



Pen City Current

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Loebsack responds to funding bill

WASHINGTON D.C. – Congressman Dave Loebsack released the following statement today after the House passed the FY2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act, bipartisan legislation to ensure the government remains open and provides funding for the rest of the current Fiscal Year.



LOEBSACK

“Let’s be clear, this bill should have been passed before October 1st of last year, more than six months ago. Instead, Congress lurched from one Continuing Resolution to another that made it difficult for Iowa towns and communities to receive grants and unnecessarily endangered our men and women in the military. On top of that, the bill was written behind closed doors, introduced in the middle of the night and was put on the House floor for a vote in less than 24 hours. It would be an understatement to say I am disappointed in the process and the continued games that led us to this position. This is not how Congress should be legislating.

“While many issues remain to be dealt with, I am pleased common ground was found and

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Wilson Lake gets more trout

BY PCC STAFF

DONNELSON - Lee County Conservation officer John Pawling dumps a net full of brown trout on the south bank of Wilson Lake Friday at about 12:30. Fisherman dotted the shores of the lake awaiting the drop.

DNR officials brought a truck to the lake filled with the trout that were dropped at random spots all around the shore of the lake in about 30 minutes. Several more drops in the Ottumwa and Iowa City area scheduled for tomorrow were cancelled due to pending inclement weather. Fisherman need to have a special trout permit on their person to hold trout that were caught. Fishing licenses are also required for those 16 and over.

LeeComm now has 9-1-1 text option

Verizon, U.S. Cellular, and AT&T customers have access

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - An official with Lee County’s LeeComm, the emergency 9-1-1 service, announced today that cellphone users with three major carriers can text 9-1-1.

LeeComm Director Shanna Krogmeier, said this morning that Lee County now has the service for Verizon, U.S. Cellular and AT&T customers. She said other providers will probably come on line in the future.

“We were one of the last ones in the state to get it, but Iowa’s light years ahead of most states in offering the service,” she said.

“I definitely see Sprint and T-Mobile service being available, but there’s no time frame on those. We’ve had Verizon capability for a month or so, but we were waiting for the other major carriers to come on so we didn’t have to do three different releases.”

According to a release from Krogmeier, Texting 911 is as simple as putting “911” in the “To:” line of the text message. From there, dispatchers receive and can respond to messages from the computer much like utilizing an instant messaging service. The person texting 911 can then communicate with the dispatcher via text.

US Cellular and AT&T customers can also send photo and video messages to dispatch, though they are not instantly available.

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City ‘no-charge’ clean-up days set for April 30-May 12

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Public Works Department will be holding “no charge” Spring Clean up days from April 30 through May 12.

Residents who pay for City of Fort Madison trash pickup will be issued two vouchers allowing them the opportunity to haul

two pickup-size loads of trash to Great River Regional Waste Authority, 2092 303rd Avenue, Fort Madison at “no charge” from April 30 through May 12, 2018.

Items not accepted during the trash voucher program include televisions, tires, radios, VCR’s, construction and demolition materials (bricks, concrete, asphalt shingles, lumber, siding, dry wall)

liquids (antifreeze, waste oil, paint – paint cans will be accepted ONLY if the lid is off and the contents are either dried or absorbed by saw dust, cat litter, etc.); hazardous materials (explosive materials, volatiles and flammables, poisons); and any substance which may present a hazard to collection personnel and materials that are normally taken under

the city yard waste program.

Any city utility bill delinquent as of April 17, 2018 will not receive the trash vouchers.

The voucher must be submitted to clerk upon entry to landfill. Loads must be tarped. City clean up and landfill rules apply. For more information or if you have any questions please call 372-7700 x 201.

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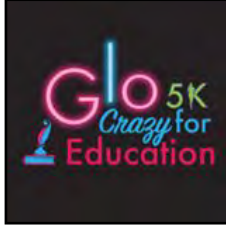
CURRENT-LEE

HTC TAPS 8th Annual Bunny Hop Event – March 31st, 2018



WEST POINT - HTC Bunny Hop 5K Run/Walk or 10K Run event. Saturday, March 31st beginning at the West Point Library. Registration begins at 8:00a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration before March 23rd is \$20 & includes t-shirt. Registration on or after March 23rd is \$25. Drinks and light snacks will be provided for participants. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place finishers in each age group. Registration forms can be found here or www.holytrinitieschools.org. [Click here](#) to download & print your registration form.

Glo Crazy for Education run set for April 7



FORT MADISON - A 5K run/walk will be held on April 7 at Baxter Sports Complex beginning at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the Elliott Test Kitchen in Fort Madison. The event is being put on by Fort Madison service clubs including Fort Madison Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs as well as the Fort Madison High School key club. Registration can be done at www.pencitycurrent.com/glo-crazy/.

Lee County Bridges group to hold Keokuk community-wide meeting April 9

The steering committee is hosting the next community-wide Bridges out of Poverty training in Keokuk on April 9th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church located at 1101 Blondeau Street. The Public is invited to attend

Pen City Current will list your event in this highly visible CURRENT-LEE section in increments of 25 words for \$15. Add a photo for \$5. Non-profit organizations are eligible for the reduced rate of \$10 per 25 words and \$3 per photo. To place your listing, [click here](#) or call Lee at (319)371.4125.

OBITUARIES

DONALD JOSEPH LYNCH



Donald Joseph Lynch, 66, of West Point, IA, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at The Madison. He was born on January 4, 1952 in Van Nuys, CA to Joseph & Lillian Erdman Lynch. He married Sandra Lynch on November 24, 1974 in Norfolk, VA and they later divorced. He retired as an investigator at the Iowa State Penitentiary and served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and the Army National Guard during Desert Storm. He was a cub scout leader and enjoyed go cart racing.

Don is survived by: 3-sons: Scott (Renee) Lynch of Donnellson, IA, Brian Lynch of Fort Madison, IA & Richard (Hanna) Lynch of Fort Madison, IA; 8-grandchildren and 1-brother: Carl Fredricks of New York state. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the American Lung Association. Online condolences to Don's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: www.kinglynk.com.

JOHN RONALD KELLER

John Ronald Keller, 87, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 3:17 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2018, at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.

Born May 18, 1930, in Powell, Wyoming the son of Fred Jasper and Blanche Pearl (Earhart) Keller. On January 21, 1949, he married Mary Gwynn Johnson in Billings, Montana.



KELLER

Survivors include his wife: Mary of Donnellson, Iowa; six children: Rhonda (Tom) Shouf of Chicago, Illinois, Stanley (Kathy) Keller of Kokomo, Indiana, Mickey Keller of Fort Madison, Iowa, James (Cyn-di) Keller of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Calvin (Kimberly) Keller of Morning Sun, Iowa and Teddy (Bob) Calkin of Cody, Wyoming; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren (two great-grandchildren on the way); one sister: Beverly (John) Gibson of Powell, Wyoming and two brothers: Ben (Joyce) Keller of Powell, Wyoming and Jerry Keller of Mesa, Arizona. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son: Mark.

Ron attended Embury United Methodist Church. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 33 since 1960 and was very involved in their activities. Ron taught primitive woodworking and he was also involved in the "Explorer Post 1847" for twenty-six years at the Old Threshers Reunion. He enjoyed working with young people, they often referred to him as "Papa".

The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 25, 2018, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 26, 2018, at Embury United Methodist Church in rural Donnellson, Iowa with Pastor Peg Ellingson and Nancy St. Clair officiating.

His body will be entrusted to Schmitz Funeral Homes for cremation following the service.

Memorials have been established in his memory for Backpack Ministry at Embury United Methodist Church.

Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be left at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

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For the Record

Fort Madison Police report
03/22/18 - 11:08 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
03/22/18 - 1:21 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue E.
03/22/18 - 8:26 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in

the 1800 block of Avenue F.

Lee County Sheriff's report
03/22/18 - 4:51 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Sarah Lorrained Gould, 29, of Montrose in the 400 block of Hwy. 61 by-pass, on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. She was released upon citation.

03/22/18 - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Courtney Allen Kellum, 34, of Keokuk on a charge of driving while license revoked. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

Those listed above are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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Opinion/Lottery Numbers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students deserve better than old buildings can provide

Dear Editor:

Please vote YES for the new school on April 3rd.

This is for our future generations, that hopefully will stay and raise families, start businesses, work in our industries and help this town prosper.

To put money in 100 year old buildings is not cost effective. You still have inefficient heating and cooling. The buildings are not totally handicap accessible, are difficult to make safe, and are still 100 years old.

A new school will help bring in new families and new businesses. It will help keep students that open-enroll to other districts as well as bring our district pre-schoolers under one roof. A new school will also combine two elementary schools into one for better efficiency and safety.

Times are changing with all the new technology advances. Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren deserve a better learning environment than what 100 year old buildings can provide. The students in our school district deserve the best education possible in a safe environment.

I encourage everyone to vote yes on April 3rd!

Marvin Denning
Ft. Madison, IA

District should focus on trust

People in paid community leadership positions serve the people who pay their salaries. Included in that salary is a pre-ordained obligation to be unambiguous and accommodating when it comes to doing the job. Service to a community in any capacity is a position that also includes elements of earning and maintaining the public trust. The recent attempts at winning voter approval to erect a new elementary school complex is the responsibility of the elected school board members in concert with the newly ordained school superintendent. In their respective roles, they are public servants. That in turn, implies an obligation to provide, among other things, leadership, open and honest information, and a willingness to conserve and protect resources. They know that, but sometimes a reminder can be in order.

With respect to the new school proposal there is no question that the school board and superintendent believe they are doing things right and has the safety of the staff and pupils in mind; I know that will always be a top priority. Local voters are, however, questioning the appearances of what could be called missing or deceptive information. While it may not be intentional on the part of the board and superintendent, the appearance of not sharing sufficient planning details has created a degree of hesitation on the part of many voters the willingness to blindly approve a new school. Perhaps the board should have considered hiring an experienced planning professional to guide the district through the labyrinth of strategic obstacles. That cost would have been almost nothing when compared to the millions the school district wants, and this period of public angst could have been easily avoided.

We have an intelligent and passionate voting public and a large unselfish force of volunteers in our community. That is something we all should be proud of and never take for granted. And while they may not be the first to step up and compete for seats on various boards, councils and commissions throughout the city, the people of this community still have the right to expect members of those boards, councils and commissions to be actively involved and share relevant information. There are no permanent lifetime positions in community service, and jobs are not guaranteed to anyone regardless of salary and educational qualifications. The school leadership is not exempt from the requirement to serve the community with open and honest communication. Everyone involved should be held to a higher standard and be held accountable.

Michael Killoren, Fort Madison



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Sports/Area News

Barnes, Hellige lead FMHS at Washington Relays

Gehle, Hannum earn firsts in Class B division

BY PCC STAFF

WASHINGTON - The Fort Madison Bloodhounds track and field team took 10th place out of 20 teams at the Steve Roth Washington Relays on Thursday night.

The Hounds got first-place Class B finishes from Elijah Barnes, Caleb Gehle, and HTC's Garrett Hannum and Matt Hellige. The Hounds 4x100.25 Weight Man's relay also captured first.

Senior Elijah Barnes captured first-place overall again in the shotput getting close to the 51-

foot mark at 50'-10.75", a full foot ahead of the competition. Junior Alec Craft heaved the shot 37'-6". Caleb Gehle took first in the wheelchair shot with a throw of 16'-2.25".

HTC sophomore Matt Hellige, who's running for FMHS, captured first place in the Class B 3200-meter run and first overall with a time of 10:32.12. Junior Miquel Trejo took 6th in Class B with a time of 11:31.80.

Hellige also took first in the Class B 1600-meter run at 4:56.14, which was good enough for 8th over-



BARNES

all at the meet. Trejo was 9th in Class B with a time of 5:31.12.

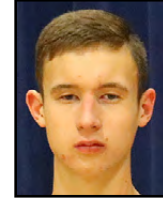
Barnes also took first through the discus 116'-2" good enough for 12th place overall. Senior Heath Hoenig whipped the disc 105'-9".

Garrett Hannum (HTC) captured 1st-place in the 800-meter run at 2:11.09. His time was 8th best overall at the meet. Dayne Cordray finished at 2:16:73.

In the long jump freshman Shay Smith leaped 15'-5.25" to finish in 17th place. Freshman Bryce Britton jumped 14'-9.5".

The boys 800-meter sprint medley team of Shay, Britton, Dominic Frantz and sophomore Matthew Meierotto took 5th place in the Class B division with a time of 1:50.20.

Senior Alex Gully took 3rd in Class B and tied for 10th overall in the 100-meter dash. Junior Trey Kuntz finished at 13.15 for 8th in Class B. Gehle took 1st in the 100-meter wheel chair at 32.65. Gully also took 3rd in Class B in the 200-meter dash at 24.82 with Quentin Schneider, another HTC runner for FMHS, was right behind in 4th at 24.99. Gehle took 1st in the 200-meter wheelchair run at 1:04.52



HELLIGE

The boys distance medley team of Frantz, Smith, Meierotto and Hellige

took 3rd place in Class B at 4:12.09.

Schneider is continuing his stellar year running the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.52 which was good enough for 2nd in Class B and 5th overall.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Smith, junior Harley Pennamon, freshman Caleb Maclearn and Kuntz took 5th in Class B with a time of 1:48.91.

Senior Joseph Hummel finished in 6th in Class B in the 110-meter hurdles

at 21.53.

The Hounds 4x100-meter relay team of Gully, Pennamon, Maclearn and Kuntz took 5th in their class with a time of :49.61. The 4x100.25 Weight Man's relay team of sophomores Danen Settles, Jarrett Settles, junior Alec Craft and senior Caleb Wood took first with a time of 56.86.

The 4x400-meter relay team of Hannum, Schneider, Cordray and Meierotto took 3rd in Class B with a mark of 3:51.67. That time was 7th best overall.

The Hounds finished 10th overall out of the meets 20 teams with 94 points. Wapello won the meet with 192 points.

State to get additional funds for apprenticeship website

DES MOINES - Iowa is among the states receiving second round funds for the ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grants, according to an announcement from the U.S. Department of Labor on Thursday. The department says Iowa will be awarded more than \$1 million.

"This additional funding to further grow Registered Apprenticeship in Iowa affirms the positive progress we're making to unleash opportunities in Iowa," Gov. Kim

Reynolds said. "Registered Apprenticeship expansion will help Iowans get the skills they need to start a rewarding career."

In November 2016, Iowa received \$1.8 million in the first round of funding for the ApprenticeshipUSA State Expansion Grants. Iowa has used that money to expand Registered Apprenticeship Programs in diverse industries, including health care, advanced manufacturing and information technology, as well as encouraging

more women, veterans, minorities and people with disabilities to explore Registered Apprenticeship careers.

Iowa Workforce Development Director Beth Townsend says the new money will help keep momentum going created through the first grant.

"The news Iowa is receiving another round of funding comes at a very opportune time," Townsend said. "We just launched a new Registered Apprenticeship

website to help job seekers and employers learn about Registered Apprenticeship opportunities and next steps. This funding will help us continue expanding and enhancing our efforts."

Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs is a key strategy in the state's Future Ready Iowa initiative.

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Bids must be received by April 2nd by 4:00 p.m.

It is recommended that all bidders look at the properties before submitting their bids.

Bids shall be for mowing services, weed eating

every week (Unless not recommended by GRRWA) and also spraying weeds if needed.

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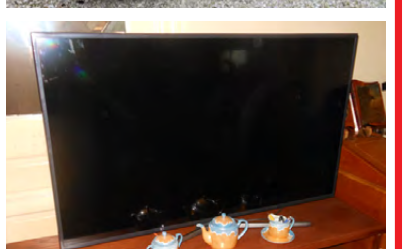
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From the Front/Weather

Funding to included rural broadband help

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a bipartisan agreement was reached. The bill that passed the House today included investments in rural broadband, funding for our veterans, the National Institute of Health, community health centers, and families fighting opioid addiction. It also stops a pay increase for Members of Congress. These job-creating, life-saving investments will help grow our economy and

ensure the government remains open.

“I am pleased that we have finally reached an agreement on funding the government, but now it is time to begin work on funding bills for FY2019 to ensure we do not end up in a similar situation later this year.”

Highlights of the funding included in the legislation follow:

TRANSPORTATION

\$1.5 billion for National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER) grants program; \$3.365 billion for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); \$1.36 billion for HOME Investment Partnerships; \$2.525 billion in new funding for highway grants; \$800 million in new funding for transit grants

EDUCATION

\$700 million for Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants, which go toward school counseling

and mental health services, technology investments and STEM education, bringing the total funding for the program to \$1.1 billion; A \$175 boost to the maximum Pell Grant award, which would be set at \$6,095; Increases for Head Start, TRIO, career and technical education grants, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and Title I-A grants, which go to schools with high percentages of low-income children

Data or text plan is required for service to work

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“While this service is a valuable addition to our current 911 system, it is important for the public to understand there are some limitations to it. First, it is always preferred to speak to the caller in person. Call 911 if you can; text if you can’t. Texting 911 does not give an accurate location like calling from land lines or wireless lines do. Like all text messages, 911 text messages can take longer to receive or may be delivered out of order. Text to 911 is not available if you are “roaming” and a text or data plan is required. The public is also reminded not to text and drive, regardless of the situation.

Overall, this service provides a lifeline in situations where help is needed but the victim is unable to speak on the phone. While there are some limitations to the service, it is a valuable addition to the services provided by LeeComm.

Krogmeier said during testing there were no problems with texts appearing out of sequence, but she said it could be possible if three or four texts were to come in close together.

“In our testing we haven’t had a problem. It’s very much like a text or instant messaging and our dispatch people are able to type back in the same manner,”

She said there is no additional cost to the county and no infrastructure by the county was needed. However, CenturyLink had been working on the capabilities for a while.

“We haven’t had to do anything. CenturyLink had been working on it since November before I got here, but they ran into some tactical issues that delayed it a bit,” Krogmeier said.

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TUE 27 Mar



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 High– 47.3° F | Low – 34.9° F

WED 28 Mar



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