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## 2019 Santa's Store needs help, donations

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – This year's annual Santa's Store program is currently accepting donations, but is also looking for elves and helpers.

This year's children shopping event is being held Saturdays, Dec. 7th and 14th at the St. Paul Lutheran Church at 1934 Avenue I in Fort Madison.

Children ages 2-10 can shop for up to six items for a \$5 donation. The children have to be able to shop with

the assistance of an elf. Elves can be ages 12 and older. Proceeds go to the veterinary fund at P.A.W. Animal Shelter in Fort Madison.

PAW Director Sandy Brown coordinates the event and said volunteer hours for public school students can be applied to the graduation requirement for community service.

"Last year we did pretty well getting high school students to help the younger kids shop," Brown said.

"But if your little ones are too shy or afraid to shop, they can try again next year. They have to be able to

shop with the elves because grandmas, aunts, uncles, moms and dads aren't allowed to shop with the kids."

The Santa Store is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both Saturdays. Donations are being accepted this week on Monday and Tuesday and next Monday and Tuesday the 25th and 26th at the church.

Donations are accepted through the alley entrance. Brown said she has the volunteers she needs to handle accepting the donations, but needs help on the days of

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## Test Kitchen gets Siemens Impact Award

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
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FORT MADISON – It's another first for Elliott Test Kitchen's Kumar Wickramasingha's Elliott Test Kitchen.

The Sri Lankan born chef and entrepreneur started a first-of-its-kind educational center that incorporated food preparation in 2015.



KUMAR

Now in 2019 he's the winner of the first ever U.S. Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Impact Award. The award comes with a monetary grant that wasn't disclosed at a celebration on Monday night at the Test Kitchen.

"It's kept confidential between the selection committee and the recipient and it's something they don't share," said Tony McDowell, plant manager at the Fort Madison facility.

He said the Impact

Award is set up to drive positive improvement in the communities in which the corporation operates and functions. An employee at the facility submits the company or corporation to the selection committee and the qualification process goes from there.

"It's all employee driven," said McDowell.

"They submit the idea to the selection committee which is done at a global level. They have a standard set of criteria to make the selections and we were fortunate enough here in Fort Madison with the Test Kitchen, being one of nine that will receive the award this year."

McDowell said the grant requires involvement of the employees where they volunteer with the different activities that take place at the Test Kitchen.

"We've been in here quite a bit. It's a fantastic operation that Kumar has set up. We can't thank him enough for what's he's done here. I think the results speak for themselves. So we look forward



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Kumar Wickramasingha, founder of Elliott Test Kitchen, talks with Fort Madison Siemens-Gamesa plant manager Tony McDowell and board member Paul Schulte Monday at the Test Kitchen.

to continuing our relationship and helping drive this program forward and making it even better than it is today."

"They're retaining people in the community and this is a good way to support that retention. I think that's why you're seeing this," said Paul Schulte, one of 11 board members

who help direct the Test Kitchen Foundation.

Wickramasingha said the grant comes at the perfect time.

"This award could not come at a better time because the program is growing at an extremely faster rate than I can change the minds in the community about supporting the pro-

gram," he said.

Wickramasingha's main mission is to bring awareness to education and let the community know how important our teachers are.

"Until we take very seriously, the profession of education there's no solution as to what we're going to face. That's why it's so important to me."

## OFP preps for holiday play

BY DOLORES SCHULTE  
Old Fort Players

FORT MADISON – Rehearsals these past few weeks have been good training for the holidays. A tree, some presents, lots of children, an absurd amount of laughing and a little bit of chaos thrown in for good measure. "On top of that, you never know what's under the wrapping," Director Kelly Shields said with a smile. "Sometimes we stick to the script, sometimes we don't!"

Old Fort Players, with the help of sponsor Connection Bank, will present "The 12 Days of Christmas" the first two weekends in December. Written by Renee Calarco, the play follows Shirley, the partridge, who must gather

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## For the Record

### Fort Madison Police Report

11/15/19 – 2:45 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Stewart Spindlow, 33, of Fort Madison in the 1500 block of Avenue E, on charges of driving while barred. He was released upon citation.  
11/15/19 – 4:49 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a gas drive off in the 5000 block of Avenue O.  
11/15/19 – 7:44 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Jerry Drago, 65, of Fort Madison, in the 5400 block of Avenue O, on a charge of trespassing. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
11/15/19 – 10:28 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Billie-Joe Dee Husted, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 2400 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving while barred (habitual offender). He was released on a promise to appear.  
11/16/19 – 1:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of property damage accident in the 1700 block of Avenue E.  
11/16/19 – 3:46 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a vandalism in the 900 block of Avenue F.  
11/16/19 – 6:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 4800 block of Avenue O.  
11/17/19 – 2:20 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1100 block of Avenue I.

### Lee County Sheriff's Report

11/15/19 – 10:39 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Levi Joseph Edward Value, 35, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of sex offender verification violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a pre-trial release.  
11/15/19 – 10:53 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested David James Markell, 23, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.  
11/15/19 – 12:11 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Tara Victoria Nolan, 36, of Donnellson, at the north Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for failure to appear and probation violation. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
11/15/19 – 5:48 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on 295th westbound. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Andrew Allan Case, 71, of Argyle, entered the north ditch trying to

avoid another vehicle on the roadway, and overturned onto its passenger side. No citations or injuries were reported at the scene.  
11/15/19 – 7:35 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Rick Keegan Tinder, 25, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office, on a judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released for time served.  
11/15/19 – 9:57 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Casey Joe Davis, 36, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrants for 3rd-degree burglary, 2nd degree theft and 2nd-degree criminal mischief.  
11/15/19 – 10:09 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Glen Orion Londrigan, 21, of Donnellson, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
11/16/19 – 9:23 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Brandon Lee Burgess, 24, of Keokuk, in the 1500 block of Bank Street in Keokuk, on a warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to Lee County Jail and released on bond.  
11/16/19 – 6:45 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kelly Rae Miller, 40, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
11/16/19 – 8:05 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jonathon Lloyd Totty, 30, of Mt. Pleasant, at the Henry County Line, on a warrant for contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
11/17/19 – 11:31 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Laura Lee Nelligan, 23, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.  
11/18/19 – 6:11 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hwy. 61. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Kimberly Irene Moore, 49, of Donnellson struck a deer near mile marker 23. No citations were issued. Moore was treated for minor injuries at the scene.

### Hancock County Sheriff's Report

11/10/19 – Travis M Keever, age 34, of Burlington, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Keever was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.

11/12/19 – Joshua A Miller, age 42, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Violence. Miller was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
11/12/19 – Natasha A Young, age 32, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Young was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
11/12/19 – Kelsea T Nicholas, age 27, of Bowen, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended, Possession of Methamphetamine, and False Identification. Nicholas was also arrested on arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Nicholas was released to McDonough County Authorities.  
11/13/19 – Ricky D Glasgow, age 37, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Glasgow remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.  
11/14/19 – Breeanna M Whitten, age 22, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Violation of Bail Bond. Whitten remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.  
11/15/19 – Ray T Forquer, age 31, of Hamilton, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/Failure to Pay on original charges of Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Forquer was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.  
*Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

11/15/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to two medical calls and one lift assist.  
11/16/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one lift assist  
11/17/19 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls, one elevator rescue, and one burn complaint.



# Local News/Weather

## OBITUARIES

### DIXIE LEE BUSH

Dixie Lee Bush, 61 of Keokuk, IA died Friday, November 15, 2019 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born December 12, 1957 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Earl and Mary Courtney Rubemeyer.

In her earlier years, Dixie traveled with Fiesta Rides Carnival as a food vendor and made elephant ears, cotton candy and candy apples.



BUSH

She was a member of God's Way Christian Center in Keokuk.

Dixie enjoyed to travel and go on vacations. She also enjoyed to crochet and cross stitch. She was a wonderful cook and her specialty was homemade Chinese dishes that her family and friends

loved. Dixie was a people person and never knew a stranger. She had a generous spirit and would give the shirt off her back to those in need. Dixie loved her faithful companion, her Pitbull, Goliath.

Dixie is survived by her lifetime loving companion, Dave Vradenburg of Keokuk, two step-children, Mindy Vradenburg and David Vradenburg, both of Keokuk, five step-grandchildren, one sister, Mona Carlton (Randy) of Hamilton, IL, several nieces and nephews, including Karinsa Washburn (Carl) of Hamilton, IL and Shilea Wilson (Brandon) of Hamilton and many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Gene Rubemeyer, one sister, Toni Schmitz and two nephews, Rodney "Hot Rod" Powell and Luis Schmitz.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at The Crossing in Keokuk with Pastor A.J. Fuhrman officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.vigenmemorialhome.com](http://www.vigenmemorialhome.com).

## FMCH Auxiliary fundraiser Nov. 25

### Christmas Tree Silent Auction benefits scholarship fund

FORT MADISON – The FMCH Auxiliary is hosting a Christmas Tree/Wreath/Quilt Silent Auction fundraising event. This fifth annual event will take place now through 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019 in the Main Lobby of Fort Madison Community Hospital.

The FMCH Auxiliary will auction off seven fully decorated trees, three wreaths, and two quilts, each with their own theme, to the highest bidder. The sponsoring auxiliary members chose all of the decorations, and themes for each. Trees, wreaths and quilts will be on display and available for bidding in the Main Lobby of Fort Madison Community Hospital.

"We invite everyone to stop in at FMCH to enjoy these beautiful trees and wreaths while they are on

display, and hopefully, take one home," said Marilyn Holmes, Chairperson of FMCH Auxiliary's Christmas Tree Fundraiser. "We love that this annual holiday auction not only provides someone the joy of taking home a fully decorated tree or wreath, but another way to help our local youth pursue their dreams of attaining a health care career."

The Christmas Tree Silent Auction will benefit the FMCH Auxiliary's Scholarship Program, which assists local students pursuing a degree in the medical field, the FMCH Auxiliary awards \$4,000 annually.

The Fort Madison Community Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas Tree/Wreath/Quilt Silent Auction officially ends on November 25th at 10 a.m. Winners will be contacted to take their tree, wreath or quilt home at that time. For more information on this fundraising event, contact Carrie Green, FMCH Auxiliary President, 319-376-2747.

## Santa's Store to be open for 11th year

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shopping for wrapping and other needs.

She said those wanting to volunteer can call her at the shelter at 372-2274.

"Or they can just show up the day of the event and we'll find a place for them," Brown said Monday.

"The more volunteers we have, the more children we can serve because it helps the process go faster for each child."

This is the 11th year for the Santa's Store and Brown said typically the store runs out of gifts for dads.

Brown said no clothes or large items or appliances

are accepted.

"Knick knacks that a small child would purchase to give their moms and dads, but the past few years we've run out of things for dads so we could use extra things for dads this year."

### 5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**TUE 19 Nov**  
 Clear  
 High– 51.5° F | Low – 40.0° F

**WED 20 Nov**  
 Moderate Rain  
 High– 55.3° F | Low – 52.9° F

**THU 21 Nov**  
 Light Rain  
 High– 55.2° F | Low – 37.4° F

**FRI 22 Nov**  
 Overcast  
 High– 38.6° F | Low – 31.0° F

**SAT 23 Nov**  
 Clear  
 High– 44.9° F | Low – 33.7° F

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### Lee County Health Department - 2019 FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE

<b>10/10</b> Trinity United-Methodist-Keokuk 1:00pm-4:30pm	<b>10/24</b> LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive) Ft. Madison 1:00pm-4:30pm	<b>11/12</b> Hillview Village Ft. Madison 10:30am-Noon	<b>11/21</b> Eagle Bluff Apts. Ft. Madison 9:00am-10:00am
<b>10/17</b> Heritage Center-Keokuk 10:00am-Noon	<b>**Date Change**</b> <b>**10/29</b> West Point Public Library** 1:30pm-3:00pm	<b>11/14</b> River Terrace Keokuk 9:00am-10:00am	<b>Please bring Medicare card to clinic</b>  <b>Private Pay cost \$25</b> Any questions please call (319)372-5225 <a href="http://www.leecountyhd.org">www.leecountyhd.org</a> LIKE us on Facebook
<b>10/22</b> Parkview Apts. West Point 11:00am-Noon	<b>11/4</b> Montrose Public Library 9:00am-10:30am	<b>11/14</b> Trinity United Methodist Church Keokuk 1:00pm-4:30pm	
<b>10/22</b> Rose Michael Gardens Ft. Madison 1:00pm-2:00pm	<b>11/5</b> Twin Oak Apts. Denmark 9:00am-10:00am	<b>11/19</b> Hoerner YMCA Keokuk 8:30am-10:00am	
	<b>11/7</b> Newberry Center Ft. Madison 10:00am-Noon	<b>11/20</b> Donnellson Public Library 12:30pm-1:30pm	

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**Lee County, Iowa**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Agenda**  
**DATE: TUESDAY,**  
**November 19, 2019**  
**MEETING**  
**CONVENING TIME:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**LOCATION:**  
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**AGENDA**

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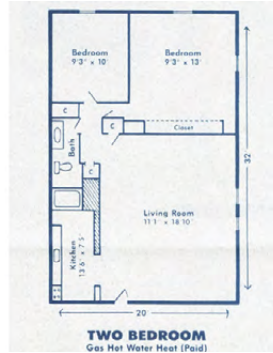
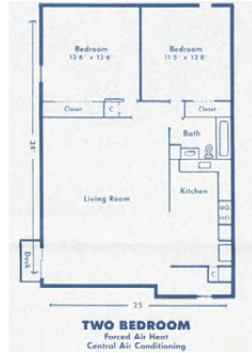
Due to the Thanksgiving  
 holiday falling on the last  
 Thursday of the month, the  
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# OFFP brings traditional "12 Days of Christmas" for holiday show

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everyone to sing the classic Christmas song in time for the holiday.

Directors Kelly Shields ("Steel Magnolias" & "The Dividing Tree") and Assistant Director Richar Abel (Young Fort Players, "Making God Laugh") would like to introduce you to the cast.

Almost everyone - newcomers and veterans alike - fills several roles and some have even turned getting in on the act into a family affair. Starting alphabetically with Xandra Abel ("If the Good Lord's Willing and the Creek Don't Rise"), Alex Desotel, Jim French ("Harvey"), Aaron & Caris Greenhalge along with their father Chris Greenhalge, Tate Kafar, Allena & brother Jaxson Kellum, Olivia Shields (Young Fort Players), Juniper & sister Rosie Strickland ("Rules of Comedy"), Mallory & Iley Troutman, Jadi ("What to Expect When you're Expecting Your In- Laws") & daughter Sunshine Zioui "The Rules of Comedy".

Christmas is just around the corner, and Shirley the Partridge, (Olivia Shields) is a bit nervous because it's her very first time carrying out the ancient family tradition—gathering the French Hens (Jadi Zioui, Juniper Strickland & Chris Greenhalge) and the Calling Birds and ... oh ... everyone—for the official singing of "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

With strict instructions to guard the Five Golden Rings, Shirley sets off on a quest to find her singers, but there are some bumps in the road. The sweet and sappy Turtledoves (Alex Desotel) get injured. The manic and overworked Calling Birds (Jim French, Sunshine Zioui, Tate Kafar & Caris Greenhalge) decide to postpone Christmas until spring when shipping and fuel costs are lower. The Six Geese a-Laying have flown south to Florida for the winter, taking most of the Seven Swans a-Swimming with them.

And just when things can't possibly get any worse, the evil Christmas Hoarder (Xandra Abel) steals the Five Golden Rings, adding them to her growing holiday collection of Christmas ornaments, Hanukkah menorahs, Kwanzaa fruits, Diwali candles ... and entire Thanksgiving dinners.

But don't give up hope yet, because Alyssa—a super-cool steampunk swan—befriends the grumpy Shirley and joins her on her quest. Will they be able to track down any leaping lords (Aaron Greenhalge) or dancing ladies (Mallory Troutman) and save Christmas? Or will they decide to break with tradition and "mix things up a little?" Maybe make do with dancing Christmas mice (Elise Greenhalge, Allena Kellum, Jaxson Kellum & Iley Troutman)? With fresh dialogue and vivid characters, "The 12 Days of Christmas" is a playful, modern interpretation of the classic Christmas song.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook in the coming days to get a peek behind the scenes and learn more details about our actors and their most memorable rehearsal moments.



Courtesy Photo

The four calling birds (left to right are stand-in Chris Greenhalge, Sunshine Zioui, Tate Kafar & Jim French) are so busy this holiday season, they'll have to put you on hold. But your call is very important to them.

"The 12 Days of Christmas" will be presented by Old Fort Players & Connection Bank by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company of Woodstock, IL. Performance run December 6-8 & 12-15. Evening shows begin at 7:30 and the curtain rises on Sundays at 2:00 pm. (Adult \$15; Senior, Military, Vet \$12; Student \$10.) Tickets are available online at [www.oldfortplayers.com](http://www.oldfortplayers.com) just by clicking the 'Book Now' button.

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