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Board to hire Carl A. Nelson for school project

Superintendent cites visibility of board in hiring process

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Carl A. Nelson & Co., of Burlington will be helping the Fort Madison Community School District with its next shot at building a new Prek-3rd grade elementary school.

Nelson was selected over Baxter Construction of Fort Madison on a tight 4-3 vote by the district's board of directors at Monday's regular meeting.

After a brief discussion on hiring the construction management agency, a motion was made to hire Nelson to lead the next effort to get a bond approved and oversee the construction of the facility if and when it's approved.

Directors Tim Wondra, Carol Ross, Lois DiPrima, and Gayla Young voted in favor of hiring Nelson & Co., while Dianne Hope, Jared Hotop and Brian Steffensmeier voted against the motion.

Officials from both Baxter and Carl A. Nelson made pitches to the school board at its previous meeting on Oct. 1. Both companies agreed to waive any fees associated with helping promote the bond referendum to



SLATER

district tax payers in the event the bond failed.

The two companies were asked to speak to the board after the board's bond subcommittee made up of Wondra, Ross, and Hope had interviewed the two companies and a third out of Des Moines. The committee also interviewed three architectural firms to help determine if hiring another architectural firm or a construction manager was the best way to proceed.

Feedback on previous failed bond attempts pointed the board in the direction of hiring a construction management firm, as well as a lack of local participation.

Following the presentations two weeks ago, the board

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Cyberhounds pitch club to local officials

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - Not only are they learning how to use new technology to build robots, but they're learning the basics of marketing in the process.

The Fort Madison Cyberhounds, a group of students from Fort Madison High School and Holy Trinity Catholic, did some marketing under the leadership of Elliott Test Kitchen's Kumar Wickramasingha, Monday evening in front of industry leaders from Lee County at the Test Kitchen.

The group was started several years ago as a Robotics club at Fort Madison High School, mentored by Joseph Johnstun, a history teacher, and Shalisse Johnstun, an English instructor at FMHS. The group learns, and



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

FMHS Senior Jace Fedler walks invited guests at Elliott Test Kitchen through a slide show of the Fort Madison Cyberhounds Robotics Club. The club invited area business and industry leaders to the event in hopes of gaining support for the club's activities and competitions.

teaches others, about how the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives are being utilized to build competitive robots at the high school.

Wickramasingha

seized on the energy of the students and made them a part of the Elliott Test Kitchen's programming for this school year. The Cyberhounds come and teach the robotics they've learned to the

elementary and junior high students. And as always, the learning comes with a wholesome meal prepared at the kitchen, again, under the leader-

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Monday fire destroys three city houses

Houses were unoccupied with no utilities hooked up

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON - An early Monday morning fire sent one person to the hospital and has resulted in the ad hoc demolition of three houses in the middle of Avenue M.

Fort Madison firefighters were called to the scene at about 3:40 a.m. Monday morning to a house fire at 1519 Avenue M that was fully engulfed. The fire spread to the two structures adjacent to the building and all three of the buildings were considered a total loss and were demolished Monday.

According to a release from the Fort Madison Fire Department, firefighters were on the scene in less than four minutes and found one house fully engulfed with fire spreading to the adjacent houses on each side.

The buildings were vacant and had no utilities hooked up, however, it was learned at the scene that squatters had been staying in the homes.

Firefighters were unable to gain entry to any of the structures due to the dilapidated conditions of the

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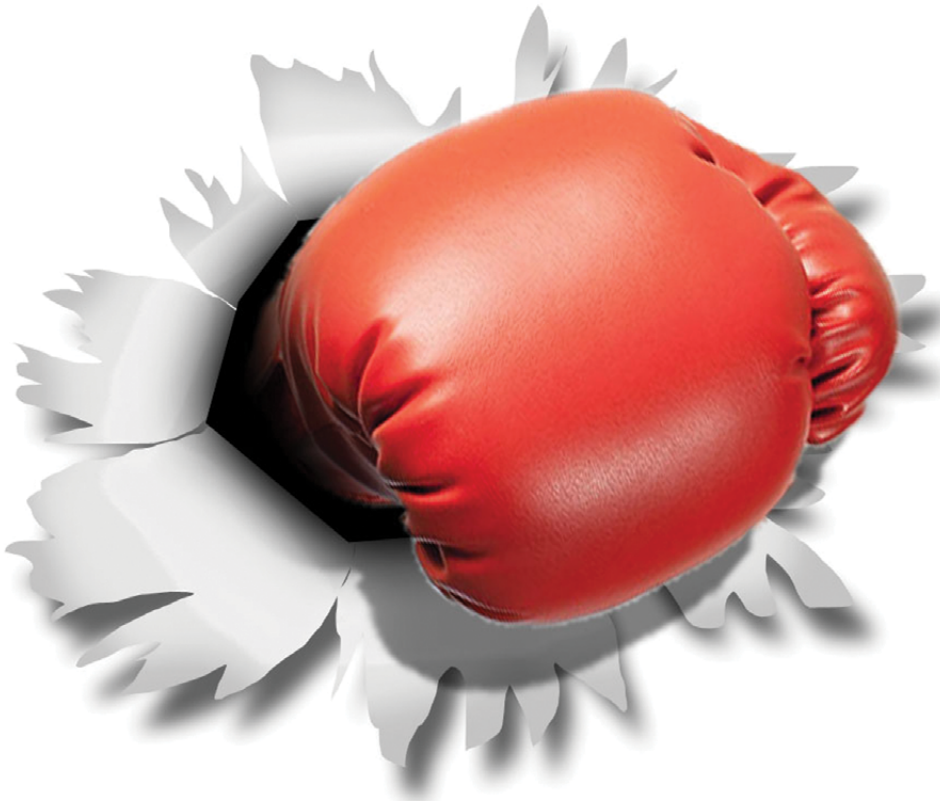
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From the Front

Students looking for financial, educational support

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ship of Wickramasingha.

Jace Fedler, a senior at FMHS, said the night was built to create awareness for the project to possibly generate some sponsorships for the group, which is now at 23 students. The group is a diverse group consisting of nine girls and 14 boys.

"We invited all these companies and businesses to talk to them about high school robotics. What we'd like to do for them and what we'd like them to do for us."

He said the Cyberhounds are the only robotics team in a 50 mile radius and their mission is to create awareness for what STEM is doing locally.

The Cyberhounds travel to a FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition each year. Last year the competition was in Cedar Falls and Fedler said it was an eye-opening experience.

"We learned how much of a level playing field we weren't on. Other teams have warehouses with all this machinery and tools. Some teams are sponsored by NASA and Boeing. It's an international competition and these are the best and brightest minds in the

world and we want to showcase southeast Iowa well."

In addition to the team's robotics minds, part of the group is charged with the business side of the club and is responsible for outreach, a website featuring the Cyberhounds at <https://cyberhounds.org>, social media management, and accounting.

Shyannah Hoenig, a sophomore vice president of the group, is helping with the business side of the club.

"This is where we host the classes for the younger generations so we thought it would be a good place to invite people down for some food and to hear what we're doing," she said.

"We're thankful to have these companies come here. We invite them with the hope that they could either help mentor us or sponsor us because we need both knowledge and funds to be able to run the team and we want to be successful."

Hoenig said the FIRST competition costs \$5,000 to qualify for the FIRST competition, but other costs include transportation and accommodations, supplies, and storage.

"It's recommended

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-Jace Fedler, FMHS Cyberhound

that you buy the basic robot kit, but then you have to buy additional parts. It's thousands and thousands of dollars that are needed to get this off the ground."

Nathaniel Harter, who was part of the club last year, said this year should be a better experience.

"Last year was our first year and we really didn't know what to expect," he said. "We think we'll do better with what we learned last year and what we've learned since then, and hopefully with



some more support."

Some of the industries represented at the meeting included Silgan Containers, Seither and Cherry, Mohrfeld Electric, Steffensmeier Welding & Mfg., Iowa Fertilizer Co., Matt's Greenhouse, Fort Madison and Holy Trinity

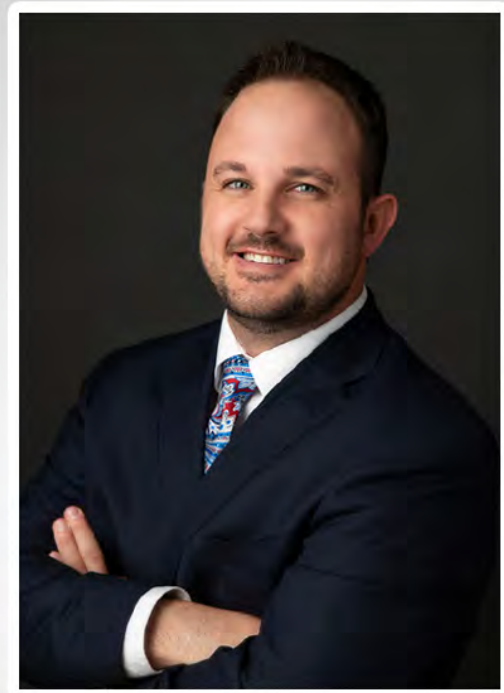
schools, and others.

Sponsorships are available at varied increments from as low as \$100 to as high as \$5,000. People can also help by becoming mentors for the program to provide information and training, or supply access to facilities for

storage and work, or by providing equipment and software.

More information is available at the club's website or Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Cyberhounds7141/?ref=br_rs.

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For the Record/Area News

Sheriff's office looking for escapee

MONTROSE - The Lee County Sheriff's office is looking for an escapee and is asking the public for help in locating the individual.

Shawn DeHaven left the Lee County Jail this morning for a court-ordered work release and removed his GPS ankle monitor and is being sought for escape.



DEHAVEN

If you have any information about where he might be at, please contact your local Law Enforcement Agency or 911.

DeHaven has a dangerous history of eluding officers and leading law enforcement on chases through residential areas.

In November, the sheriff's department received information through a CrimeStoppers tip that DeHaven, 46, of Fort Madison, who was wanted for assaulting a peace officer in connection with a high speed chase in Fort Madison where he allegedly rammed a Lee County Sheriff's vehicle causing major damage but no injuries. That chase took place on April 7 and originated out of Des Moines County. DeHaven was spotted by witnesses who reported it to CrimeStoppers.

Local law enforcement were notified and began pursuing DeHaven on County Road 103 before the suspect pulled over his vehicle and took off on foot. Chief Deputy Will Conlee and a reserve deputy, Gayle Williams, chased DeHaven and Conlee eventually used a TASER to end the chase.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/12/18 - 5:31 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Misty Dawn Guzman, 31, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of 5th degree theft. She was released on her own recognizance with a court date.

10/13/18 - 12:31 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a property damage accident in the 1000 block of Avenue G.

10/13/18 - 3:25 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Jason Todd Willits, 28, of Fort Madison in the 1700 block of Avenue H, in Fort Madison on a warrant for Failure to appear and 4th degree theft. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/13/18 - 3:24 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Iris Lane.

10/14/18 - 2:15 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Kyle Forrest Nielsen, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 3400 block of Avenue L in Fort Madison on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation.

10/14/18 - 12:57 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 1800 block of Avenue F.

10/14/18 - 3:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Scott Allen Gillman, 50, of Farmington in the 1000 block of 30th Street on a warrant for false reporting of indictable offense to a public entity. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/14/18 - 3:10 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Leah Yuki-nauman, 19, of Fort Madison, in the 1000 block of 30th Street, on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Des Moines County Jail.

10/15/18 - 5:39 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Jeffrey Albert Knotts, 62, of Burlington, in the 5100 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation.

10/15/18 - 6:04 a.m. - Fort Madison Police cited Dillan Joseph McCarty, 20, of 1100 block of 43rd Street on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation.

10/15/18 - 6:53 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded

to a report of a property damage accident in the 4400 block of Avenue O. 10/15/18 - 8:08 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 2900 block of Avenue N.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/12/18 - 2:46 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Leroy Stice, 44, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/12/18 - 3:13 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Sophia McKenna Gregory, 20, of Hamilton, Ill., at the Lee County Jail and a warrant for simple assault. She was taken to the Lee County jail and held.

10/12/18 - 4:52 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jason Lee Morris, 53, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on a warrant for a court-ordered hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/12/18 - 5:17 p.m. - Lee

County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on 235th Avenue southbound. A vehicle driven by Mark Eugene Foster, 58, of Keokuk had slowed to make a turn and was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Hannah Renee Long, 18 of Keokuk. Long was cited for failure to maintain control. No injuries were reported at the scene.

10/13/18 - 10:20 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Travis Cody Nabors, 35, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a charge of simple assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

10/13/18 - 6:00 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angela Nicole Nelson, 40, of Keokuk, as the sheriff's office on a charge of failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and release for time served.

10/13/18 - 8:27 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61 at 175th Street. a vehicle driven by Deborah Lynn Anderson, 64, of Fort Madison struck a vehicle driven by John Charles Edmondson that was traveling southbound on Hwy. 61. Anderson was turning onto 61 from 175th Street. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene.

10/14/18 - 1:00 a.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Becca Raye Ann Henderson, 21, of Salem, on a warrant for OWI-1st offense. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on her own recognizance.

10/14/18 - 1:28 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jeremy Joseph Penrose, 34, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for violation of probation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

The above information is taken directly from daily law enforcement activity logs. Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

10/14/18 - Fort Madison firefighters responded to one power line fire and a blaze that engulfed three abandoned homes.



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No date set on next bond referendum attempt

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then prepared a rubric to rate the companies on several factors including experience, team, presentation, and fees.

Experience was given a weight of 50% in the rubric. Fees were given a 25% weight, while Team was given 20% and Presentation was 5% of the total score.

Carl A. Nelson was given a composite score of 26.55 in the weighted system, while Baxter received a score of 20.55. Each board member scored each category and then the results were combined into one summary sheet.

Two of the largest deviations was a 4.35 score by Carl Nelson in the K-12 experience compared to Baxter's score of 2.55. Carl A. Nelson also scored a 4.5 on Construction Management Agency experience, where Baxter scored a 2.25.

"I want to publicly say that this board has engaged in a public and

transparent process that you did not have to do," Slater said. "The bond subcommittee or the board in its entirety could have simply selected a construction manager without engaging in such a public forum. You did so to demonstrate to the community your transparency and willingness to listen and educate yourself. That needs to be noted."

The district used a \$22 million project cost and 5%, or \$1.1 million, contingency fund as the basis for the project.

Nelson came in with a projected fee structure of \$2.143 million compared to Baxter's \$2.310 million. However, \$550,000 of Baxter's fee structure included a \$550,000 bonus on remaining funds in the contingency pool. Baxter's proposed bonus would have been 50% of whatever was remaining in the \$1.1 million contingency fund. Contingency funds

are typically 5%-10% for this type of project.

The district has had three failed bond referendum votes since 2016 with each attempt increasing in voter support. The last referendum in the spring failed with 59.24% of the vote. State law requires 60% +1 in a super majority.

Feedback the board received following the last failed attempt focused on having the athletic fields included, the total cost of the project, processes used to select the architect, and a lack of local participation.

Slater said a recurring comment was the district should consider hiring a construction manager to help manage costs and address using local companies.

The hiring is still contingent upon the bond subcommittee and full board approving terms of the contract with Carl A. Nelson & Co.

FM Firefighters part of national campaign to "Close before you doze"

Submitted article

FORT MADISON – The Fort Madison Fire Department is promoting the "Close Before You Doze" fire safety campaign, an ongoing public outreach initiative aimed at spreading this potentially life-saving message and helping keep family members safe in the event of a fire.

In partnership with UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI), the fire safety campaign, which is based on research that shows fires are spreading faster than ever before, is designed to raise awareness and ensure that residents are as prepared as possible. Forty years ago, people had an average of 17 minutes to escape a burning home after the activation of a smoke alarm. Today, they have an average of three minutes or less due to synthetic furnishings, open floor plans and lightweight construction materials that can combine to accelerate the spread of a fire.

"Here at the fire department, we understand that closed doors significantly slow the spread of a fire," said Lt. Chad Hannum "As public safety professionals, it's our job to deliver the 'Close Before You Doze' message and make sure our residents adopt this potentially life-saving behavior."

The Close Before You Doze campaign features a website that includes safety tips and resources, fire facts and other campaign related news and information.

"Our research clearly shows that closed doors dramatically decrease heat and CO levels, which provide trapped occupants more time for help to arrive," said Steve Kerber, UL Director of Firefighter Safety Research. "Closing your doors is especially important at night when people are vulnerable and disoriented, with little time to react. It's such a simple thing to do, and the result can be life versus death."

FMCH to host CPE/AED Heartsaver training course

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital (FMCH) Education Department is offering the American Heartsaver CPR/AED Course on Thursday, October 25, 2018. The class will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the FMCH Business Center Conference Rooms.

There is a \$50 charge for the class, which includes a provider card. Class size is limited and reservations are required. You can reserve your spot by calling 319-376-2223.

Heartsaver courses are designed for anyone with little or no medical training who needs a course completion card for their job or other requirements. These courses are also valuable for anyone wanting to be prepared for an emergency in any setting. CPR- or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation- is an emer-



gency lifesaving procedure performed when the heart stops beating. Immediate CPR can double or triple chances of survival after cardiac arrest. You will also learn how to properly use

an AED, Automatic External Defibrillators. An AED is a portable automatic device used to restore normal heart rhythm to someone experiencing a cardiac episode.

One squatter taken to the hospital for possible injuries

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structures. The known squatters were accounted for with one person being transported to the hospital due to smoke inhalation and possible burns to the hands.

Firefighters remained at the scene until approximately 11:30 a.m. Monday and were assisted by all available off-duty personnel and the Denmark Fire Department.

Fort Madison police and Lee County EMS were at the scene to assist. No injuries were sustained by any firefighters.

The deed holder of the original house that caught fire is currently listed as deeded to Alexander Catlett with an assessed value of \$8,170 including the lot. Tax information on the home was not available.

Kevin Chapman is listed as the deed holder at 1521 Avenue M, the property adjacent to the west. That property was valued at \$8,160 and hadn't had taxes paid since 2014.

The property to the east at 1517 Avenue M is deeded to Lynn Rotter of West Point. The property was valued at \$11,400 and taxes were current.

The value of the three buildings combined, according to Beacon Schneider, was \$18,500.



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Minutes of the October 1, 2018 Work Session

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

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance.

III. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the agenda as amended. Item VI. Closed Session was deleted. Item VII Action on proposed contracts from Bond Subcommittee and Item VIII Action to terminate contract with architect were tabled for a future meeting. The motion

passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

IV. Monthly Communication. Curriculum Corner. Introduction to K-8 Math Materials. The Board received information regarding the implementation and use of new K-8 Math Materials.

Enter Young: 6:31 p.m.

V. Update from Bond Subcommittee. The Board received presentations regarding Construction Management options.

Break: 7:30 p.m.

End Break: 7:38 p.m.

VI. Closed Session. This item was deleted.

VII. Action on proposed contracts from Bond Subcommittee. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

VIII. Action to terminate contract with architect. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

IX. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Tim Wondra, Board President
October 1, 2018

Sandra Elmore, Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Agenda

DATE: TUESDAY, October 16, 2018

MEETING CONVENING TIME: 9:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Correctional Center 2530 255th Street, Montrose, IA
AGENDA

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Agenda
- Consider Approval of October 9, 2018 Board Minutes
- Consider Approval of Claims
- Public Input
- Consider Approval of Tax Abatement Resolutions (2)
- Consider Approval of Budget Amendment and Set Public Hearing Personnel

- Actions:**
- A. Step Increase-Attorney's Office
 - B. Step Increase-Health Department
- Reports:**
- A. Auditors Report of Fees Collected
 - Commission or Committee Reports
 - Adjourn

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Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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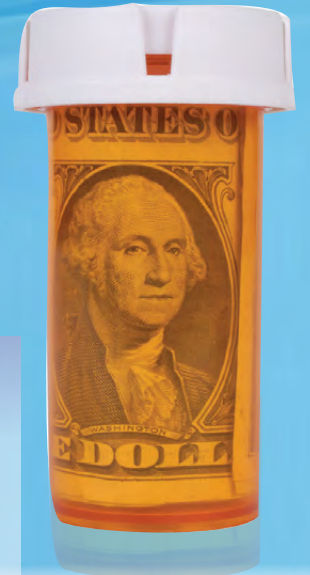


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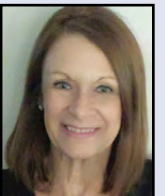


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LCHD offering October flu clinics

Lee County Health Department will be holding Flu Clinics throughout the month of October at various locations throughout Lee County. Flu clinics are open to the public, and offered to anyone ages 6 months or older. Medicare Part B, except Humana Gold choice, will be accepted for billing Medicare. Bring your Medicare card to the clinic. Flu vaccines for people without Medicare Part B will be \$25.

Complete Flu Clinic Schedule: Oct. 15, 8:00 am – 11:00 am – Montrose Public Library, 200 Main St., Montrose, IA; Oct. 16, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Hoerner YMCA, 2126 Plank Rd., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 17, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Donnellson Public Library, 411 S. Main St., Donnellson, IA; Oct. 18, 8:30 am – 9:30 am – Hotel Iowa, 401 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 10:00 am – noon – Heritage Center, 508 Main St., Keokuk, IA; Oct. 18, 9:00 am – 10:00 am – Eagle Bluff Apartments, 2803 Ave. A, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Rose Michael Gardens, 4516 Ave. L, Fort Madison, IA; Oct. 23, 10:30 am – noon – Parkview Apartments, 507 Iowa Joe St, West Point, IA; Oct. 25, noon – 5:30 pm – Lee County Health Department, #3 John Bennett Dr., Fort Madison, IA. Visit Lee County Health Department's website here to learn more: <http://www.leecountyhd.org/index.php/flu-schedule/>.

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.

Heels & Wheels Car Care Clinic

Griffin Muffler & Brake Center invites you to their Women – Heels & Wheels free car care clinic, Saturday, October 20, 10am-1pm, 535 Avenue G, Fort Madison. Come learn about many topics including:

What's under the hood -How to check your oil - How your brakes work - Fuel saving tips - Shock absorbers and struts - Check engine lights - What regular maintenance is really necessary for your car

Learn about tires: How to check tire pressure - How to measure tread depth - How to find the tire size for your car.

Boost your car care confidence with this free clinic and enter for door prizes and other gifts! Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so call 319.372.2478 to reserve your seat today!

Choczilla & Treasure Sale

First Christian Church is holding a Choczille (everything chocolate) & Treasure sale, Saturday, October 20, 10am-1pm, 608 10th Street, Fort Madison.

YMCA's Trunk or Treat

This event had more than 600 children through the parking lot of the YMCA in 2017 and it's back for another year on Friday, October 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Vehicles can arrive at 5 p.m. for decorating. There is no charge for the event and businesses can decorate their car and handout candy as little goblins walk through the parking lot to receive goodies purchased by the businesses. Registration forms can be picked up at the YMCA and need to be returned by Friday, Oct. 19.

5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 16 Oct



Clear Skies
High– 49.0° F | Low – 41.4° F

WED 17 Oct



Clear Skies
High– 50.4° F | Low – 32.0° F

THU 18 Oct



Clear Skies
High– 48.2° F | Low – 35.1° F

FRI 19 Oct



Light Rain
High– 55.9° F | Low – 47.9° F

SAT 20 Oct



Clear Skies
High– 62.4° F | Low – 42.6° F

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CURRENT-LEE

Witches Walk

Fort Madison's Main Street will be hosting a Witches Walk October 26th from 5 to 7 p.m. in downtown Fort Madison. For more information contact the Partner's offices at 319-372-5471. Wear your witches costume and shop downtown.

Ghost Hunt

The Fort Madison Partners are sponsoring a Ghost Hunt on Oct. 26-27 with Iowa Paranormal conducting investigations at some of the most haunted homes west of the Mississippi. For more information or tickets contact the Partners office at 319-372-5471.

Key Club Halloween Carnival

The annual Fort Madison High School Key Club and Fort Madison Kiwanis Halloween Carnival will be held on Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. at the high school with games, costume contests and prizes.

PORT Boo-Athlon

The Fort Madison PORT Trail committee will be holding it's annual Boo-Athlon on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Baxter Sports Complex. A 5K Walk/Run, a 10-mile bike ride and Duathlon will start at 9 a.m. Registration forms can be found online at www.fortmadison-ia.com under the Community tab/PORT; on the PORT of Fort Madison Facebook page or by calling Kathy Benda at 319-470-7848. and are due by Oct. 13 to guarantee a t-shirt.

Fort Madison Beggar's Night

The citywide beggar's night begins at 5 p.m. throughout the city of Fort Madison.

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