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## Weber eyes boat for sheriff's dept.

*Funds could come from a mix of private/public sources*

**BY CHUCK VANDENBERG**  
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Department has two K-9 officers, is in the middle of transitioning to digital radios, and is now thinking a rescue/patrol boat should be part of law enforcement efforts

Lee County Sheriff Stacy Weber said Saturday that a boat would be a large ticket item and could either be funded with privately raised funds or a mix of funding that could include tax dollars, grants, and private funds.

Depending on the outfitting of the boat, Weber said it would cost as little as \$25,000 or as much as \$225,000.

"There's really two options to fund it. We could raise the money and do a tax match through a grant on a really expensive boat. Or we could raise money and buy a less expensive boat locally that would suit our needs."

Engines and enclosures are the more expensive parts of outfitting the boats. He said a sonar on the side of the boat would also be a big part of the cost, but those are beneficial in looking for victims as well as guns and other items that get thrown into the water.

He said the boat would have to be powerful enough to pull a large boat, such as a pontoon, that could get loose and drift toward the dam in Keokuk, plus the weight of all those on board.

"We're just beginning to talk about it, really. But we



WEBER

would probably need two engines to give it enough horsepower for something like that. In addition to having the speed to get down there in a hurry or anywhere else where people would need us," he said.

Currently the Iowa and Illinois DNR have boats that are used for rescue but, depending on where officers are in those regions, it could take time for them to get to the river.

Weber said the boat would be kept locally on a trailer and ready to go at a moment's notice. All new vehicles purchased by the sheriff's department are 4-wheel drive so the trailer/boat towing wouldn't be an issue.

Weber said the boat would also need special ladders or a staging area to allow divers to easily enter and exit from the water. He said the boat would also have to be a

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Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



### PTO's Fun Fest saves cold, rainy Saturday

Above, a couple of Fort Madison youth bang their way around the Mickey Park at Saturday's Fun Fest at Fort Madison High School. The annual event raises funds for the Richardson Parent Teacher Organization. Far left, Christian Lozano, 6, of Fort Madison tries his luck at one of the games, while at left, Charlie Sutton, 7, tries to ring a 2-liter of soda.

### FMFD sets candidate testing

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – Do you remember the days where you wanted to be a firefighter? Riding around on a firetruck, serving your fellow citizens, running into burning buildings. The Fort Madison Fire Department has an opportunity for you to live out your childhood dream. The Fort Madison Fire Department is looking for new firefighter candidates. The application deadline is April 18, 2019. Applications are available at Iowa Workforce Development, [www.ioworkforcedevelopment.gov](http://www.ioworkforcedevelopment.gov).

The Civil Service Commission of the City of Fort Madison, Iowa, will be conducting examinations for a Fire Fighter

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# Obituaries

## OBITUARIES

### GENEVIEVE E. HUNSAKER

Genevieve E. Hunsaker, 90, of Ft. Madison, formerly of Waterloo passed away on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 10:35 AM at The Madison.



HUNSAKER

She was born on June 3, 1928 in St. Paul, IA to Louis J. and Evelyn Spiekermeier Kuhljuergen. On April 12, 1948 she married William Gross and he preceded her in death, she then married Thomas Hunsaker on May 31, 1980 and he passed away on May 5, 2010. Genevieve worked in the office at the Sheaffer Pen Company. She was of the Catholic faith and enjoyed flowers and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two sisters in law, Betty Kuhljuergen of Ft. Madison and Beverly Kuhljuergen of Muscatine; nieces, nephews, cousins and two step children. She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands and two brothers, Richard and Eugene.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. A graveside service will be held on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM at Soldiers' Circle, Oakland Cemetery with Reverend Joseph Phung officiating.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

#### Pen City Current obituary policy

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## OBITUARIES

### JOHN G. "JACK" MCCANNON

John G. "Jack" McCannon, 99, of Fort Madison, IA, passed away at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital. He was born on



MCCANNON

May 11, 1919 in Fort Madison, IA to Harry E. & Pauline Sanford McCannon. He married Eileen C. King on July 3, 1945 in Fort Madison, IA. She preceded him in death on October 23, 2012. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 40 years, from 1939 to 1979 and was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Fort Madison Elks, Fort Madison Eagles Club, Knights of Columbus & the VFW. He was an avid golfer, poker player, bridge player & pool player. He served in the U.S. Naval Communications Intelligence Department in the Pacific during



WWII.

Jack is survived by: 2-daughters: Katherine (Stephen) Stephenson of Augusta, GA & Beth (Terry) Allen of Wapello, IA; 1-son: John (Cathy) McCannon, Jr. of Wichita, KS; 7-grandchildren; 6-great grandchildren & 4-step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents, wife, 1-son: Mark; 1-granddaughter: Katie Florio; 1-brother & 1-sister.

Cremation has been entrusted to the care of King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by a rosary & wake service at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Sacred Heart Church with Rev. Joseph Phung officiating. Burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with military rites performed by the Fort Madison Veterans Honor Guard. A memorial has been established for Sacred Heart Church. Online condolences to Jack's family may be left at the King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory website: [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

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United Way of the Great River Region supports non-profit organizations and agencies that provide programs addressing needs in health, education and financial stability to residents in Clark, Hancock, and Lee Counties.

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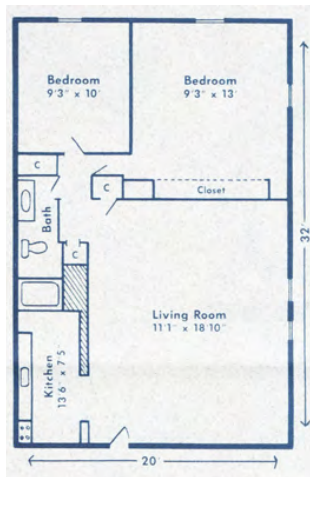
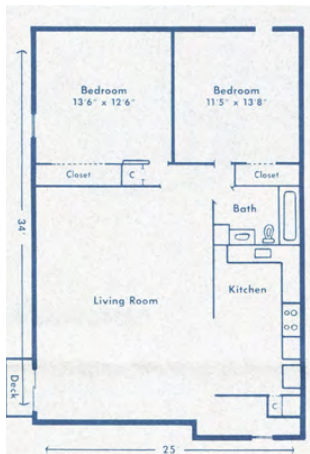


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## From the Front/Weather

# Candidates sought to backfill city firefighter pool

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Candidate List on May 18, 2019.

The minimum qualifications to test are: At least 18 years of age and may be no older than 64; Of good moral character; Be able to read and write the English language; May not be an alcohol or drug addict; Valid high school diploma or GED.

The deadline for applications is April 18, 2019.

Applicants wishing to test for the position of firefighter on the Fort Madison Fire Department should return the application, by mail, along with a \$15.00 non-refundable check, to the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 240, Fort Madison, Iowa 52627 no later than May 3, 2019.

The Fort Madison Civil Commission Examination consists of both written and physical agility tests. The tests will be scored using a point system. Fifty percent (50%) of the total points possible will be allotted to the written portion while the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the total points possible will be allotted to the physical agility portion of the

examination.

The written portion of the examination will start promptly at 8 a.m. on the date contained in the public notice requesting applications. The physical agility portion of the examination will start at 11 a.m. on the same date. In the event of inclement weather on the testing date, the Fort Madison Civil Service Commission reserves the right to postpone the physical agility portion of the examination to another date.

Any applicant failing the written or any portion of the physical agility test will be disqualified from consideration for the position.

Applicants wishing to test for the position of Fire Fighter on the Fort Madison Fire Department shall not be discriminated against on the basis of height, weight, sex or race in determining the physical or mental ability of the applicant.

Application deadline is April 18, 2019 and the test date for qualifying applicants is May 18, 2019.

# Boat would fill service sheriff's service gap

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size that can handle the powerful current of the Mississippi River, but also back waters, as well as ponds and lakes in the county.

Search lights and a trailer would also be included with the purchase as would on-board communication equipment.

Weber said he feels the sheriff's department should be in the water when someone is in danger even if the DNR is responding.

"I feel like every time there's a body in the water, it should be our job to be there, or at least to partner with them. And it would be good to have a presence along the river during events like RiverFest."

Weber said the transition to digital communication equipment is a priority right now so he didn't have a timeline on when a boat may be added to the depart-

ment, but he said he's been thinking about it since Jan. 3, 2017.

"That's the date I was sworn in. It's also the date we had two bodies go into the river and we didn't have a boat," he said.

"We're very excited about it. It's a section of our department that is so wide open. It only makes sense to start and explore this."

Currently Fort Madison Fire & Rescue has an airboat, but the City Council approved last week the purchase of a new rescue boat at a cost of about \$22,000. Keokuk also has a volunteer rescue corp with a boat that is usually called into service when an emergency happens on the river south of Montrose to Keokuk, in addition to the DNR officers with boats.

"We'll probably start with some fundraisers and stuff like that. We might put a committee together to help make it happen like we did with the K9 program."



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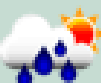
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## CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to the Pen City Current.

### YMCA Little Tykes Spring Soccer

Registration is currently underway for the 2019 season, which runs March 26 – May 2. Registration deadline is March 10 for regular fees of \$20 for members, \$40 for non-members. From March 11-17th participants can register but fees are \$10 higher. Volunteer coaches are needed. Call the YMCA at 319-372-2403 for more information.

### United Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

The United Way of the Great River Region is hosting it's 9th annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Hawkeye Restaurant on March 11. Carry out or dine-in options available. Serving times are from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information contact Director Karen Thie at 319-524-4504.

### Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington

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

### St. Patrick's Day celebration

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce will be holding a St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16 including a parade, games, music and fun. Parade entry forms are available by contact the Chamber at 319-372-5471.

### Fort Madison YMCA's Shamrocked 2019

The 2nd annual Shamrocked will be held on March 16 starting at 8 a.m. with a free-will donation pancake breakfast, followed by a Bike & Brew after the St. Patrick's Holiday Parade. For more information, contact the YMCA at 372-2403.

### ISU Extension Estate Planning

Iowa State University Outreach and Extension will hold an estate planning session on March 19th at 6 p.m. at the extension office in Donnellson. The session is \$20 per person and registration can be done by contact Whitney Weisinger at 319-835-5116. Deadline is March 15..

### Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Fort Madison High School Music Department will be presenting it's annual Dinner Theater on March 22-23. Doors open at 6 p.m with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets available at Dana Bushong's at 805 Avenue G.

### Step into Iowa History

A presentation on prisoner of war camps in Iowa during World War 11 will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Madison Public Library. Linda McCann will be presenting.

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.



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