



# Pen City Current

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## LCHD's 'Produce Box' project has 'fruitful' first year



Lee County Health Department officials said the first year of the Produce Box project to generate fresh produce for area seniors was successful. Produce was generated from area community gardens and was aided with donations from farmers' markets and area gardeners.

PCC STAFF

LEE COUNTY - Lee County Health Department's first year of the Senior Produce Box Project has come to an end. The goal of the project was to get fresh produce donations into the hands of seniors, and that is exactly what happened. Over 44 different varieties of produce with over 4400 pieces of produce were donated to the project.

"We could not be more thrilled with how the first year of the project went," said Emily Biddenstadt, LCHD Community Outreach Coordinator.

"Each time a delivery was made to a site the residents would be excited to see what was brought in."

The project was a result from the Lee County Community Health Needs Assessment from which LCHD received a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health. The goal to work with food producers to offer locally grown fresh produce at rural 'food deserts' in the county was one of the focus' of the grant. The seven participating sites that had produce boxes were Southview Apartments in Donnellson, Park View Apartments in West Point, Hillview Apartments and Newberry Center in Fort Madison, and River Terrace, Mississippi Terrace, and Heritage Center in Keokuk. Star Park in Denmark also participated with a community table.



Surveys were conducted at the sites to get feedback from residents on what they liked and disliked about the program. The need for more items and less of others were expressed, but the main theme of the surveys was "thank you." The only complaint seemed to be how quickly the produce would disappear. "To me that shows a real need in the area for the senior population," Biddenstadt said.

To give an idea of the amount of produce donated: 628 cherry tomatoes, 664 cucumbers (47% of those donated came from Milo's Market), 556 tomatoes, 506 jalapeno/hot peppers, 266 pear tomatoes, 370 sweet corn, 300 bell peppers, 228 banana peppers, 140 zucchini, and 66 potatoes.

"We really want to thank our Fort Madison and Keokuk Farmer's Market vendors for their donations. We would visit them every other week to collect donations at the end of market, and they were always generous with what they gave," she said.

Another focus from the county assessment was to increase the number of community gardens which resulted in the Garden Project at the Lee County Conservation which was funded with a grant from the University of Iowa College of Public Health. Four gar-

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## EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



## Early snow prompts winter reading list

I'm going to toss out four books for consideration or consumption, like tossing out bones for the canine to choose from—one, two, maybe three, or all of them?

It's going to be cold and the snow deep this winter. Curt says to get a good book, maybe several! The first is "Hold the Dark," by William Giraldi. This is a great wintertime read—cold, thought provoking, intimidating—like winter itself. Ginnie and I first encountered "Hold the Dark" as a Netflix movie. I watched it three times, and could watch it again. The only solution for the questions it raised was to read the book, which I did. Wonder of wonders, the movie is almost an exact replica of the book. Until the end. Then its gets real in-depth. Is the wolf the predator or is man? Great read, or movie, or both.

The second book is "A Slipping Down Life," by Ann Tyler. This is Ann Tyler at her best, once again. An interesting tale, of anti-heroes plodding through life. I have never seen a cast of unlikely characters thrown together in such a haphazard way, which makes the book intriguing, entertaining and a page turner. There's even a surprise ending, like a lemon-center cream puff following dinner.

The third book is "The Girl Who Smiled Beads," by Clemantine Wamariya—pronounced Clemanteen (she will correct you). A woman at church loaned me this book without me asking. Always read books that are given to you without asking. I will never complain about my aches and pains again, or my so-called "difficulties." A child of the Rwandan massacres, Wamariya eventually becomes a refugee in the United States. She has a new life. But the refugee child is always lurking—issues of trust, safety, hunger. This book has loads of implication to the refugees seeking asylum in our country today. Should we turn them away or try to understand their plight? It's not as simple as, "Immigrate legally." It's a matter of life or death.

And the fourth book is "The Friend," by Sigrid Nunez. "The Friend" is a finalist for the National Book Award. I

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## Education News/Local News

# Holy Trinity releases 1st quarter honor roll

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### 4.0 Honor Roll

7th Grade: Mary Bendlage, Taegan Denning, Connor Gehling, Jenna Hellman, Natalie Randolph, Maddox Rung  
8th Grade: Laura Mehmert, Brianna Wright  
9th Grade: Abby Holt-

kamp, Mitchell Pothitakis, Cassidy Randolph, Anna Sobczak  
10th Grade: Danny Caruso, Taylor Crabtree, Bailey Hellweg, Ava Peitz, Claire Pothitakis, Maria Rauenbuehler, Alison Robu, Chandler Rung, Annabelle Scheetz, Jason Thurman, Vasin Thurman, Emma Torgler  
11th Grade: Ambrosia Dustin, Reed Fehseke, Reagan Garrels, Wyatt Hellman, Ryan Otte, Nicole Pothitakis, Samantha Pothitakis, Elle

Rashid, Maille Sheerin, Jayde Watznauer.  
12th Grade: Sam Avery, Emily Box, Ryder Brune, Elyse Pothitakis, Adam Rauenbuehler, Kyle Scheetz, Katie Scoville, Jorie Whitaker

### A Honor Roll

7th Grade: Reagan Holvoet, Jacob Hummel, Sheldon Kruse, Henry Morris, Breanna Peterson, Mary Scheetz, Edward Schroeder, Juniper Strickland  
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lie Cain, Alexa Dingman, Elliott Dostalek, Rachel Menke, Jacob Pothitakis, Paige Wasielewski  
9th Grade: Jackson Blint, Tessa Gendron, Lucy Graham, Jack Malinski, Mya Schmitz, Raquel Schneider, Alexis Stalcup, Jackson Van-Hamme  
10th Grade: Katherine Denning, John Stinson, Roselynn Strickland, Tori Vincent.  
11th Grade: Blake Crabtree, Brandon Delaney, Ashlyn Haas, Matthew Hellige, Mason

Holvoet, Jacob Mohrfeld.  
12th Grade: Eryn Anderson, Joshua Barr, Taylor Boeding, Brant Holtkamp  
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7th Grade: Daltin Boeding, Michael Chapman, Andrew Mehmert, Seth Moeller, Ethan Peitz, James Stinson, Ava Wearda  
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9th Grade: Phillip

Goldie, Alesha Hellman, Michael Hellman, Blake Hemann, Adam Kit, Kelli Meierotto, Tyler Snaadt  
10th Grade: Cassandra Campbell, Garrett Hannum, Jordan Mueller, Anna Schroeder, Mia Vradenburg  
11th Grade: Abby Dingman, Evan Ellison, Claire Graham, Avery Hopper, Quentin Schneider, DaYeong You,  
12th Grade: Henrique Almeida, Kyle Brede-meyer, Connor Holvoet, Alec Mehmert, Hannah Torgler, Audrae Vincent

## Immunization clinic set for Thursday in FM

FORT MADISON - Lee County Health Department will hold a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Lee County Health Department, located at #3 John Bennett Dr., Ft. Madison from 12 noon until 5:30pm. The facility is located on the OLD Iowa State Penitentiary grounds.

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## From the Front/Weather

### Five books make good hibernation reading

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heard Nunez being interviewed on NPR by Terry Gross. Nunez wanted to put three elements into a novel that she had never seen in a novel before—suicide of a friend, teaching writing, and the human-canine bond. “The Friend” is a 180 lb Great Dane named Apollo, that belonged to a former male lover who was a famous author, writing teacher, and womanizer (especially of female

writing students). The male lover commits suicide for unknown reasons—he leaves no note—and the woman, who lives in a 500 sq ft New York apartment that allows no pets, inherits Apollo from wife III (out of IV). The woman learns that animals grieve, as she is grieving for her deceased lover/friend, and that if she reads to Apollo, it brings peace, as it does her. When she is off busy doing

something else, Apollo brings her the book. This is a marvelous, well-written book, whether you’re an animal lover or not.

I’ll throw in a fifth book for free. It’s “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens. This book showed up on Ginnie’s smartphone for no apparent reason. We think she “rump bought” it. Anywho, I had heard of “Where the Crawdads Sing,” and was needing another book, so thought I would give

it a shot. It’s a bestseller and wonderful reading. I have always claimed that I learned more about life by being outdoors observing nature. “Where the Crawdads Sing” fits this taught-by-nature model to a tee. “...the female firefly flickers the light under her tail to signal to the male that she’s ready to mate.... The females got what they wanted—first a mate, then a meal—just by changing their signals.”

Happy winter reading.

### Produce program a hit

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den beds were built by the Conservation staff, and with the help of the ISU Extension & Outreach produce was planted. The garden was maintained with the help of a 10-week Youth Garden Camp over the summer that was put on by the extension office. “The youth helped plant and pick the gardens, and they were able to taste the produce too,” said Breana Houtz, ISU Extension & Outreach Lee County Youth Coordinator.

The Garden Project was a learning experience for everyone involved. No one had any experience growing watermelons so the two that were picked was an accomplishment

for everyone.

Plans for year two of the project are already underway. A new tracking system is already being developed, and outreach to the sites will begin early Spring 2019.

“The main goal for the next year will be volunteers. We would like to have a few volunteers to help with the Youth Garden Camp, the picking of produce, and possibly delivering the produce,” said Biddenstadt.

Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about the Produce Box and Garden Project can call Lee County Health Department at (319)372-5225.

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Courtesy photo

Here’s a picture of the first watermelon picked from the Community Garden at the Lee County Conservation.

### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

<b>MON 12 Nov</b>	Light Snow High – 25.8° F   Low – 18.2° F
<b>TUE 13 Nov</b>	Clear Skies High – 20.8° F   Low – 8.1° F
<b>WED 14 Nov</b>	Clear Skies High – 39.3° F   Low – 28.5° F
<b>THU 15 Nov</b>	Clear Skies High – 47.2° F   Low – 24.3° F
<b>FRI 16 Nov</b>	Light Snow High – 28.0° F   Low – 13.1° F

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: WEDNESDAY,**  
**November 14, 2018**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Correctional Center**  
**2530 255th Street,**  
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**AGENDA**

Pledge of Allegiance  
 Approve Agenda  
 Consider Approval of November 6, 2018 Board Minutes  
 Consider Approval of Claims  
 Public Input  
 Consider Second Reading of Engine Braking Ordinance  
 Consider Approval of Resolution Restructuring County Attorney's Office  
 Consider Approval for County Attorney to Proceed with Action Against Remaining Residents That Have Not Installed Sanitary Sewer Systems in Mooar/Powdertown  
 Canvass the November 6, 2018 General Election  
 Consider Approval of Post-Election Audit Report/Auditor Certification  
 Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (2) Reports:  
 A. Recorder's Report of Fees Collected  
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 Commission or Committee Reports/Adjourn

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Lee County**  
**Conservation Board**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**November 13, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Lee County**  
**Conservation Center**  
**2652 Highway 61**  
**Montrose, IA 52639**  
 1. Call to order  
 2. Approval of minutes from October 9, 2018  
 3. Public Input  
 This is the time of the meeting that a citizen may address the Board on any matters pertaining to the Lee County Conservation Board. The Board cannot take formal action at the meeting on matters not included on the regular agenda, but may ask the staff to research the matter or have the matter placed on a subsequent agenda.  
 4. Approval of Bills  
 5. Approval of Financial Report  
 6. Review and Approve LCCB Bylaws  
 7. Review and Approve Bids for Concrete Campsites at Wilson Lake  
 8. Review and Approve Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Environmental Education Host Site and Program Agreement  
 9. LCCB Monthly Meeting Times  
 10. Staff Reports  
 11. Board Member Comments

12. Adjournment  
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**Fort Madison**  
**Community School**  
**District**  
**1930 Avenue M**  
**Minutes of the**  
**Work Session**  
**November 5, 2018**

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors Young, Hope, Ross, DiPrima and Steffensmeier, were present. Also present were Dr. Slater, Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon. Director Hotop was absent.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Young and

seconded by DiPrima to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

IV. High School Guiding Coalition Discussion. The Board participated in a discussion session with members from the High School Guiding Coalition team.

V. Announcements  
 November 13, 2018,

American Education Week Breakfast, All Buildings 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. (Central office 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

VI. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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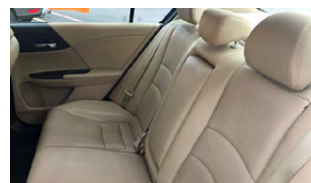
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### Veteran's Breakfast at Sunnybrook

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.

### Community Blood Drives

The following are November Fort Madison blood drives; Fort Madison Housing Authority Blood Drive from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 12 in the Hillview Community Room at 1102 48th Street. Contact Pati Toops to donate. Nov. 13 at the Madison from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Activities center. Contact Janelle Case at 470-4011. Lincoln Elementary gymnasium on Nov. 15 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. - contact LeAnn Cashman at 372-2896; Fort Madison Public Library, 1920 Avenue F- contact Blood center at 800-747-5401 ext. 1281.

### Thanksgiving 101

The Fort Madison Public Library will host author Rick Rodgers "Thanksgiving 101", in a discussion Thanksgiving recipes Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m.

### RSVP Nutrition Class

RSVP/United Way of the Great River Region is hosting a free-nutrition class at the Resource Center, 3421 Avenue L in Fort Madison on Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. To sign up call 319-372-8043 or stop by the center.

### Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2:00 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

### Business After Hours

The Kensington and the Fort Madison Chamber are hosting a Business After Hours on Nov. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kensington 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison, to celebrate the Kensington's 15th year in business in Fort

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### Vendor Show

Saturday, November 17th, 10am-3pm, McAleer Hall, 1111 Avenue E, Fort Madison. 12 vendors including Boy Scout Troops 7 & 19 will provide breakfast items & baked goods. Pack 19 will have BBQ pork sandwiches, chips, baked goods, and drinks. Come out and support your local Boy Scouts and shop all your favorite vendors just in time to get your holiday shopping started!

### Community Thanksgiving

The annual Community Thanksgiving meal in Fort Madison will be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Madison High School on Thursday, Nov. 22 at FMHS. Volunteers and donations are needed. Email the chamber at [chamber@fortmadison.com](mailto:chamber@fortmadison.com) for details.

### Caregivers Connection at The Kensington

The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington's private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information.

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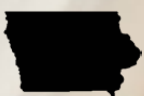
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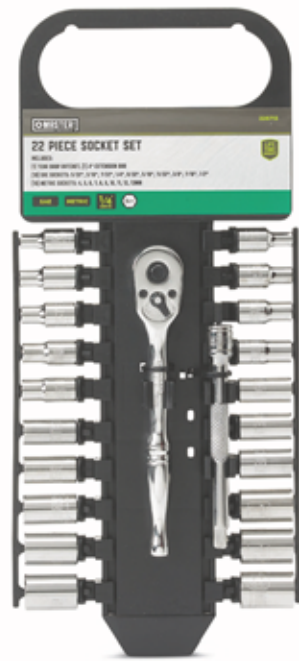
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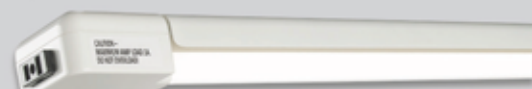
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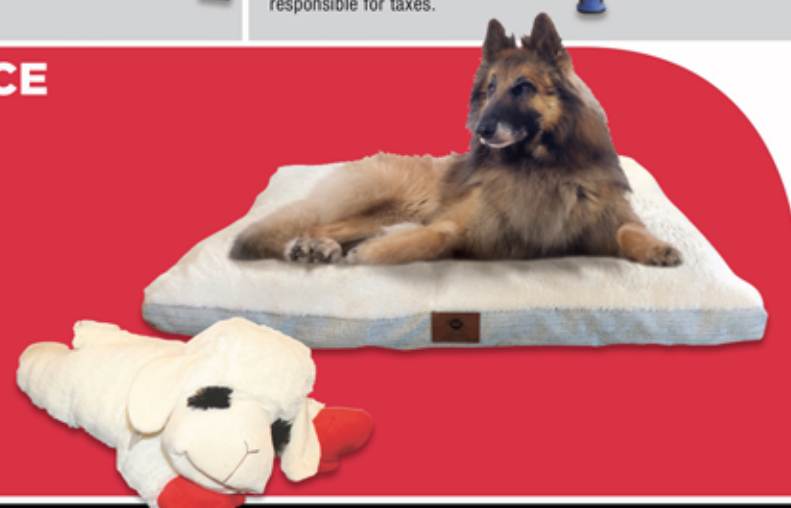
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