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Gov. Reynolds says Grow Lee model is working

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Speaking to a full crowd of county economic, business, and education officials, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds said efforts going on in Lee County will help solidify a future workforce.

Reynolds was speaking at the Lee County Economic Development Group's Salute to Industry Summit Thursday afternoon at Comfort Inn and Suites. Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg also spoke.

LCEDG officials also gave out their 2nd annual Grow Lee Awards to many different manufacturers in the county.

Joe Steil, LCEDG CEO, opened the summit with remarks about the impact of local manufacturing on the county's economy.

"Twenty-five percent of all jobs in the county are manufacturing. This estimates to \$250M in annual wages. Industry in Lee County is a lifeline, a lifeline to Lee County's economic existence."

Steil said collaboration at all levels of state and local government, economic development partnerships, and academic leaders helps the county and region overcome obstacles.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds speaks with those present at the Lee County Economic Development Group's Salute to Industry Summit Thursday in Fort Madison.

"If one partner wins, we all win. Demonstrated by the recent completion of Iowa Fertilizer Company, regionalism makes southeast Iowa a much stronger competitor on a regional, a national, and an international level for industrial recruitment," Steil said.

He said collaboration with existing utility and industrial partners is critical for infrastructure planning and development and future industrial leads. He said those collaborations also help in solving the area's workforce problems, which is still one of the top issues facing industries in the county.

Reynolds said the state is looking to move the state's economy from its current \$29 billion to \$32 billion by 2022.

"This is exactly what you're doing here by helping us raise awareness, talking about the importance of, and giving a salute to industry," she said. "In Lee County 4,100 people work in the manufacturing sector which represents 25% of the job market and, as you heard earlier, that equates to \$250 million in annual wages. It's really amazing what you've done over the past few years."

"A few short months ago we were down here for the grand opening of the Iowa Fertilizer Company through

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Silgan wins Chamber's Manufacturer of the Year

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison Area Chamber of Commerce has awarded Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corporation the 2017 Manufacturing Business of the Year Award. Silgan was awarded the honor during the Corporate Games event at Baxter's Sports Complex on Friday, October 6th. The award was received by Plant Manager Bruce Hardy.

The Manufacturing Business of the Year Award is awarded to businesses that show operational excellence and advancement in improvement initiatives, development and innovation within their company. The industry

committee looks for businesses with environmental initiatives in place, ones that operate in safe environments, and also commit to ethical behavior. Award winners show involvement with the community in ways such as local improvement, community outreach, and encourage volunteerism.

Beginning in 1975, Silgan Containers has been one of the Fort Madison area's most stable manufacturers. Silgan has not experience a layoff in over 25 years, allowing their 125 employees to experience stable lifestyles with their future in mind. Silgan continually operates under OSHA standards and maintains



Courtesy photo

Silgan Containers was named Manufacturer of the Year in 2017 at the Chamber's annual Corporate Games last Friday at the Baxter Sports Complex.

a safe work environment for their employees. Community involvement is important to this

company and it shows with their employees being registered volunteers in the Iowa Adopt-

A-Highway clean-up program and their efforts to work with the local Food Pantry. Silgan is a

proud sponsor of the Tri-State Rodeo, the PORT projects, as well as other community events.

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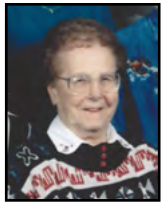
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Obituaries

AMANDA EILNOR MOORE

Amanda Eilnor Moore, 99, of Keokuk, Iowa passed away at 3:11 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Unity Point Health - Keokuk.



MOORE

Born March 27, 1918 in Denmark, Iowa the daughter of John Daniel and Addie Mae (Seager) Sherwood. She married George James Fuget. He preceded her in death on April of 1949. She then married Joseph Moore, they later divorced.

Survivors include her four children: Anita (Roland) Wagner of Donnellson, Iowa, Carole (Ronald) McCannon of Keokuk, Iowa, Joseph (Rose) Moore of Donnellson, Iowa and Barbara Jean (Mike) Thompson of Argyle, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren; one sister: Eva Stansbury of Boone, Iowa; several great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: George; ex-husband: Joseph; one grandchild; six sisters: Marie Sherwood, Grace Andrews, Barbara Pieper, Rosie Thomas, Cecila Hymes and Regina Sherwood (in infancy); five brothers: Francis Sherwood, Joe Sherwood, Charlie Sherwood, Hank Sherwood and Dan Sherwood.

Amanda worked at the Iowa Ordiance Plant and Sheaffer Pen Company. She enjoyed gambling at the casinos, farming, animals (especially horses), baking cookies, pies and birthday cakes for her children and spending time with her grand-puppy "Rusty".

The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson, Iowa.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 16, 2017 at Schmitz Funeral Home in Donnellson with Dawn Butler officiating.

Burial will be at the Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison, Iowa.

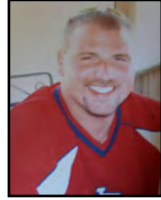
A memorial has been established in her memory to Keokuk Animal Services.

Schmitz Funeral Home Donnellson is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

MATTHEW "MATT" MERLE HUTSON

Matthew "Matt" Merle Hutson, 41, of Nauvoo, Illinois, passed away at 12:56 a.m. Thursday, October 12, 2017 in the emergency room at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa.



HUTSON

Born October 28, 1975 in Burlington, Iowa, the son of William "Bill" and Marcia (Gnann) Hutson. On August 6, 2005, he married Brenda McEntee in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda; three sons, Matthew Hutson, Brady Boyer, and Noah Hutson; his parents, Bill and Marcia Hutson of Niota, Illinois; one sister, Mindy (Derek) Dexheimer of Sherman, Illinois; maternal grandmother, Linda Gnann of Nauvoo, Illinois; father and mother-in-law, Gene and Linda McEntee of Nauvoo, Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Bridgett (Jerry) Hutson of Niota, Illinois and Amy (Matt) Shanks of Ankeny, Iowa; one brother-in-law, Tom (Carla) McEntee of Dallas City, Illinois; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Floyd and Kay Hutson; maternal grandfather, Don Gnann; and one uncle, Stan Hutson.

Matt was a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo. He was also a member of Hancock County Farm Bureau, and he served as a past Trustee of Appanoose Township. Matt was a 1994 graduate of Dallas City High School. Matt enjoyed farming with his dad and playing with his boys. He also enjoyed motocross, riding jet skis, going to the Lake of the Ozarks, and collecting Case International tractors.

Friends may call and meet with family from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15, 2017 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo.

A Funeral Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 16, 2017 at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Nauvoo with Father Tom Szydlak officiating.

Following the funeral service, his body will be cremated.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory.

The Schmitz Funeral Homes are assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

WAYNE MARTING

Wayne Marting, 69, of Nauvoo, Illinois passed away early morning Thursday, October 12, 2017 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. Services are pending at Schmitz Funeral Homes.

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Fort Madison Police report

10/09/17 - 8:08 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Bluff Road.
 10/09/17 - 1:05 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a burglary in the 5000 block of River Valley Road.
 10/09/17 - 2:26 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 700 block of Avenue G.
 10/09/17 - 4:03 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.
 10/09/17 - 5:07 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 2000 block of Avenue B.
 10/10/17 - 8:10 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of personal injury accident at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue E.
 10/10/17 - 1:24 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in Blackhawk Heights.
 10/10/17 - 5:06 p.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit and run in the 4800 block of Avenue O.
 10/11/17 - 5:24 a.m. - Fort Madison police responded to a report of burglary in progress in the 2100 block of Avenue I.
 10/11/17 - 7:00 p.m. - Fort

Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1900 block of Avenue O.
 10/11/17 - 8:49 p.m. - Fort Madison police arrested Codey Lane Page, 40, of Fort Madison, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of public intoxication-4th offense. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's report

10/10/17 - 12:06 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Edward Scott, 38, of Keokuk in the 1400 block of Exchange St., in Keokuk on a warrant for failure to appear and a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and then released on bond.
 10/10/17 - 6:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Joshua Vail Welborn, 30, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a court-ordered hold. He was held at the Lee County Jail.
 10/11/17 - 12:16 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Craig Alan Pfeiferling, 60, of Keokuk in Keokuk, on a warrant for 2nd-degree theft, \$1,000 to \$10,000. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 10/11/17 - 5:33 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies

arrested David Scott Stiffler, 42, of Donnellson at the Lee County Sheriff's Department on a warrant for violation of a no contact order.
 10/11/17 - 12:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Timothy Eric Smeltser, 53 of Alexandria, Mo., at the Lee County Sheriff's office on a warrant for burglary in the 2nd-degree. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.
 10/12/17 - 12:18 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Colten James Waterman, 21, of West Point in the 2600 block of Hwy 2 in Fort Madison, on a charge of assault and public intoxication. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue report

10/9/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical and one false alarm.
 10/10/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one assist and one car wreck.
 10/11/17 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical and one stove malfunction.

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Sports

FMHS preps for tussle with Keokuk

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - After a disappointing loss on Friday to Fairfield, head coach Tony Shiffman has his sights squarely set on Keokuk on the road this week.

The Bloodhounds are coming off a three-game losing skid including two losses to Mt. Pleasant and Fairfield that the Hounds may have been hoping would go in the win column.

"I still firmly believe this team should have won six or seven games. We'll look back at Fairfield and Mount Pleasant as games we should have and could have one. Oskey was too much for us and good luck to anyone beating Solon this year."

The Chiefs are in the middle of a rough year as well, yet to find their first win. Keokuk starts freshman quarterback Corey Skinner who's 28 of 93 through the air for 381 yards, one touchdown, and five interceptions. He also leads the team in rushing with 72 carries for 156 yards and three scores.

Fort Madison counters with Lennon Barker who's thrown for more than 1,000 yards this season with 75 completions on 159 attempts for 1,045 yards, 10 touchdowns, and six interceptions.

Shiffman said Keokuk is a tradition-rich program and they'll come into Friday's game thinking this will be the game they win.

"He's had unfortunate numbers all

year. One of their best players broke their leg against Washington so he hasn't had a lot of luck this year, but you look at Keokuk and they have tradition and they have a state championship. I believe they went into every game thinking they were gonna win. That's a mindset and mentality and that's good. We're trying to get there," Shiffman said.

"They're gritty and they're tough and it's gonna be a ballgame if we let it be a ballgame. If we come out and play to our top potential who knows what will happen, but if we let them stay in it they will."

Gully, who didn't run last week, has 768 yards on the season and 10 touchdowns.

The Hounds suffered a few setbacks on Friday and will be without a couple players. Starting inside linebacker Diego Lozano's status is up in the air with a shoulder injury he suffered trying to block an extra point. Shiffman said currently two players are out, one battling the flu and another with a concussion.

Friday's game has a different start time and will begin at 7 p.m.

We're at the point in the season at week 8 where kids are going to play where we need them to play. We're not going to necessarily have everyone in their normal spots. We're going to get kids out on the field," Shiffman said.

He said Keokuk will bring a spread offense with young kids in the backfield and some experience in the receiver



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

The Fort Madison Bloodhounds are looking for their 4th win of the season this Friday night at Keokuk. Game time is 7 p.m., not 7:30 as usual.

positions.

Sophomores Keegan Carter and Braylon Martinez will see carries out of the backfield along with Junior Jamin Klose. Skinner will look downfield to seniors Matt Wyatt and Antonio Smith, but Wyatt leads the team in receptions with just eight on the year for 131.

Senior Shance Redd-Donald is in the lineup for the Hounds. He leads the team with 35 receptions for 596 yards and eight touchdowns. Against Fairfield, Redd-Donald had eight catches for 126 yards and a score.

The Hounds are currently 3-4 on the

season and Shiffman said he wants to give the community a winning season.

"We had such great success in weeks 1 and 2, but we just couldn't keep it going. It's still success and it's still things we can build on, but I just don't like to lose. I tell the kids, 'I don't want you guys to have that mentality that it's OK to lose. You have to want to give 100% and play your hardest,'" Shiffman said.

"We've had a couple games where you could see the kids didn't think they could get it done, but that's all part of changing the culture and building a program."

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Sports

HTC girls knock off Notre Dame for 8th win in a row

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON - The Holy Trinity Catholic Lady Crusaders are hitting their stride at the right time.

HTC's 7th-ranked volleyball team has won eight matches in a row including a three-set win over Burlington Notre-Dame Tuesday night at Shottenkirk Gymnasium, 25-12, 25-21, 25-12.

The last set the Crusaders lost was on Thursday when they knocked off 5th-ranked New London 3-1.

Junior Emily Box led HTC at the net hitting 38-40 with 26 kills on the night. She also had 16 digs to lead the Blue in that stat as well. Senior Maya Rashid had 34 assists and 14 digs for HTC. She was also a perfect 13 of 13 serving with three aces. Eryn Anderson was 16-17 at the net with eight kills.

Taylor Boeding was 24 of 29 attacking with six kills and had five aces on 10-of-10 serving. Elyse Pothitakis was 15-of-15 serving and Samantha Hoenig was 10 of 10 serving as well.

The Crusaders are 30-5 on the season and take part in the Mediapolis Tournament Thursday night with games beginning at 5 p.m. Regional play will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 17 with game sites to be announced.



Emily Box and Emily Dingman go for a block on Tuesday against Notre Dame.. The Lady Crusaders won in three straight to move to 30-5 on the year.

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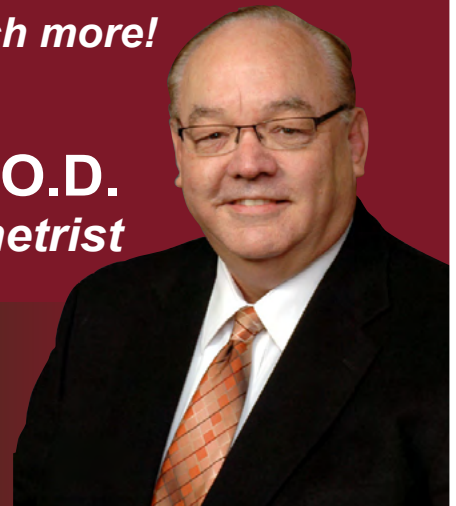
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Protestors say workers under attack

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your hard work and your investment collectively, your unemployment rate has dropped from over 11% to 6.3%. We still have work to do but it demonstrates the progress that you're making. Since Jan. 2009 unemployed Lee County residents has dropped from 2,000 to 1,051."

Reynolds said it's important to show parents and Iowans the rewarding and high paying jobs that are available in the state.

"We need to provide them a pathway through training and additional education," she said.

She said the state's Future Ready Iowa Initiative, systematically connects K-12 and beyond with the workforce and is a collaborative approach that works by cultivating partnerships across the state.

"One of our goals is to have 70% of all Iowans have education or training beyond high school by 2025. And community colleges are big part of making that happen."

Reforming the tax structure is a priority with Reynolds. She said the code books are complex and should be simplified and made more competitive.

After the summit, Reynolds said recent incentives awarded to companies coming into the state are a result of a non-competitive tax code.

"Part of the problem that causes us to use incentives is that our tax structure is not competitive," Reynolds said.

"We have one of the highest corporate tax structures and rates in America. That's why we have to use incentives within reason. As we look to reduce the taxes and make them simpler and more competitive that will reduce our reliance on those. Some still make sense, but we need to do our due diligence on them. But it starts with our tax structure and if we can bring that inline it will help reduce the need for incentives.

She said there still seems to be some misconceptions about how the state awards incentives.

"The narrative is that we write a check, but that's not

the case. It's a tax credit and they have to build facilities and execute on their end to get the tax credit."

Outside the summit, protestors stood at the exit of the hotel with signs to reverse the changes to Chapter 20 of the state code regarding bargaining rights of public employees, and telling state leaders to leave the state's pension fund alone.

Randy Schultz, with PPME local 2008, a union that represents the public employees in Lee County, said outside groups are working to rig the system and are offering to do free studies to look at the perceived inefficiencies of the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System with an effort to move it to a 401k based system.

"We're hoping to draw attention to the fact that public employees are under attack in this state. We're under attack because of changes in legislation and that's just the first thing that happened. Next up is IPERS. They want to make it look like IPERS is in trouble. There's folks like Americans for Prosperity have offered to do a free study for the state. Wasn't that nice of them.

"The current public employees and retirees are going to end up suffering as well as new hires. You can rig things so they fail and that's what's going on here. You start deferring funds in a different direction obviously the pension's going to be in trouble and that's what they're trying to do right now."

As part of the summit, The 2017 Legacy Award winners went to Decker Manufacturing, Henniges Automotive, Pipeline Cleaners, and Seither and Cherry.

The Workforce Champion Award was given to Axalta Coating Systems, Climax Molybdenum, Huffman Welding & Machine, Iowa Fertilizer Company, Pinnacle Foods, Roquette American, Siemens Gamesca Renewable Energy, Silgan Containers, and Steffensmeier Welding & Manufacturing.

The LCEDG also awarded Scotts Miracle Grow the "World Record Champion Award" for their efforts in helping the LCEDG set a world planting record in 2016.

CURRENT-LEE

Great River Hospice plans volunteer training

Great River Hospice is looking for additional volunteers to help meet the needs of people at end of life and their families in Des Moines, Henry, Lee and Louisa counties.

A four-part training is scheduled from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, and 15 at the Atlas Steak and Smokehouse, 709 Avenue H, Fort Madison.

People interested in volunteering must pass a criminal background check and be at least 18 years old. Registration and completion of application materials is required before the training begins.

For more information or register, please call Great River Hospice at 319-768-3350.

FMHS Key Club annual Halloween carnival set

FORT MADISON - The Fort Madison High School's Key Club will host their annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 28th in the Fort Madison High School's MPR. The carnival will take place from noon to 2pm and will include a Costume Contest for ages 0-18.

The costume contest will be judged by members of the Fort Madison Kiwanis and contestants will have the chance to compete for cash prizes. In addition there will be Halloween themed games created by members of the Key Club, prizes and lots of Trick-or-Treat fun.

This event is open to the community and the FMHS Key Club encourages you to join them for a spooky fun time.

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CURRENT-LEE

FM Youth Basketball signup underway

FORT MADISON - Sign up is currently underway for the 2017 Fort Madison Youth Basketball League. This year the league will be combined with Central Lee and Harmony/Van Buren to make the league more competitive. Boys in grades 3rd-6th are eligible to participate with a camp being held Oct. 16-19th at Fort Madison High School from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Practices are at the Fort Madison Middle School on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Games will vary between the middle school, Central Lee and Harmony/Van Buren schools. Cost is \$30.



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FORT MADISON - Beta Sigma Phi presented PORT (Promoting Outdoor Recreation Trails) of Fort Madison with their second donation of \$500. They made a five year pledge to support the building of trails in Fort Madison. PORT has completed two Phases of their initial three phase plan. The annual PORT Spooktacular Boo-athlon fundraising event will be held on Saturday, October 21st starting at 9 a.m. at the Baxter Sports Complex.

Pictured above from left to right are: Deb Sylvester, Dawn Kempker, Chuck Osmanski, Jean Neuweg, Julie Moon

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10/12 United Methodist Church Donnellson 10:30am-11:30am	10/19 Eagle Bluff Apts. Ft. Madison 9:00am-10:00am		
10/12 Trinity United Methodist Keokuk Noon-4:30pm	10/19 Heritage Center Keokuk 10:00am-Noon		
	10/19 Rose Michael Gardens Ft. Madison 1:00pm-2:30pm		



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FMCH announces employee of the month

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital recognized Amber Lawson as their August Employee of the Month. Lawson is a Physical Therapy Assistant in the Outpatient Rehabilitation Services department at FMCH. She has been with FMCH for eight years. Lawson was recognized with this nomination:

This employee has made a career out of her job by developing her skills in so many areas. First, let me say that she is extremely bright both socially and intellectually. She amazes me how she looks at our staff concerns and processes and comes up with solutions to please everyone. This

could be in the form of making a creative treatment plan for a difficult patient or figuring out where to put a machine so it is efficient for our team. She is socially aware and grounds the rest of the staff when it comes to serving the community, going the extra mile and being a terrific teammate. She is very thoughtful and makes sure our projects will improve processes for the staff and our patients. She never has to be reminded to input her quality data and always has data available upon the director's request. This employee REALLY cares about FMCH. She is very aware of her surroundings and

frequently brings maintenance issues to the director to make sure the staff and patients are safe. She and her husband came in on a Sunday to re-upholster a piece of furniture because we were having a hard time finding a business to do it for us. She is awesome at her job also. She goes above and beyond for her patients, taking the time to educate. As I look back at this nomination, I think the reason she is a valuable employee is because she truly lives by the standards of behavior we have all agreed to embrace. She is a standard superstar.

Lawson expressed this about working at FMCH, "I work with an amazing



Courtesy photo

Pictured are Jeremy Alexander, Interim President/CEO; Amber Lawson; Jane Wentzien, Director of Rehab Services.

group of therapists who possess a ton of knowledge and we all pull information and skill from

each other all the time. Jane (Wentzien) as my supervisor has given me constant encouragement, coaching, and support as I work through life and career. Your peers are the key to longevity in any career; good decisions on her part in forming our department has created the consistency of staff to keep us moving in the right direction."

Lawson enjoys spend-

ing time with her husband and their daughters on their hobby farm, partaking in outdoor activities.

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.

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Volunteers are an important part of our services to patients at end of life and their families in Lee, Des Moines, Henry and Louisa counties. They provide companionship to patients and respite for family caregivers, or they help with household tasks or errands.

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