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## Gabbard makes stop at Sub Arena

*National Guard Major touts foreign policy clout in southeast Iowa swing*

BY CHUCK  
VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Another of the current 16 Democratic candidates for the 2020 Presidential election made a stop at Fort Madison's popular sandwich shop Sub Arena.

U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) made an hour long stop at the eatery Wednesday afternoon on a swing through southeast Iowa, including stops at Fairfield and Burlington.

Presidential hopeful Beto O'Rourke made a stop at the shop after meeting with high school students to announce his candidacy for the office in February.

In the current field of 16 Democratic candidates, Gabbard is currently running 10th in cash on hand with \$2.8 million, but she's faring slightly better in a grass



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

2020 Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard shakes hands with Don King of Keokuk before speaking to a crowd at Sub Arena in Fort Madison on Wednesday.

roots fundraising with 58% of her cash coming in the form of donations of \$200 or less, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal.

Gabbard, who is a Major in the Hawaiian Army National Guard, was first elected to

Congress in 2012 and touts her foreign policy experience. She rails against President Donald Trump's campaign for regime changes in places like Venezuela, saying the country has much better use of our resources.

"I'm the only candidate

that's bringing foreign policy to the forefront of this conversation and as long we continue to spend trillions on regime change wars in this nuclear arms race era, we will not have the resources we need to keep American people safe,

and to invest in serving the needs of our people in communities like Fort Madison," she said after addressing about 30 people at the sandwich shop.

She said countries like Saudi Arabia are spend-

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## City may give up Rashid building

BY CHUCK  
VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – City officials are considering donating the former Idol Rashid Library building to the Fort Madison Food Pantry.

The building is currently the home of the pantry, as well as the Fort Madison office of the United Way of the Great River Region, but it is city property donated to the city by the Rashid family.

City Manager David Varley indicated that he has had conversations with the regional Head Start program about possibly purchasing the building. According to Varley, DuPont had actually offered to add on to the building for the Head Start program, plus build a playground on adjacent land.

Varley told the council Tuesday the Head Start program has different personnel in place now and is no longer interested in the building. However, in the past 48 hours Varley said a private business entity out of Keokuk saw the city was looking at selling the property and had interest.

"The discussion tonight is what to do with it and the reason for asking is

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## SCC expands Keokuk campus' solar footprint

*New solar panel field will help power campus, nearby elementary school*

BY COLIN MAGNUSON  
News Director Radio Keokuk

KEOKUK – A neighbor in need is a friend indeed. That statement couldn't ring more true for a pair of bordering schools on the north side of Keokuk.

Keokuk Catholic Schools and the Keokuk Campus of Southeastern Community College sit back-to-back to one another with an open lot sitting between them that had been vacant and completely unused.

A partnership between the two

schools that sprung over the past several months has allowed both to benefit while also lessening the carbon footprint left by either.

A drive down Messenger Road in Keokuk this spring points to a couple of anomalies from the usual drive-by appearance of the Keokuk satellite of the Burlington-based community college. Dirt has been moved, holes have been dug, and rows of solar panels are beginning to appear in the

lot just northeast of St. Vincent School and directly west of SCC.

The project is the brainchild of Mike Mohrfeld of Mohrfeld Electric, a Fort Madison-based electrical and solar contractor who has watched attentively as the demand for renewable, green energy sources has risen throughout America over the past decade.

Mohrfeld approached the SCC

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## From the Front

# Project could save college \$1.6M over 30 years

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Board of Directors and President Dr. Michael Ash with the idea of using solar panels to alleviate some of the Keokuk Campus' electrical costs.

"Year one at SCC there's about a 13% reduced cost in energy. Right now the rate for a kilowatt/hour runs at about 14.5 to 15 cents. The rate the college will pay once the system is up and running should be about 12 cents per kilowatt/hour."

Ash said the benefits will be significant over time.

"We're looking at, probably, in the first 15 years, a savings in our electrical costs of about \$225,000. And then over the frame of these solar panels, about 30 years for us, about \$1.6 million of savings," he said.

Mohrfeld said start-up costs vary depending on the number of panels installed, but it typically takes less than a decade for the system to pay for itself in savings. The SCC project is of a larger scale, tallying 1,180 total panes which produce about 350 watts of electricity each.

"The ROI is going to be four and half to six and a half years give or take. This particular system is 450,000 watts combined and the return on investment fluctuates accordingly. The college is buying the panels over 15 years and that includes current lighting upgrade projects," Mohrfeld said.

"This product has a 25-year warranty on the panels. We hang our hat on the fact that these panels are no maintenance. We don't have to go out and remove snow from these."

The panels produce less energy in the winter months when the sun is less prevalent and when the output is



Photo by Jeff Ebbing/SCC

Michael Mohrfeld talks solar energy with SCC President Dr. Michael Ash, center, and SCC board member Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Wednesday at SCC's Keokuk campus.

projected for cost savings, those slower months are taken into consideration.

"The reduction in output over the winter months is factored in to projections. Each building remains connected to the local utility, but the solar panels reduce the amount of grid power required," Mohrfeld said.

The team was asked if power is stored when output from the solar panels exceeds the needs of the campus, which does occur occasionally.

"The way net metering works is we don't store the energy. Any excess in power daily goes back out into the utility grid and effectively feeds the neighborhood in a roundabout way."

The planned timeline has the panels being installed

late this spring with a fence being installed around the property. Once the perimeter fence is installed, a state inspector will sign off if all specs are approved.

Ash said the project wasn't really in the initial plans for the building.

"I think when the building was built, solar was probably an afterthought. We started to talk to Mike and his group and had an engineering report done at which point we realized that we could proceed with this," he said.

"Ideally, now we can add courses on renewable energy systems and this technology could be incorporated into our curriculums."

The one concern that is being felt in Iowa is the fact that during this past legislative session, lawmakers began to look at a bill that would implement a tax on Solar Power in the state. Mohrfeld, who has seen a growing portion of his business become solar energy systems said the bill isn't expected to be taken up due to the fact that it is convoluted and there is a lack in understanding of solar panels at the state level.

"We're certainly under the impression that systems that are currently approved or installed are going to be grandfathered in.... that's what we're being told by the people that are involved in the bill."

Under the agreement between Keokuk Catholic Schools and SCC, KCS will retain ownership of the plot the solar panels are on. The private catholic school will receive power from two of the 12 rows of panels while SCC will be provided with the electricity from the other ten.

As for all the dirt and heavy equipment that has passersby wondering what's going on. Mohrfeld said by June the ground around the panels should be restored to its previous condition.

"We told Keokuk Catholic Schools that we'd leave this ground exactly the way we found it and we intend to do so."

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# Obituaries/Lee County News

## OBITUARIES

### MAX CLAIR WESTERCAMP

Max Clair Westercamp, 74, of Bonaparte, Iowa, passed away at 2:01 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2019, at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.



WESTERCAMP

He was born on February 23, 1945, in Van Buren County, Iowa, the son of John and Elsie (Triplett) Westercamp. After his military service, he married Gail Salyers on December 28, 1968, in Kahoka, Missouri.

Survivors include his wife: Gail of Bonaparte; four children: Tony (Rebecca) Westercamp of Mt. Sterling, Christine (Eric) Carlson of Fairfield, Keith (Sara) Westercamp of Bonaparte and Amanda (Neil) Bates of North Liberty; eleven grandchildren: Cody (Tawsha), Tyler (Samantha), Nicholas (Amanda), Danielle (Ian), Tayler, Kaylee, Emma, Paige, Kera, Jonah and Maxwell; seven great grandchildren: Elizabeth, Jamie, Keiten, Peyton, Addison, Aiden and Bentley; two sisters: Velma Caston and Audrey Caston; five brothers: John Charles, Rex, LaVerne, Marvin and David Westercamp. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother: Hubert and two sisters: Vivian Kreiss and Joyce Keller.

Max grew up on his parents' farm near Bonaparte. He was a 1963 graduate of Harmony High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War (being a veteran was of utmost importance to him). After the service, Max married his wife Gail, and purchased his first farm near Revere, Missouri. They later purchased a farm near Bonaparte, Iowa. Max's passion was farming. He raised and sold hogs and cattle and also farmed his land. He was a member of the Bonaparte American Legion. Max enjoyed all aspects of animal husbandry, the outdoors, hunting with his family and purple martins. He placed his highest priority on his family. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren.

His body has been entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Home for cremation.

Family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Pastor Mark Caston officiating.

Burial will be at Greenglade Cemetery in Farmington, Iowa with full military rites presented by the Bonaparte American Legion.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

Schmitz Funeral Homes is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at [www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com).

### Ramped up patrols for 4/20 "holiday"

LEE COUNTY – The Fort Madison Police Department and Lee County Sheriff's Office are informing motorists that Iowa law enforcement officials have announced they will conduct a Drug Impaired Driving specialized enforcement campaign throughout the state April 19-20.

"Drive High, Get an OWI" is an intensified effort to fight drug-impaired driving in correlation with the 4/20 'holiday'.

Similar efforts are occurring across the region

in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Up and down the highways of these states, officers will be arresting anyone caught driving impaired.

During the Drive High, Get an OWI effort in Iowa, officers will intensify enforcement of the state's drug impaired-driving laws. Like drunk driving, drug-impaired driving is illegal in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington DC. Law enforcement will stop and arrest anyone caught driving

drug-impaired.

It is never safe to drive impaired. This not only means refraining from drunk driving, but also from drug impaired driving. Many people wrongly believe that driving while high won't affect them. It has been proven that THC- the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects – slows reaction times, impairs cognitive performance and makes it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane.

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### For the Record

**Fort Madison Police Report**  
04/15/19 – 10:49 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Randy Allan Akers, 47, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on a charge of violation of a no-contact order and criminal mischief 4th-degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
04/16/19 – 12:24 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Dylan Patrick Hanson, 20, of Burlington in the 2000 block of Avenue D, on a charge of OWI-1st offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
04/16/19 – no time listed  
– Fort Madison Police arrested Keaton Lemont Robinson, 27 address unknown, in the 2200 block of Avenue L, on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
04/16/19 – 2:03 a.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a personal injury accident in the 2500 block of Henry Ladyn Drive.  
04/16/19 – 4:38 p.m.  
– Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of Avenue G.

**Sheriff's Report**  
04/15/19 – 1:04 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Charles Joseph Lozano, 40, of Fort Madison, no location provided, on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
04/15/19 – 11:53 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Takoda Levi Henderson, 20, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 303rd Avenue and Academy Avenue in Denmark, for a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.  
04/16/19 – 5:33 a.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61, where a vehicle driven by Johnathan Edward Sherrill, 35, of Keokuk struck a deer. Sherrill was transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital for treatment.  
04/16/19 – 11:34 a.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Mathew Christopher Noll, 49, of Fort Madison, in the 700 block of Avenue E in Fort Madison on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.  
04/16/19 – 12:55 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested James Thomas Dean Allen-Cook,

20, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of violating a no contact order. He was held in custody.  
04/16/19 – 6:39 p.m.  
– Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Robert John-Gurzenda Blindt, 37, of Fort Madison on Hwy. 34, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
04/17/19 – 3:05 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Colton Allen Hurt, 26, of West Point, at the intersection of 168th Street and Avenue C in West Point, on a charge of driving while intoxicated. 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**

04/14/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call.  
04/15/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call, one false alarm and one burn complaint.  
04/16/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to three medical calls and one burn complaint.

Lee County



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Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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Mega Ball: 10  
Megaplier: 2



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## Sports/Weather

# Local Pickford Club wrestlers medal at tourney

PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Jakob McGowan took first place in the 152 lb. bracket at Saturday's annual Mick Pickford Freestyle Tournament held at Fort Madison High School.

McGowan's top finish came with three wins including a second round bye in the high school division.

Other firsts among local wrestlers included Logan Pennock, Teague Smith, Tanner Settles and Danen Settles.

Gavin Wiseman took 3rd in the 138 division and had wrestled in the most matches of the day with four. Wiseman won his first two matches over opponents from Rails Wrestling Club and then lost the next two to DC Elite wrestlers.

Complete results of the tournament are listed below.

Middle School (6-8) MS 85

Logan Pennock's place is 1st and has scored 0 team points.

Middle School (6-8) MS 135

Aidan Pennock's place is 2nd and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 Teague Smith (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Aidan Pennock (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

Match #2 Teague Smith (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Aidan Pennock (Pickford Wrestling Club) Dec 16-13

Middle School (6-8) MS 135

Teague Smith's place is 1st and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 Teague Smith (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Aidan Pennock (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

Match #2 Teague Smith (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Aidan Pennock (Pickford Wrestling Club) Dec 16-13

Middle School (6-8) MS 152

Tanner Settles's place is 1st and has scored 0 team points.

High School (9-12) HS 120

Owen Kruse's place is 2nd and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 Marcel Lopez (Unattached) over Owen Kruse (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

Match #2 Marcel Lopez (Unattached) over Owen Kruse (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 12-2

High School (9-12) HS 138

Duncan Delzell's place is 4th and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 C.j. Walrath (DC Elite) over Duncan Delzell (Pickford Wrestling Club) Dec 13-8

Match #2 Duncan Delzell (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Mason Crabtree (Muscatine) TF 10-0

Match #3 Grifen Molle (DC Elite) over Duncan Delzell (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

High School (9-12) HS 138

Gavin Wiseman's place is 3rd and has scored 0 team

points.

Match #1 Gavin Wiseman (Pickford Wrestling Club) received a bye.

Match #2 Gavin Wiseman (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Nate Bell (Rails Wrestling Club) Fall 1:21

Match #3 Gavin Wiseman (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Miles Rich (Rails Wrestling Club) Fall 2:42

Match #4 C.j. Walrath (DC Elite) over Gavin Wiseman (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

Match #5 Grifen Molle (DC Elite) over Gavin Wiseman (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

Match #6 Gavin Wiseman (Pickford Wrestling Club) received a bye.

High School (9-12) HS 145

Mason Schau's place is 4th and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 Trestin Sales (Sebolt Wrestling Academy) over Mason Schau (Pickford Wrestling Club) Fall 2:44

Match #2 Mason Schau (Pickford Wrestling Club) received a bye.

Match #3 Jarod Kadel



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison's Jakob McGowan gets control in his first-place match with Niles Iseman at Saturday's Mick Pickford Invitational tournament. McGowan won the match and the title at 152 lbs.

(Iowa) over Mason Schau (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 10-0

High School (9-12) HS 145

Nathan Steffensmeier's place is unknown and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 Riley Wright (Denver) over Nathan Steffensmeier (Pickford Wrestling Club) TF 12-0

Match #2 Trestin Sales

(Sebolt Wrestling Academy) over Nathan Steffensmeier (Pickford Wrestling Club) Fall 2:33

High School (9-12) HS 152

Jakob McGowan's place is 1st and has scored 0 team points.

Match #1 Jakob McGowan (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Leo Blawou (Rails Wrestling Club) Dec 13-10

Match #2 Jakob McGowan (Pickford Wrestling Club) received a bye.

Match #3 Jakob McGowan (Pickford Wrestling Club) over Nickel Iseman (Stars And Stripes Wrestling) TF 21-10

High School (9-12) HS 285

Danen Settles's place is 1st and has scored 0 team points

## 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

THU 18 Apr

Light Rain  
High- 56.6° F | Low - 46.7° F

FRI 19 Apr

Scattered Clouds  
High- 56.0° F | Low - 44.7° F

SAT 20 Apr

Clear  
High- 63.0° F | Low - 53.5° F

SUN 21 Apr

Moderate Rain  
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MON 22 Apr

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# Mohrfeld wants city to deed building to food pantry

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the city is kind of land and building rich, but cash poor and we're trying to divest ourselves of some buildings we don't use to avoid future costs," he said.

He said since the city is not using the building it doesn't make any sense to keep maintaining a building it doesn't get any use out of.

The building was on the market a number of years ago and the city got one bid that wasn't high enough and the city didn't accept it.

He said they would have to have permission from the Rashid family to sell the property, as well as agree that anyone owning the property would have to keep the memorial sign in the building that indicates it's the Idol Rashid Memorial Building.

Councilman Matt Mohrfeld said his vision would be to turn the facility over to the pantry.

"The fact is that it was given as a community building and it's my vision that it stay that way," Mohrfeld said.

"I say we take that property, deed it over to the food pantry under a couple of stipulations."

He said the city should use its strength to help the pantry raise about \$125,000 to improve the building. He said investing the value of the building into the



MOHRFELD

Food pantry might help them get additional grants.

Mohrfeld said this would keep the building as a civil building and, as far as a private business, there are other good places in Fort Madison for a business who wants to locate in Fort Madison to go.

"I think this is a unique opportunity to do something good that makes the town look a little better," he said.

"I was told once that the judge of a community is how well they take care of the weakest of their people, and the food pantry is the epitome of that. So my suggestion....give it to em."

Councilman Chad Cangas said he'd like to know more about any businesses that might be interested in buying the building before making any decisions.

Lin Cramer, the chairman of the Food Pantry board said the pantry would still offer the United Way an agreement where they might contribute to utilities or that kind of arrangement.

Mayor Brad Randolph said he was concerned that the building and the operations inside stay sustainable and said it made sense to look at donating the building.

Councilman Mark Lair said the city should be careful in what they are offering to some and not to others.

"I assume the head start people are not interested at all? Are they going to come back and say you didn't offer us this deal you are offering them," Lair said.

Varley said the new personnel at Head Start said the building wasn't large enough so he didn't envision them coming back to the table.

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*I was told once that the judge of a community is how well they take care of the weakest of their people, and the food pantry is the epitome of that. So my suggestion....give it to 'em."*

-Matt Mohrfeld,  
City Councilman

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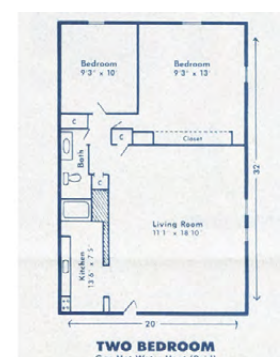
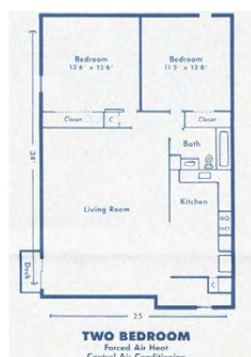
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**From the Front**

**Gabbard: Medicare for all can include private insurance piece**

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ing billions of dollars spreading extreme forms of Islam around the world, and President Trump is putting those agendas ahead of American priorities.

“It is both heartbreaking and angering to see how this president is more interested in putting the interests of Saudi Arabia ahead of the interests of the American people,” Gabbard said.



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She said health care has to move toward Medicare for all so that everyone can gain access to basic quality levels of care, regardless of how much money you make.

She said private health care would still have a role in her health care picture.

“We’ve got a private insurance market. Those who choose to get that private insurance can do so, but it’s important for us in this country to make sure that we are providing that care for everyone,”

she said.

“How can we not do this and be financially responsible? Look at every major country around the world that insures health care for every one of their citizens. It’s wrong that in this country where we spend far more for health care than any other country, yet we still have worse outcomes and far too many people that cannot get the care they need.”

The 16-year military veteran said issues facing Iowa are the same issues that are facing the rest of the country such as a lack of affordable housing, lack of access to health care and agriculture pressures. She said the programs and decision at the federal level need to help address those concerns.

“The issues that we’re talking about are issues that are bringing Iowans out,” said the 38-year-old native of American Samoa.

“Yes, were talking about lack of affordable housing, lack of access to health care, high unemployment rates, agriculture and how many farmers are struggling – as well as the negative impacts some of these farms have on our environment – threats to water...to air.”

She said at the federal level lawmakers have to look at different policies and how to look at best serving the interests of people. Right now, we see on every level people are being left behind. People in Iowa are being left behind. In every state in the country people are being left behind. So that’s at the heart of what needs to change.”



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Fort Madison’s Brian Wright poses a question on health care to 2020 Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard Wednesday at Sub Arena.



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