Lawhorn received her BFA from Massachusetts College of Art in 1971. After two European trips in college and moves to Key West and Colorado after marriage, she, her husband, Terry, and three children settled in Macomb, Illinois. Since 1980 the Midwest has been their home.

She had been fortunate to renew her love of lithography and then immerse herself in ceramics with the help of artists/teachers at Western Illinois University. Now she works from her own studio. Her most recent work utilizes porcelain, stoneware and low fire earthenware.

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Fort Madison banking mainstay says goodbye after 30 years

Cindy Roberts locks doors at MidWestOne for the last time on Monday night

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Three decades of local banking has brought joy and fulfillment to MidWestOne's Market President Cindy Roberts, but Monday when she locked the doors for the day, Roberts handed the keys to someone else.

But not before holding an appointment with a customer who couldn't get to the bank on time. On Roberts' last day, she waited for one more customer.



ROBERTS

Of all the things in banking that have changed, including technology, the Internet, the 24/7 news cycle, Roberts said a few things have remained constant - customer and community service.

"I was 19 years old right out of high school when I started with Fort Madison Bank and Trust. This was like an apprenticeship program. The people that made sure the work got done explained to me debits and credits and what happens to a check when you cash it, and how it goes to the fed and how we get it back," she said.

"These were all great people who taught me customer service and how to deal with customers. We had one lady who was very wealthy and had a purse

full of money and would lean over and dump it on the counter, and she was very private and didn't want you talking about her transaction. Those nuances were explained and I still do those things today. The faces have changed and the process has changed, but the basic things we do have always been the same."

Roberts started at that bank as a part-time teller and quickly moved to an inside counter teller, "which was a really big deal." She then worked her way through the loan departments and got to understand consumer lending and real estate and commercial lending. Then she moved into the marketing program and she said the whole process was a collaborative effort where people that did the work took you under their wings.

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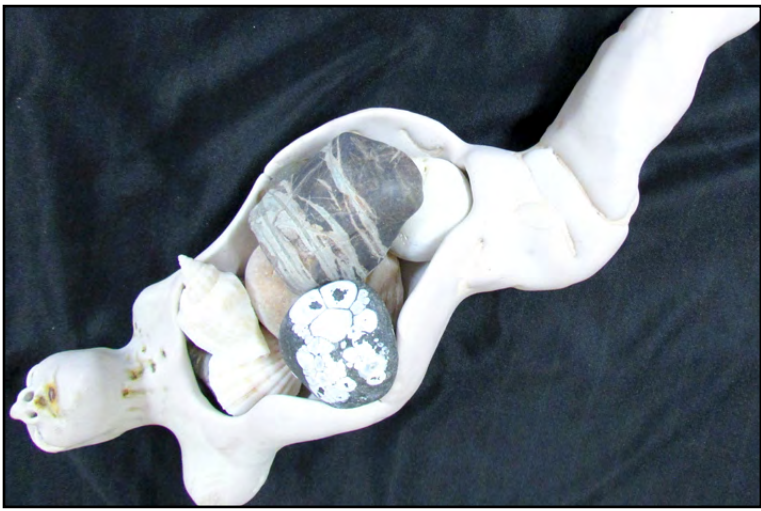
Local News/From the Front

Lawhorn displays print, clay collections across the country

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Her work is primarily shown regionally, but she has prints and ceramic pieces in collections on both coasts, as well as in the Midwest.

Susan began in printmaking but eventually tired of cranking out multiple images of replication with that process. With clay she began hand building unique works and built a studio for low-fire production. She also has the benefit of taking independent study at WIU, whereby she can hi-fire stoneware and porcelain. She will work in series mode for pieces, working on a heel/shoe series for a couple of years. Crowns also became a series. Subject matter is invoked by sketches and base ideas then awaiting for works to evolve within the clay building process itself. She does make some functional ceramics; but the majority of works stem from her imagination into nature and spiritual themes. Viewing available all month Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 825 Avenue G.



Macomb artist Susan Lawhorn will be the guest exhibitor at the FMAAA on Ave. G in Fort Madison for October.

FM man nabbed on felony crack charge

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of a Fort Madison, Iowa man on felony drug charges.



EMANUEL

Kevin Lionel Emanuel, 41, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on September 28th, 2018 by Fort Madison Officers on felony drug warrants. Emanuel is charged with two counts of delivery of cocaine (crack) second or subsequent offense, class C felonies with enhancements. If convicted, Emanuel faces up to 60 years in a state correctional facility.

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

The Lee County Attorney's Office, Fort Madison Police Department, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, 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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Obituaries

DEATH NOTICES

ROBERT JAMES CARTER

IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY - Robert James Carter was pronounced dead at 5:10 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital where he had been taken due to suffering a medical emergency. Carter was 73 years old at the time of his death. An autopsy has been ordered.

Carter had been serving a life term for the crime of Sexual Abuse 1st Degree from Cerro Gordo County. His sentence began on November 7, 1997.

JACK DELPH

Jack Delph, 66, of Fort Madison, passed away at 3:55 P.M. Tuesday October 2, 2018 at his home. Services are pending at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point.

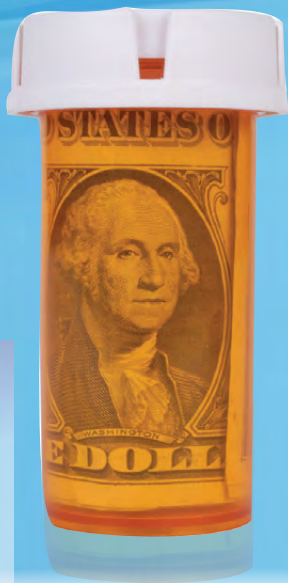
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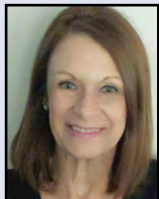


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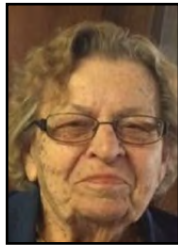
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ROSALENE E. "ROSIE" KRAMER

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KRAMER

Born on May 25, 1925 in St. Paul, Iowa, the daughter of Henry and Mary Vantiger. On February 12, 1946, she married Maurice J. Kramer at St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul, Iowa. He preceded her in death on October 2, 1992.

Survivors include: eight sons: Tom (Rose) Kramer of Mankato, Minnesota, John (Sunok) Kramer of Urbandale, Iowa, Donnie (Colleen) Kramer of Salem, Iowa, Jerry (Sherry) Kramer of Double Oaks, Texas, Tony (Connie) Kramer of Salem, Iowa, Bob (Patty Kimmell) Kramer of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Charles (Teresa) Kramer of Salem, Iowa; four daughters: Janet (Jerry) Graber of Donnellson, Iowa, Linda Kramer of Salem, Iowa, Mary (Lyle) Waters of Muscatine, Iowa, Annette (Marty) Hoyer of Burlington, Iowa; thirty-four grandchildren; thirty-seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Also surviving are several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband: Maurice, one son: Ronald, two brothers: Conrad Vantiger and Leo Vantiger, two sisters: Mary Catherine Vantiger and Rita Kamp.

Rosie was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. She owned and operated Kramer's 66 Service Station with her husband in Salem for 25 years. Rosie was a treasurer and tour guide of Lewelling Quaker Museum in Salem. She was a member of the Salem American Legion Auxiliary for 55 years and served as President. Rosie was a Matriarch of Salem Veterans Memorial.

Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 4, 2018 at St. John's Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa where family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 5, 2018 at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as celebrant.

Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lewelling Quaker Museum.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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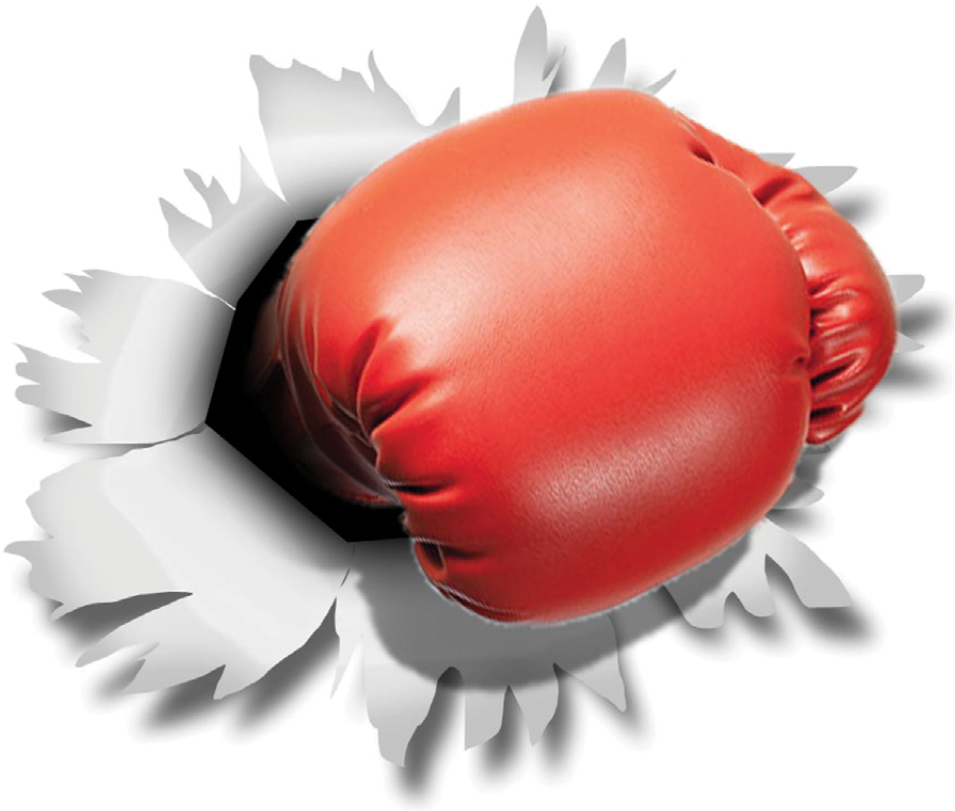


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From the Front

Much of banking has changed, but not customer service

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She left the industry for a while to raise two daughters, who are now professional musicians, a turn that Roberts almost took herself. She said if banking didn't work out for her, she would have gone into teaching music. Roberts still plays flute and piccolo for the Fort Madison City Band.

"When you hear a clunker during the National Anthem....that's me," she said holding up her hand.

But her joy over three decades in banking service has been helping people find financial success.

"I think it's really rewarding to see someone that I helped a long time ago as a first time buyer, move into a bigger house and have their children. Then watch their children grow and come back to me and I can make them a mortgage," she said. "When you can see the joy in someone's face when they thought they could never own a home and you work with them to make that happen, that's amazing. It really is."

A retirement reception was held for Roberts at the bank in honor of her service.

"I had so many people in here Friday to say, 'where are we going to go. You can imagine over 18 years here...how many customers, there've been thousands and that's great. I couldn't help them all, but when you can it's a really good feeling to know you actually made a difference in someone's life because you were able to help them with their finances.'"

She said her ascent to president of the bank kind of came in a rush after coming aboard in 2000 as a mortgage lender.

"The managers here left and I started picking up the slack. And all of a sudden I was the face of the place and when the chamber needed something, they called me. If someone needed a volunteer, they called me. So it blossomed to more than lending, to all of a

sudden being involved in the community and making sure MidwestOne's name was out there."

She quickly realized there was more to being the leader of the office than just banking.

"I came in one day and the ceiling tiles were on my desk and I was like 'How did this happen!' So I get a maintenance person in and they looked around on the roof and came back and said, 'You have 12 inches of water on your roof. Your downspouts are clogged and you're lucky the whole ceiling didn't come in'. And I'm thinking, 'Oh my God, no one told me I had to worry about building maintenance'. That was my introduction."

Roberts was born and raised in Fort Madison, and aside from moving away from the community for just a few months, she said Fort Madison has always been her home. She's seen the transition of the community and thinks Fort Madison is on the upswing.

"When I graduated from high school, this was a town of 18,000 and (President Jimmy) Carter's grain embargo shut down a lot of our industry. The 80s and 90s were tough years and we were pretty stagnant then," she said.

"But then in the late 90s things just started happening again. We had a real active chamber, the Lee County Economic Development Group formed, and then, nationally, interest rates fell and banks were busy refinancing. People then found money to remodel the garage or buy the car and things started to come around."

She said the rush of Internet banking has provided people with other options, but she said it's also driven some back to the local bank.

"You used to have to go into a bank and have someone explain everything to you, but now you can

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When you can see the joy in someone's face when they thought they could never own a home and you work with them to make that happen...that's amazing. It really is..”

-Cindy Roberts,
MidWestOne retiree

get information online or on your phone. It's everywhere and people have so many choices right now. But I also think sometimes that technology has driven the business back to the local bank. People want convenience and ease and want that personal touch and be made to feel they're No. 1 in someone's daily business, and they can be taken care of when they have a problem. That's a huge deal."

Retirement will probably involve a lot more time visiting her daughters. She said her husband retired from ISP several years ago and the two will probably travel and may end up someday moving closer to her children, but right now she's loving Fort Madison and excited for the fall.

"I loved my job, but sometimes I feel like I'm tied to my phone and it will be nice to not be tied to the phone," Roberts said. "I love the fall and it's a beautiful time of year and we live in such a beautiful community. It's an exciting time now with the PORT trail and how Larry Driscoll and Rachel Benda have run with that idea. We just have a great community."

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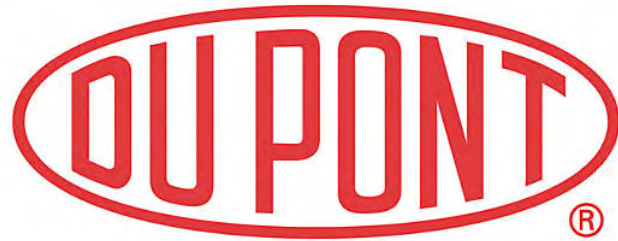
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Current-Lee/Weather

QBall helping kids learn

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hearing and learning barriers in the classroom.

"You have to keep the windows open and the fans on at all times. And when it rains, the wheels roll on the wet pavement and you can't hear at all. We had people in for observation and said 'How do you hear what's going on. How do the kids learn,' and we I just tell them we do the best we can," she said.

The ball is helping some kids come out of their shell because the ball is fun to talk into.

"The kids ask for it all the time and we're still learning appropriate ways to do it," she said. "There's rules that we toss underhand and not one-handed. It isn't dodge ball. They love it so we've been practicing with it and it helps in the classroom."

Renegade members Adam Benda, Randy Strunk and Adam Cartwright came up on the classroom playground on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles and talked with the kids about the club and the motorcycles and took pictures with the students on bikes with the ball.

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. 4, 8:30 am - noon - Newberry Center, 728 Ave. G, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 4, 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Deer Meadow Apartments, 715 Cleveland Ave., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 8, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - West Point Public Library, 317 5th St., West Point, IA; Oct. 9, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm - Hillview Village, 1102 48th St., Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 11, 8:30 am - 10:00 am - River Terrace, 128 Bank St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 11, noon - 4:30 pm - Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 15, 8:00 am - 11:00 am - Montrose Public Library, 200 Main St., Montrose, IA; Oct. 16, 8:30 am - 10:00 am - Horner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm - Donnellson Public Library, 411 S. Main St., Donnellson, IA; Oct. 18, 8:30 am - 9:30 am - Hotel Iowa, 401 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 10:00 am - noon - Heritage Center, 508 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA; 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: <http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/>.

ABATE Run

ABATE #18 Toys for Tots Run is Saturday, October 6, 2018. Sign up starts at 10:00 am at Roderers Pit Stop, Burlington, IA with everyone leaving at noon. Sign up fees are \$10.00 for ABATE members and \$12.00 for non members. Ride ends at 6:00pm at Outpost Bar & Grill, Burlington, IA. Proceeds raised from ride will go to Toys for Tots and presented in December. Open to the public-bikes, cars, trucks, whatever! For more information call Randy Hiland at 319-572-5733.

Fort Madison Depot Farmer's Market

Every Monday local vendors have farmer's market options available at the Old Santa Fe Depot on the Riverfront in Fort Madison. The farmer's market runs every Monday until Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the parking lot west of the depot.

Pack in Pink

The October 12th home Bloodhound football game will be a Pack In Pink night. T-shirts can be ordered as part of the FMHS National Honor Society through Tracy Madsen at FMHS.

Lee County Conservation Scary Hike

Come on a family friendly hike through the woods on the evening of Oct. 13 and see humorous skits about the wild outdoors. Groups will leave every 15 minutes from the large shelter at Wilson Lake. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$2 per person (ages 3+). Call Lee County Conservation at 319-463-7673 to reserve your time. Reservations are required.

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.

Heels & Wheels Car Care Clinic

Griffin Muffler & Brake Center invites you to their Women - Heels & Wheels free car care clinic, Saturday, October 20, 10am-1pm, 535 Avenue G, Fort Madison. Come learn about many topics including:

What's under the hood -How to check your oil - How your brakes work - Fuel saving tips - Shock absorbers and struts - Check engine lights - What regular maintenance is really necessary for your car

Learn about tires: How to check tire pressure - How to measure tread depth - How to find the tire size for your car.

Boost your car care confidence with this free clinic and enter for door prizes and other gifts! Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so call 319.372.2478 to reserve your seat today!

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.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

WED 03 Oct



Light Rain
High- 81.6° F | Low - 76.6° F

THU 04 Oct



Light Rain
High- 57.9° F | Low - 55.4° F

FRI 05 Oct



Very Heavy Rain
High- 57.2° F | Low - 69.5° F

SAT 06 Oct



Heavy Intensity Rain
High- 54.4° F | Low - 44.3° F

SUN 07 Oct



Moderate Rain
High- 56.4° F | Low - 51.8° F

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RSVP/United Way is searching for volunteers to volunteer their time at the following locations: Richardson Elementary & Lincoln Elementary in Fort Madison, Central Lee Elementary in Donnellson, and Hawthorne Elementary in Keokuk.

If interested in volunteering, please contact:
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Director's Hike

Lee County Conservation is hosting a Director's Hike this Friday, October 4, 2018 at Wilson Lake starting 9:00 a.m. The hike will be led by Lee County Conservation's Director, Nathan Unsworth. The event will begin from the main shelter house on the north side of the lake. During this hike, attendees will explore Wilson Lake and learn more about the park's features. The hike will be relaxing, social, and most importantly fun. Attendees are encourage to dress for the weather. All weather related cancellations will be made on the Lee County Conservation's Facebook page. For more information, contact the Lee County Conservation Office at 319-463-7673.

Business After Hours

Holtkamp's Floors, Decor and Furniture will be hosting a Business After Hours Thursday, Oct. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. at 2331 Avenue L to celebrate their 30th Anniversary. Enjoy BBQ, sides, & refreshments as you help them celebrate this business milestone.

Corporate Games

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce Corporate Games will be held Oct. 5. This fun and competitive afternoon pits local manufacturing and industry teams against each other in a battle of wits and skills at the Baxter Sports Complex.

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