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Carnations for Kids Day Friday at Hy-Vee

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The Fort Madison Kiwanis Club has been sponsoring Carnations for Kids Day in Fort Madison for more than 20 years. This year, the Kiwanis members will be holding the event on Friday, April 7, 2017. Each year, Kiwanis members gather on Thursday evening to prepare carnations for sale the following day.

Members of the Kiwanis Club will be selling carnations at 9:00 a.m. on Friday at HyVee in Fort Madison until all carnations are sold. Over 80 businesses in Fort Madison have assisted the Kiwanis Club in making this project a success. Over the past years, Fort Madison Kiwanis Club has raised over \$35,000 for Children's

Miracle Network at Children's Hospital at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Hundreds of children from Lee County visit the hospital in Iowa City each year. Your contributions to Carnations for Kids helps to make their stay at the hospital a little more comfortable. It also helps to supply tutors so they do not fall behind in their school work. It is heartwarming when members that are selling carnations hear people comment that they know someone who has been helped by the program and donate \$5, \$10 and even \$20 for the carnations instead of just the \$1 suggested. This year, the Kiwanis Club hopes to raise over \$1,500 during Carnations for Kids Day. In



addition to the Children's Miracle Network, this year, we will be donating \$300 to the Kiwanis Spastic Paralysis Foundation.



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Growing, waiting

The tulips that were planted as part of a World Record attempt at the Lee County Conservation Center are blooming. Word is still out on the record.

Local firefighters issue poison control guidelines

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Fort Madison, IA – Some poisonous products, such as household cleaners, are obvious. But the list doesn't end there, and some of the items on it might surprise you. The top five poisonous household products include hand sanitizers, button batteries, laundry detergent packets, e-cigarettes and medications.

Fort Madison Firefighters warn that these items pose a bigger risk than you may think. For example, just two to three squirts of certain hand sanitizers can make children really sick – even to the point of alcohol poisoning.

“Poison control centers manage more 17,000 hand sanitizer exposures in children under 12 years old,” says Lt. Chad Hannum.

Children have a way of getting into everything, even household items that can be dangerous. In fact, nine out of 10 poisonings occur in the home.

“It's important to know which items pose serious dangers and to take the right steps to help protect your kids,” says Lt. Chad Hannum.

Your Fort Madison fire fighters have joined Nationwide's “Make Safe Happen” campaign to create greater awareness of the dangers of everyday household products and protect children against preventable accidental poisoning.

For more information about poison prevention, visit <http://makesafehappen.com/safety-tips/poison-prevention-kids>

If you have any questions about poisoning, call 1-800-222-1222 or call 9-1-1 for potentially life-threatening situations so fire fighters are available to respond quickly when lives are in danger.

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Smith named FMCH employee of the Month

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Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Arsenia Smith as their February Employee of the Month. Smith works as a Certified Nursing Assistant on the Medical/Surgical Unit. She has been with FMCH for ten years. Smith was recognized with the following nomination:

“This employee exem-

plifies the standards of behavior in every category. She treats all of our guests like first class, giving them her undivided attention, bringing a smile to their faces, and most importantly always staying positive in those difficult situations. She proctors our new employees and sets a high standard for them to follow, then models that behavior—AL-

WAYS! What I love about this employee is that she has a way to boost the morale and move the team forward. She is a positive thinker and never sees a difficult situation as negative, looking for an opportunity to turn it all around! This employee is self-motivated, she never waits for someone to find her something to do. She is constantly busy and

always sets a good example. When this employee is done with her patient care duties, she finds time to stock patient rooms or organize our store room. If we need extra help on the second shift this employee will stay over to help when she can, taking vitals and making sure our patient's needs are

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Employee of the Month

Pictured are Carolyn Krone, Director of Inpatient Services; Arsenia Smith; Pat Bira, President/CEO. Smith was named the February Employee of the Month at FMCH.

Smith thanks staff for helping her with career

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taken care of.”

“My favorite part of working at FMCH are the great co-workers I work with every day. Good teamwork, good environment and everyone is friendly. I especially want to recognize Michelle Callahan-Moore for making a difference in my career at FMCH,” Smith said.

Smith spends her free time with her family and friends; being outside gardening, and walking her dog; as well as cooking.

The Employee of the Month is an initiative developed by the Reward & Recognition team. Each month a FMCH employee is honored for going above and beyond for the good of the patient, their co-workers and the organization.



Great River Regional Waste Authority would like to remind you to properly dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste, Construction Waste and Electronic Waste.

Call GRRWA's Household Hazardous Waste Regional Collection to schedule your appointment Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm



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