

Alliant wants \$204 million annual rate boost

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – For the second time since 2017, Alliant Energy, will be asking the Iowa Utilities Board for a rate increase.

Alliants' Iowa electric utility, Interstate Power and Light Company is requesting the new rates beginning Jan. 1, 2020. Alliant said the rate increase will generate \$203.6 million annually across all classes of service.

A mailing sent out to it's Iowa customers indicates that investments in windfarms, energy grid technologies, including advanced metering infrastructure and environmental controls reducing emissions, are driving the request for additional revenues.

A chart in the mailing shows a 24.5% base increase in residential rates taking a typical bill with average usage of 756 kilowatt hours per month, will climb from \$82.31 to \$102.44 for an increase of \$20.13.

On April 1, the company will begin charging an interim rate increase which is allowable by law, to allow the Iowa Utilities Board to investigate the rate increase proposal.

That rate will be a 5.5% boost, as part of the overall request, and is subject to refund with interest should the IUB decline the rate increase.

The IUB has 10 months to complete a review of the request, which was submitted on March 1. At that time, the IUB will establish the final rates.

Fort Madison Partners Executive Director Tim Gobble said Alliant provides some of the best service in the country and continually invests in Iowa's infrastructure.

"Obviously, we value the excellent service and our relationship with Alliant Energy," Gobble said. "They have continued to make large investments in the state with wind and natural gas and they need to see earnings from those investments, but these rate propos-

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Reynolds touts FRI to national board

DES MOINES – Today, Gov. Kim Reynolds highlighted a dynamic model designed to solve skilled workforce issues at the state level. The innovative initiative is called Future Ready Iowa. The governor was participating in the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board's first meeting in Washington, D.C.

Gov. Reynolds joined President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross as well as other members of



A day at the Iowa Capitol

Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Nicole Pothitakis talks with a panel of legislators at Southeast lowa Days Wednesday in Des Moines. Pothitakis was advocating for a secondary language curriculum in lowa's primary schools. Courtesy photo

LCHD-Hospice sets training sessions

Group plans Battle of the Badges

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Plans are underway for a tri-county event to raise funds for emergency responders in the Lee, Des Moines, and Henry counties this summer in Fort Madison.

Cale Heitmeier, a Burlington firefighter, has been engaged with raising funds for emergency responders for five years through his Boots vs. Badges charity softball event in Burlington.

This year Heitmeier is teaming up with Fort Madison's RiverFest, YMCA, and Baxter Sports Complex marketing director Shawna Ross to bring an event to Lee County on July 13th, 2019 at Baxter Sports Complex in Fort Madison. Proceeds to benefit Henry, Des

the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board.

During the strategy session, board members discussed ways to highlight education and training pathways that lead to great careers. They also shared ideas on how to improve

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LEE COUNTY – Since 1989 Lee County Health Department-Hospice has been providing hospice services to the surrounding area. Also since that time the Hospice program requires that a percentage of the direct care to clients has to be provided by volunteers.

This year the volunteer training will be 4 Tuesday nights in April 2, 9, 16 & 23. The class runs 6p-9p and is held at LCHD office, # 3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison.

Hospice professionals and volunteers are dedicated to ensuring that patients spend their final days in dignity, comfort, and peace. Hospice volunteers work as part of the Hospice team and are needed to provide help and support to

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Moines, and Lee county's emergency responders and Department of Corrections

The event is scheduled for July 13th at the Baxter Sports Complex and will feature a 5K run that is open to the general public at 8 a.m. and then a kickball tournament with teams made up of employees and volunteers of emergency response units including police, sheriff departments, EMS services, dispatch officials, and Department of Corrections staffers.

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OBITUARIES

WILLIAM M. KRYZAK, JR.

William M. Kryzak, Jr., 57, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 3:52 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City. He was born on September 15, 1961 in El Paso, TX to William M. & Marguerite Roberts



Kryzak, Sr. He married Barbara J. Carle on February 2, 1984 in El Paso, TX. He worked at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant for 20 years making tank rounds. He served in the U.S. Army in Grenada and enjoyed fishing, his motorcycle, his jeep and playing his guitar & X-Box.



Bill is survived by: his wife: Barbara Kryzak

of Fort Madison, IA; 2-sons: William Kryzak III of Fort Madison, IA & Dustin Turner of Montrose, IA & 3-grandchildren: Draven Kryzak, Caleb Kryzak & William Kryzak IV. He was preceded in

KRYZAK, JR.

death by his parents. Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Cre-

matory. A visitation will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences to Bill's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www. kinglynk.com.



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OBITUARIES

VICKI L. STINSON

Vicki L. Stinson, 70, of Ft. Madison passed away on Wednesday, March 06, 2019 at 6:05 AM at her home.

She was born on September 24, 1948 in Milton, IA to Walter and Mildred Pend-



er Martin. On April 15, 1967 she married Gary Stinson in Ft. Madison. Vicki was a waitress at the Maidrite/10th Street Station for numerous years. She knew her patrons orders before they sat down and always served with a smile. Vicki's customers all loved her and her infectious smile, sense of humor and whit. She was an amazing cook and raised her own herbs to use in her creations. She also enjoyed dancing and motorcycle rides with Gary. Most of all Vicki loved spending time with her family and friends.

STINSON

Survivors include her husband, Gary Stinson of Ft. Madison; a son, Tom (Shanon) Stinson of Wever; two daughters, Stefanie Westermyer of Franklin and Jessica Stinson of Des Moines; one

grandchild, Dalton Westermeyer and two brothers, Gordon Martin of Augusta and Robert Martin of Ft. Madison. She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Morgan Westermeyer.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established for Jessica's Fight for Air Climb, Des Moines and online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.



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Fort Madison Police report

03/05/19 - 6:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism on Sunnyside Drive. 03/05/19 - 9:14 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 10th Street and Avenue G. 03/05/19 - 9:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Kyle Jacob Rico, 20, of Davenport, in the 5900 block of Avenue O on a warrant out of Davenport for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. 03/05/19 - 9:55 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Andrew Mark Combs, 21, of Davenport, in the 5900 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for escape. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

03/05/19 - 3:52 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 2200 block of Avenue D.

Lee County Sheriff's report

03/05/19 - 3:02 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony Beau Wilmot, 41, of Wever, in the 1600 block if 365th Avenue, on a warrant for possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams. He was released on bond. 03/05/19 – 4:04 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 2. A vehicle driven by Zeke Nathanial Happs, 17, of Donnellson was traveling east bound on Hwy 2 and slowed to make a right hand turn into a residential driveway. A vehicle driven by Hannah Rayne Leech,

15. of Donnellson failed to slow and ran into the rear end of Happs' vehicle, pushing the vehicle down an embankment into the timber. No injuries were reported at the scene. Leech was cited for failure to maintain control. 03/05/19 – 10:22 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael Junior Thompson, 46, of Oneida, III., at the the intersection of 340th Street and Hwy. 61 on a charge of failure to maintain control. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

03/05/19 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to six medical calls and one mutual aid for a truck fire.

Reynolds says FRI could be model for country

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the labor market data to better match adults and students with the skills required for the good-paying jobs available in the 21st century.

"With the entire nation facing a skilled workforce shortage, I believe the goals and ideas driving Future Ready Iowa can serve as a model for other states to replicate," said Gov. Reynolds. "Through the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board, I look forward to developing more collaborative relationships and encouraging other members to share their best practices that can benefit Iowans now and in the future."

Earlier this year, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump announced that Gov. Reynolds has been appointed to the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board. Established under Executive Order 13845, this Board will work directly with the National Council for the American Worker, leveraging the knowledge of its members to develop and implement a strategy to revamp the American workforce to better meet the challenges of the 21st century. Read that press release here.

Gov. Reynolds has made Iowa a leader in workforce development and job training efforts. Recently, she hosted and participated in the National Governors Association's last regional summit of the year which focused on creating "Good Jobs for All Americans."

Hancock Cty looking for suspect in assault

CARTHAGE - Hancock County Sheriff's Office requests the public's help in locating Richard D. Moulton, also known as "RJ", 34 years old, from Plymouth, Illinois. Richard Moulton is currently wanted on a Hancock County warrant for Aggravated Domestic Battery issued on March 4, 2019.

On March 5, 2019, deputies spoke with Richard Moulton by phone. Richard Moulton had agreed to meet with deputies on that date, to turn himself in on the warrant. Richard Moulton failed to turn himself in.

Moulton is known to frequent Hancock, McDonough, and Schuyler Counties. If anyone has information regarding Richard Moulton's current location, they are encouraged to contact the Hancock County Sheriff's Office at 217-357-2115.

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FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

Community Blood Drives

A blood drive will be held at the Fort Madison Public Library from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday March 8. Lincoln Elementary will be the site of a blood drive on Thursday, March 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Call the blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281 to donate.

YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are \$10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

United Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting it's 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

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

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Volunteer training starts in April

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patients with a terminal illness.

The training class prepares volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families. Topics covered are: Hospice program and services, the volunteer's role in helping patients and families, communication techniques, comfort/care measures, grief process and how to help someone in grief. Volunteers are required to have a criminal background check and to receive a TB test before working with hospice families.

"One of the biggest concerns of new volunteers is the idea that they would like to be a hospice volunteer but feel maybe they are not quite ready to volunteer in a client's home. We encourage them to take the class anyway and then set them up to volunteer in the office or with community events until they are ready," stated Jeri Giebelhausen, Support Services Coordinator.

Hospice started over 40 years ago as a total volunteer organization and now with Medicare guidelines Hospice requires that a percentage of direct client care be provided by volunteers.

Lee County Health Dept-Hospice started 30 years ago and has been very fortunate that over the years that so many community members have supported the program by becoming volunteers.

"We still have a few of the seasoned volunteers that went through the training back in the early 1990's with our organization today." Giebelhausen shared, "Families are very grateful for the time volunteers spend with their loved ones. We know we could not run the program without them."

Lee County Health Department – Hospice is a Medicare certified program providing in-home care and support services to the terminally ill and their families in their homes and nursing facilities in the Iowa counties of Lee, Des Moines, Van Buren and Henry and in the Illinois counties of Hancock and Henderson.

For more information about Hospice volunteering, please call Lee County Health Department – Hospice at 319-372-5225 or 800-458-6672, visit our website <u>www.</u> <u>leecountyhd.org</u>, or like us on Facebook.

Rate hike in front of IUB

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als are robust. We'll be talking with businesses and industries about the impact of this proposal."

He said there will be hearings around the area and people can comment on the rate hikes during the IUB investigation.

"This still has to go through the IUB so there is a vetting process to the rate increases."

Customers have the right to comment on the increase online at efs. iowa.gov, by email at customer@iub.iowa.gov or by mail to 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319. The following link takes you directly to the IUB comment form: <u>https://</u> iub.iowa.gov/online-services/open-docket-comment-form. In addition, the IUB will also be hosting a series of customer comment meetings beginning in April. The two closest to north Lee County will be a May 22 meeting at Southeastern Community College in Building 300 beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will also be a meeting in Ottumwa at 6 p.m. on May 8th at the Bridge View Center, 102 Church Street.

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From the Front

FM event to raise funds for tri-county responders

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Heitmeier said Ross and RiverFest Director Charles Craft have had conversations about the event after RiverFest became a sponsor of Boots vs. Badges' annual slow-pitch softball event last year.

"Charles, Shawna, and myself met up at an event in the area and started talking about both of our events," he said.

"We formed a partnership when they sponsored my event and then we got to talking more about co-sponsoring an event together to make more money for public safety, in a way that would be fun and entertaining for everyone who wanted to participate."

The event on July 13th will kick off with an 8 a.m. 5K Hero Run/Walk managed by the Fort Madison YMCA. The public is encouraged to participate. Entry fee is \$25. There is a May 31st registration deadline for the 5K and BIB package pickups will be on Friday at a time to be determined. Sponsorships are available and awards will be presented at around 9:20.

The kickball tournament will start with a 9:45 a.m. opening ceremony, which will include the national anthem and a celebrity throw of the first pitch.

Kickball will start at 10 a.m. The field is open to 10 to 12 team with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12 players per team. Entry fee is \$250.

"Normally when you get 10 to 12 team members, everyone will chip in or their union would chip in to send them to play. It depends, sometimes it's paid for by the players or a business. Money can come from anywhere in the community," Heitmeier said.

First place will be awarded a cash donation to a charity of the team's choosing, plus The County Cup Trophy. Second place will also get a charity donation plus a plaque. Third place will get a plaque and team This will be a fun event foreveryone. There will be more added on as we get closer. We're very excited to bring this event to Fort Madison"

> -Shawna Ross, Battle of the Badges

certificates.

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"This will be a fun event for everyone," Ross said. "There will be more added on as we get closer. We're very excited to bring this event to Fort Madison."

Live music will also be part of the day after the 5K. Three different bands will play throughout the day at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be split among the teams to help pay for equipment or items they need to purchase but do not have funding for. Teams need to provide a description of what they will be using the funds for.

Baxter Sports Complex concessions will be open as well and there will be raffles and a silent auction on site.

After the day's events, an after-hours get-together is being planned at a different location to be announced at a later date.

The following weekend, Heitmeier will be holding his softball fundraiser in Burlington and this year he's opened that event up to the tri-county area, as well. Last year the event raised money for Burlington Po-



lice Sergeant Bill Venvertloh who was battling cancer and has since died.

More information on that event can be found on Facebook at <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> groups/532981270237270/.

For additional information on the Battle of the Badges event, contact Shawna Ross at 319-470-0622.

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