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Fort Madison Lady Bloodhounds earn share of Southeast Conference volleyball title.

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Walk-A-Thon nets \$20,000 for FM parent-teacher groups

# Students helping schools

Charlie Arevalo, a kindergartner at Richardson Elementary School, dances his way around the track as part of the district's Walk-A-Thon Wednesday morning. Students helped raise more than \$20,000 for the Richardson and Lincoln Elementary parent-teacher groups.



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## BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - There was cheering and walking, some running and even some dancing as elementary students from Fort Madison schools held a Walk-A-Thon Wednesday at Richmond Stadium.

The event was part of an annual charitable effort to raise money for the Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Group and the Richardson Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. According to Matt Rump, who emceed the event and is a physical education instructor at both schools, each school raised more than \$10,000 this year. Students raised funds individually for the walk through pledges, sponsorships and an elementary Relay For Life committee t-shirt sale.

Of the \$20,000 raised, the schools donated \$819 to the North Lee County Relay for Life and the rest of the money will be used to help fund program and needs of the teachers in the two elementary schools.

Adrian McKay, Richardson Elementary principal said the

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# Stone talks work culture to industry group

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - A brand marketing specialist told a group of local industrial leaders over lunch that creating a culture where employees are bragging about their jobs is a key part of filling positions.

The Lee County Economic De-

velopment Group held its annual Salute to Industry Summit Wednesday afternoon at Quality Inn and Suites in Fort Madison and brought along Souligna Stone, an entrepreneur who helps corporations overcome STONE brand and diversity issues.



Stone told the group that the way they are doing business now will not be the same in 25-30 years and company leaders need to re-evaluate how they are branding their business to future employees.

"Growing up in the Midwest, looking at the jobs and landscape, it's quickly changing because of digital technology," Stone told the group.

She said technology is changing the way employers hire, recruit, and

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**SPORTS** 

# Central Lee stuns No. 3 Crusaders on Senior Night

# BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - What started out with flowers and laughter ended with frustration and disbelief as Holy Trinity suffered it's first home loss in more than a year Tuesday night.

Central Lee sophomore Mya Merschman and the Lady Hawks ruined senior night for Class 1A No.3

HTC, knocking off the Crusaders in five sets 24-26, 25-8, 25-14, 23-25, 12-15 in front of a full Shottenkirk Gymnasium.

The two teams battled through the first set exchanging leads several times with momentum going one way and then the other throughout the match. HTC senior Emily Box, who surpassed the 1,500 kill mark for her career at Holy Trinity, was kept off balance by a double block from Merschman and a rotation of Hawks that

included senior McKenna Hall, freshman Meghan Hopp and junior Kaylynn Sommers.

Several of the points saw rallies of 12 to 15 sides before a point was scored.

Box said after the loss the girls were excited about senior night and that may have been a distraction.

"We came out and it was our senior night and we

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# **Scene Around Town/Area News**



A modern day history

Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

National historian Michael Luick-Thrams spoke to high school students at the Fort Madison Media Center on Wednesday about the history of the Ku Klux Klan and the prevalence not just in the southern U.S., but right here in Iowa as well. Luick-Thrams also talked about the Klans movitations toward the Catholic Church.



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# From the Front/Weather

# Walk-A-Thon brings \$20,000 to FM parent-teacher groups

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effort is remarkable and helps teachers.

"This is a little different related to a school event than what I'm accustomed to in the past," McKay said. "This is supercool. Walk-A-Thon is one of the two largest fundraisers we do that focuses on the PTG and PTO."

McKay said due to budgetary constraints for the district, the PTG and PTO can serve as a lifeline for the schools' teachers.

"These funds are critical to what we do internally as two buildings. A small portion goes to classroom budgets for our teachers and that's a great help to get our teachers resources," he said. "The majority of the funds got to resources for our kids. One example is that's how we get our kids to field trips."

He said he hopes the event continues to be ongoing.

"It's an amazing event to get everyone outdoors and have some fun while raising much needed fund. It's been an amazing event," he said.

Superintendent Erin Slater said the annual event is a great cause to raise money for a cure for cancer and to support teachers and kids in the

classrooms.

"Their mission is to support the teachers and the students within their school teachers can talk to PTO and requests funding for certain things that will help enhance their classrooms," Slater said.

Tracy King, the principal at Lincoln Elementary said the success of the program is shown in the fact that the Walk-A-Thon is in it's fifth year.

"This is a really great event where the kids can get involved and help raise money. The fact that they are able to get out of the classrooms and be outside and the weather held out makes it even better."

King said the money is instrumental in helping the schools provide for equipment in the classrooms, as well as helping fund off-site activities like field trips.

After a large group picture was taken and instructions were given, several students were recognized for their fundraising efforts. The top fundraiser in each class was given a race bib and had their picture taken on the track.

Top fundraisers for Lincoln were Colton Wykert (Kindergarten), Jackson Pech (1st-grade) Brian Sherman (2nd-grade) and



Top fundraisers for Lincoln were Colton Wykert (Kindergarten), Jackson Pech (1st grade) Brian Sherman (2nd grade) and Logan Nelton (3rd grade). Top fundraisers for Richardson included Aaron Beck (Kindergarten), Gunner Perry (1st grade), DeShawn Townes (2nd grade) and Jaydon Roach (3rd grade).

Logan Nelton (3rd grade) For Richardson, the top

fundraisers were Aaron Beck (Kindergarten), Gunner Perry (1stgrade), DeShawn Townes (2nd-degree) and Jaydon Roach.

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After the pictures were taken and sponsors were recognized. students and teachers filed onto the track where they could either walk around the track until lunchtime or they could even use the

four inside lanes to run or job around the track.

A video of the start of

the walk can be found by clicking here: https://youtu.be/W4D0faKX6kM



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# **Sports/Classifieds**

# Lady Hounds get share of title

Late-season loss to Fairfield gives Fort Madison a tie with Trojans for conference title

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

WASHINGTON - The Lady Bloodhound volleyball team secured a share of the Southeast Conference title Tuesday night with a three-set sweep of the Washington Demons on the road.

The Hounds move to 18-10 overall and 7-1 in the conference with their only loss to Fairfield, giving the two a tie for the loop's best team.

Sophomore Lauren Bailey was a perfect 14-14 from the service line with an ace, eight digs and 34 assists to lead the Hounds to a 25-11, 25-11, 25-13 win.

Senior Josie Pumphrey was 11-11 at the line with six aces and had 11 digs to keep the ball in play from the back row.

Junior Jillian Wiseman and senior Jassmine Bass paced Fort Madison at the net going a combined 30-32 in attacks with 22 kills. Bass had three blocks at the net and Wiseman had two.

Senior Kaeli Hutson was 17-18 hitting with eight

### kills and went 6-6 serving with nine digs. Gracie Pumphrey was also 14-14 serving with an ace and five digs.

"Our kids played well and with focus last night. It's a good night when you only miss one serve and it's in the 23rd point of game 3. Josie, Kaeli, Olivia, and Gracie led our defense in the back row not letting many balls hit the floor," " said FMHS Head Coach Kent Bailey.

"Lauren was able to take passes in system and feed the ball to our hitters who had a good night. This should give us some confidence going into tomorrow night at the Mediapolis Quadrangular."

Fort Madison will start at Mediapolis with the hosts at 5 p.m. and then will take on Holy Trinity for the first time this year and then Eddyville.

The junior varsity finished second the conference with a 6-2 mark winning 22-25, 25-13, 15-9 and the freshman team went unbeaten with a 8-0 conference mark winning Tuesday night 25-16, 25-13.

# FM 7th graders finish season 2-3

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison 7th grade team finished the season 2-3 with a 6-14 loss to Keokuk Tuesday night at home.

Teague Smith and Ike Thacher teamed up for the only Hound score on the night when the two hooked up on a 20-yard pass play. Smith completed eight passes on the night for 113 yards.

Henry Wiseman had four catches for 31 yards. Thacher and Ben Ramatowski each had two receptions for 40 yards and Marin Rose caught one ball for 22 yards.

The Hounds found a tough time running against the Chiefs with Smith leading the way with only 11 yards.

Smith had eight tackles, Wiseman had six and Joe Hartman had five to lead FMMS.

Ramatowski intercepted a pass and Thacher recovered a fumble to give the Hounds a couple of turnovers.

Two of the three losses by Fort Madison were by a touchdown.

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- **AGENDA** I. Call meeting to order and determination of a
- II. Recognition of guests III. Reading of Founda-
- tion documents IV. Monthly communica-
- tions A. Student Rep Report Gracie Gobble and Jada
- Sheppard B. "Did You Know?"
- C. Superintendent Goal Report
- D. District Presentations V. Approve the agenda
- VI. Consent Agenda A. Minutes
- 1. September 17, 2018, Regular Meeting
- 2. September 17, 2018,
- Organization Meeting 3. October 1, 2018, Work
- Session
- B. Financial reports 1. September Balance Sheet
- 2. September Revenue Summary

- 3. Expenditure Report
- 4. Student Activity Report
- C. Accounts payable
- 1. September General Account Board Bills for Approval
- 2. October General Account Board Bills for Approval
- 3. Student Activity Account Board Bills for Approval
- 4. Nutrition Account Board Bills for Approval
- D. Consider personnel resignations
- 1. Tabitha Helmick, food service at Richardson Elementary
- 2. Brittany Roach, associate at Richardson Elemen-
- 3. Heather Horton, associate at Lincoln Elementary
- E. Consider employment of personnel
- 1. Danika Roth, associate at the Middle School 2. Debora Hentzel, TLS
- facilitator 3. Dallas Hodges, assis-
- tant girls basketball coach
- F. Consider contract modifications
- G. Consider leave of absence H. Consider open enroll-
- ment requests
  - I. Other reports

Director

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seconded the documents submitted in the consent section of the agenda be approved and/or filed as submitted.

VII. Discussion Item

A. Discussion regarding construction management company presentations

VIII. Action Item

A. Recommendation to hire a construction management company

IX. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

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- B. Superintendent Erin
- 1. Consider approval of Fundraisers within the Athletic Department
- C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
- 1. Recommendation to terminate architect contract
- 2. Approval of Certified Annual Report (CAR) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30,
- 3. Approval of SBRC Request for Excess LEP Allowable Cost of \$69,607.31

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

- 4. Approval of Special Education Supplement (SES) for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018
- 5. Approval of SBRC Request for Allowable Growth

and Supplemental Aid in the amount of \$420,532.65 for the Negative Special Education Balance for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

- 6. Approval of Depository Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 7. Approval of Disposal Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018
  - X. Discussion Items
- A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services – Kim Harmon

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- B. Superintendent Erin
  - 1. Enrollment Update 2. Discuss the schedule
- for instructional rounds
- 3. American Education Week breakfast plans (Nov. 12 or 13)
- 4. Board Member Attendance
- C. Board Secretary/ Business Manager – Sandy Elmore
- XI. Comments from the audience

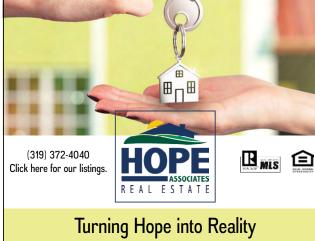
XII. Legislative update XIII. Announcements November 5, 2018, 6:00

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p.m. - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office November 12-16, 2018 -

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XIV. Adjourn



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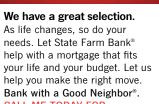
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# **Sports**

# Loss doesn't change Crusaders' outlook on post-season

### **HTC** - Continued from Page 1

were really excited," Box said. "I think we took that excitement a bit too far and didn't do the little things we could have done to win."

With the first lost set of the year in non-tournament action, the Crusaders seem to have put things back on the right track in the second set, when Box had five kills in the first seven points and Holy Trinity had kept a 15-17 point cushion. Central Lee kept up the pressure, but couldn't make up enough ground to get back in the game forcing a minimum of four sets.

Holy Trinity kept the gas on in the third set and everything seemed to be back to normal as the Crusaders created some space and hoped to shore things up in the fourth set.

The two teams again stayed with two points of each other the whole fourth set until Central Lee went up 20-23. Holy Trinity was able to tie up the match at 23 but Central Lee would get back-to-back points to send it to a tie breaker.

Both teams suffered points in the tie breaker where a ball would fall between two and three girls but most of the action took place at the net with Holy Trinity trying to block with junior Avery Hopper, Box and Senior Eryn Anderson. Very few points were scored with solid kills, but defensive errors and a lot of balls crawling across the tape where girls were sliding trying to recover.

The Hawks benefited from two Kaylynn Sommers serves that hit the tape and crept over the net causing problems for the Crusaders.

Head Coach Melissa Freesmeier said the Crusaders were out of sync most of the night.

"We were never really able to get into our tempo aside from that second game," she said. "We were dealing with some sets that were going higher than we're used to, but this is the adversity we're going to face in

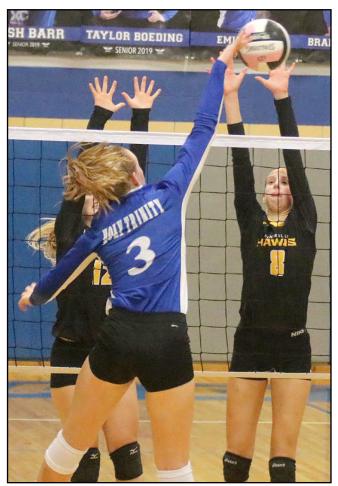


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Senior Emily Box attempts one of her 22 kills on the night in the Crusaders' loss. Box passed 1,500 kills in her career at HTC despite the loss to Class 3A Central Lee. Above left, Taylor Boeding attacks from the left.

the post-season and we have to be ready for that." She said the Crusaders need to take the loss as an opportunity going forward and not dwell on the emotion



of the match.

"We're gonna bring this with us to practice tomorrow. We've got a tough match again on Thursday."

She said she didn't think the loss would change much for the post season.

"Sometimes I think people forget they are supposed to beat us. They're a Class 3A school and they came to play," Freesmeier said.

Box said the loss should prove as motivation going

"This loss should only make us stronger," she said. "In the end it only matter's how the post-season goes. These are the tough games that we have to play to get to state and this only makes us stronger.

Box, senior Taylor Boeding and Anderson led the Crusaders at the net combining for 51 kills on and going 114-131 attacking. Sophomore Bailey Hellweg and freshman Kassi Randolph combined for 50 assists on the night. Seniors Mya Lawlor and Elyse Pothitakis combined for 30 digs. Box had four blocks.

Merschman was 50-54 attacking with 15 kills to lead Central Lee. She also had six blocks and was 15-16 serving with an ace. Zoe Eschman had 31 assists for the Lady Hawks and Hall had 34 digs. Central Lee improves to 22-9 on the year, while the Class 1A 3rd ranked Crusaders fall to 29-3 on the season.

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Complete Flu Clinic Schedule: 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 – Hoerner 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: <a href="http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/">http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/</a>.

### 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.

## **Denmark UCC God's Portion Day**

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church. Walking tacos and karaoke at the firehouse. Auction begins at 12:30 PM.

### 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.

# FMCH Welcomes Dr. Amy Huber



"I am lucky enough to have attained an education that can be used to help make other people's days a little brighter and to help people understand their symptoms or medical problems."



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# **Area News/From the Front**

# Specialist says employers need to look at future employees

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retain.

"You all know this workforce is quickly training. And one thing you should write down and remember is that these are people and people matter. It's not just a product or not just your service, process is very important - and it's your people," she said.

She said there are children right now that have tremendous ideas and a lot of creativity that are bursting at the seams to show everybody what they know. She said those children are the wave of the future and who will replace the workforce.

"The way you are running your business now will change in the next 25-30 years," Stone said. "These jobs that are right now open and vacated, that you haven't been able to fill, there's a different mindset with these children. More technology, more freedom, and they want autonomy."

Stone encouraged the industrial people in the room to start thinking differently about workforce and combating the challenge of getting positions filled. Children are being told that the jobs they will have don't exist now, so why would they train to fill these jobs.

She said preventative maintenance or having a strategy in place that utilizes communication such as quarterly meetings and employee feedback will help address the challenges of the future.

Another key factor will be finding out what

employees want from their employers and get feedback to create a culture where people are talking to friends and family about how much they love their job.

Stone said only about 30% of employees are engaged at work.

"That's a pretty low number. As managers, it's everyone's job to make sure we are engaging and having communication and we're treating each other with respect," Stone said.

She said data shows that 80% of millennials want development opportunities and 82% want recognition for their work.

"Look at the programs in your company and how are you training and developing these

employees so they can grow with you. Everyone knows it's much more expensive to hire and retrain someone than it is to keep somebody in your company."

Stone said most companies have engagement issues with their employees and don't have open, transparent communication with their shift workers. Budget and time management is also a hurdle, and absence of true leadership.

"Are you present and walking the warehouse and asking about their families?"

LCEDG CEO Joe Steil welcomed the group and said with the large number of manufacturing jobs in the area, industry is the defining characteristic of Lee County.

"Industry is us and we are industry, each and

every one of us. Simply put, without industry we don't prosper here," Steil said. "This is about honoring and appreciating our industries and what that means to us, and to say thank you."

Dana Millard, LCEDG's marketing and communication manager, said industrial jobs in Lee County pump a quarter of a billion dollars into the county annually.

"\$250 million in wages means not only are citizens able to buy a house, but make Lee County and southeast Iowa a home. It means people are able to support our local economy by eating at our restaurants, depositing in our banks, visiting our hospitals, giving back to our communities, and helping them grow," she said.

"4,000 manufactur-

ing jobs isn't just a number we throw around. It's our community, it's our commitment to keep and grow those jobs. Not just in the number, but in the skills and wages, as well."

Millard said one in four jobs are manufacturing jobs which means a very large group of people in Lee County are hardworking, problem-solving individuals working in state-of-the-art facilities making products used every day and that are shipped around the world.

"How cool is that?"
Millard said. "Our employers encourage things like a robotics club or science fairs and other activities. They are opening their doors and speaking to our communities. That engagement is helping us grow and we want to thank you for that."

# Denmark UCC plans GPD Saturday

Submitted article

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# State license centers to be closed Wednesday

ANKENY – All Iowa driver's license service centers and county treasurer's driver's license issuance sites will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 17 for employee training.

Many locations will also be closing at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 to allow for employee travel time.

As always, online services are available 24/7 at <a href="https://www.iowadot.gov">www.iowadot.gov</a>. Self-service kiosks are also available in convenient locations like libraries and retail shops. You can find an interactive map of all locations at <a href="https://iowadot.gov/mvd/iowa-dot-locations">https://iowadot.gov/mvd/iowa-dot-locations</a>.



# GRRWA's 3rd Annual pReserve Day

# Recycling Event

Wednesday, October 24, 7am-4pm

Open to all residents of Lee, Van Buren, & rural Henry Counties

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## 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



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

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